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President's Column

Casey Aitchison, MCBA President

The Mariposa County Bar Association has continued to grow, as evidenced by those in attendance for the September 2019 presentation of Janet Chase-Williams, Mariposa County Librarian and Law Librarian.



Our next meeting is Thursday, October 10, 2019, at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 banquet room. Our speaker will be Pete Judy, Mariposa County Chief Probation Officer. There is no fee to attend and everyone may order lunch from the menu at their own cost. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required, by replying to this email at:

MCBA@MariposaBar.org.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Miner's Roadhouse 140. We invite all attorneys and colleagues to join us. The atmosphere is always fun, and we welcome new members. This is a great opportunity to network and enjoy lunch with colleagues. Mark your calendars for October 10, 2019, for our luncheon meeting with Pete Judy, Chief Probation Officer of Mariposa County.

Our membership fee is \$35.00 and includes access to several MCLE credits throughout the year as well as a listing on our web site. Visit our web site at www.MariposaBar.org to find the latest on the event schedule and our list of members. If you haven't already done so, you may use the application there and send in your dues for 2019, or bring the application to our next luncheon.



MCBA Luncheon – October 10, 2019

The Mariposa County Bar Association welcomes Pete Judy, Mariposa County Chief Probation Officer, as our luncheon speaker on October 10, 2019 at the Miner's Roadhouse 140.

Led by Pete Judy, the Mariposa County Probation Department is focused on providing community safety and services with professional integrity. Time and again they have demonstrated their commitment to promoting public safety by enforcing court orders that hold juvenile and adult offenders accountable. The Mariposa County Probation department ascribes to the following core values:

- Repairing harm to the victim and to the community
- Reducing risk by closely monitoring offenders and offering them the opportunity to rehabilitate
- Building community through participation in community activities, organization and events



Pete Judy

We invite all Mariposa area attorneys and colleagues to join us for what promises to be a very informative luncheon with Chief Probation Officer Pete Judy.

Mark Your Calendars for Our Upcoming Meetings

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 banquet room. Everyone is invited to attend. The atmosphere is always fun, and we welcome new members. Below are our 2019 events:

January 14, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Speaker Mariposa County District Attorney, Walter Wall

February 11, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Legal Aid for Mariposa Residents, presented by Ed Johnson

March 11, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Standards and Best Practices in Family Law, presented by Casey Aitchison, approved by the California State Bar for 1 MCLE credit

April 8, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Recent Developments in LGBTQ Employment Discrimination Law, Presented by Lindsay Nako, Esq., and David Nahmias, Esq., 1 MCLE Credit in Elimination of Bias

May 13, 2019

Law Day - Speaker, Judge Michael Fagalde "Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society"

June 10, 2019

Luncheon Meeting: Navigating the New Rules of Professional Conduct, presented by Mandy Jeffcoach, 1 MCLE credit in Ethics

July 1, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Employment Law, Presented by Kimberly G. Flores, 1 MCLE Credit

August 8, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Marshall Long, Mariposa County Supervisor, District 3

September 12, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Janet Chase-Williams, Mariposa County Librarian and Law Librarian

October 10, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Pete Judy, Chief Probation Officer, Mariposa County

November 14, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Cellphone Forensics, presented by Roger Martin, Senior Digital Forensic Examiner, for 1 MCLE credit

December 12, 2019

Luncheon meeting: Holiday Luncheon and Judges' Appreciation Day

CSU Fresno Third Annual Western Regional Undergraduate Moot Court

California State University, Fresno and the Department of Political Science are hosting the third annual Western Regional Undergraduate Moot Court Tournament on November 1 – 2, 2019. Teams from around the nation will be competing, including teams from Fresno State. Their region is affiliated with a larger national competition, the American Collegiate Moot Association Tournament. The top teams qualify to compete at a national moot court tournament to be held in January 2020.

They are seeking volunteers to serve as judges and would be honored to have the legal community join them for this special event. They have 3 time slots, Friday, November 1st from 2:00-6:00 and Saturday, November 2nd from 9:30-12:30 or 1:00- 3:30. The case this year deals with the 4th Amendment and the 6th Amendment. If interested, please contact Gina M. Wallace, Fresno State Moot Court Director, at (559) 341-6483, or email gwallace11@gmail.com

Judge Fagalde's Law Day Presentation

On May 13, 2019, the Mariposa County Bar Association was honored to have Judge Michael Fagalde kick off our first annual Law Day Celebration as our luncheon speaker regarding this year's theme "Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society". Judge Fagalde's presentation was very well received and we applied to the California State Bar for retroactive MCLE credit. We are pleased to announce that we were recently notified that Judge Fagalde's presentation has been approved by the California State Bar for .5 MCLE credit. Those who were in attendance and wish to receive the MCLE credit need to fill out the Evaluation form to receive the confirmation of MCLE credit. Forms will be available at the luncheon meeting on October 10, 2019, or may be obtained via email to MCBA@MariposaBar.org.

Family Law News

by Casey Aitchison

At the September 2019 Merced Family Law Section meeting, the recent case of *In re Marriage of Ankola* was the featured case and primary topic of discussion. In *Ankola*, the Court held that the trial court erred by issuing mutual restraining orders against the parties where only one party filed a written request for a restraining order on the mandatory judicial council form, and the other party raised their allegations in their response instead of filing a separate written request.



The Family Law Section of the Merced County Bar Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at King's Asian Cuisine located at 360 W. Main Street, Merced, CA.

We invite all interested persons to join us, whether you are a Family Law practitioner, have crossover questions, enjoy networking, or just want to get together with friends for lunch. Our next meeting is:

Merced Family Law Section Meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at noon
Location: King's Asian Cuisine, Merced

RSVPs are appreciated but not required. To RSVP or for more information, please email the Merced County Bar Association Family Law Section President, Casey Aitchison at Casey@MercedDivorce.com.

Mariposa Superior Court News

The Mariposa County Superior Court has posted its Notice of 2019-20 Statewide Allocations, which may be viewed at this link:

<http://www.mariposacourt.org/files/18-19Allocations.pdf>, and a Notice of Discharge of Accountability which may be viewed by clicking on the link at: <http://www.mariposacourt.org>. The hours for the Self Help Center, through October 2019, are posted here: <http://www.mariposacourt.org/files/SHCalendar-Aug-Oct19.pdf>

MCBA Membership List

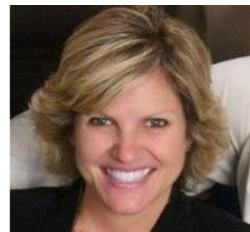
Thank you for your 2019 Membership.

2019 Members listed below:

Casey Aitchison	Skye Emery
Alexandria Albertoni	Kimberly G. Flores
Ashley Albertoni	Wayne Green
Susan Albertoni	Melbourne N. Gwin, Jr.
Deborah Bennett	Robert Iwama
Kevin Briggs	Edward J. Johnson
Marvin Brown (retired)	Michael McAfee
Anita Starchman Bryant	Victoria Miller
Aaron Castleton	Cindy Morse
Jeffrey Castleton	Stephanie Perez
Thomas Cooke	Elizabeth Waldow
Steven W. Dahlem	Walter Wall

A 2019 Membership Application may be downloaded at www.MariposaBar.org. If you haven't already paid your 2019 dues, please bring payment to the next luncheon, or mail it in with your application to MCBA, PO Box 628, Mariposa, CA 95338.

2019 MCBA Officers



Casey Aitchison
President



Ed Johnson
Vice-President



Anita Starchman Bryant
Secretary



Skye Emery
Treasurer

State Bar News

Sample Fee Agreements

As everyone is now aware, the New Rules of Professional Conduct were approved and operational as of November 1, 2018. The California State Bar is in the process of finalizing revisions to their sample Fee Agreements, to incorporate the requirements of the New Rules. The MCBA will continue to monitor this area. Check back for updates so that you can be sure your fee agreements are in compliance with the New Rules.

State Bar Announces Record Legal Services Funding

The State Bar's Legal Services Trust Fund Commission has announced its 2020 legal services grantees and distribution allocations of more than \$78 million—a new record total—to 100 nonprofits statewide who provide free civil legal aid in California to indigent persons.

“Even in a time of economic prosperity, we know that many Californians simply cannot afford legal services,” said Leah T. Wilson, State Bar Executive Director. “The State Bar is working to fulfill its mission of furthering access to legal services along multiple fronts. This record allocation is the most tangible of those efforts: through our legal services partners, the funding will support access for hundreds of thousands of Californians in need.”

The MCBA wishes you an enjoyable and prosperous Autumn.



Job Opportunities

Merced County Deputy District Attorney

Merced County has listed recruitments for Deputy District Attorney I/II/III/IV - Extra Help Deputy District Attorney I/II/III/IV. This recruitment is being established to obtain a current eligible list for both full time and Extra-Help vacancies. Click on this link to apply:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/jobs/2238103/deputy-district-attorney-i-ii-iii-iv-extra-help-deputy-district-attorney-i-ii-i/agency/merced/apply>



Associate Attorney, Sierra Club, Oakland

Sierra Club enforces environmental laws and targets the nation's most pressing environmental issues through strategic legal advocacy at the federal, state, and local levels. Attorneys in the Environmental Law Program litigate cases in support of Sierra Club's national campaigns. For more information, go to this link:

https://www.glassdoor.com/job-listing/associate-attorney-sierra-club-JV_KO0,18_KE19,30.htm?jl=3367321112&utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic

USAO Central District of California, LA

The United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California (USAO) is responsible for representing the federal government in virtually all litigation involving the United States in the Central District of California. This includes criminal prosecutions for violations of federal law, civil lawsuits by and against the government, and actions to collect judgments and restitution on behalf of victims and taxpayers. With an authorized strength of approximately 280 Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs), the USAO is the second largest in the country. The USAO is divided into four litigating Divisions (Criminal, National Security, Civil, and Tax). The USAOs main offices are in Los Angeles. The USAOs Criminal Division has branch offices in Santa Ana and Riverside. For more info, go to this link:

https://www.justice.gov/legal-careers/job/assistant-united-states-attorney-311?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic