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President's Column

Casey Aitchison, MCBA President

The Mariposa County Bar Association would like to thank Pete Judy, Mariposa County Chief Probation Officer, for his presentation at the October 2019 MCBA meeting. The presentation was very informative, and we had a great turnout!



Our next meeting is Thursday, November 14, 2019, at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 banquet room. Our speaker will be Roger Martin, Senior Digital Forensic Examiner of Califorensics, with a one hour MCLE credit presentation on cellphone forensics.

The one hour MCLE credit is provided free to MCBA members (for non-members it is \$10.00). Those attending 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.

This is a great opportunity to obtain an hour of MCLE credit while networking and enjoying lunch with friends. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MCBA Membership is \$35.00 and includes access to several MCLE credits throughout the year as well as a listing on the MCBA website at <u>www.MariposaBar.org</u>. Applications will be available at the lunch, or may be downloaded at our website.

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.

Visit our web site at <u>www.MariposaBar.org</u> to find the latest on the event schedule and our list of members. We hope to see you at the next meeting!

MCBA Luncheon, 1 hour MCLE – Nov. 14, 2019

Join us on November 14, 2019 for one hour of MCLE credit on cellphone forensics presented by Roger Martin, Senior Digital Forensic Examiner of Califorensics, a division of Capitol Digital, with offices in Sacramento, San Diego, and Austin, Texas.



Roger Martin

Cellphones represent one of the fastest-changing areas of legal practice. Mobile device evidence is more important than ever, thanks to the rapid evolution of the technology and the way this evidence is treated by the

Courts. Touching on important recent cases. technology developments, and Califorensics' direct advising experience attorneys, this presentation provides up-to-date guidance on application the of cellphone forensics in litigation, investigations, and other legal matters. This activity is approved by the



California State Bar for one hour of credit towards the Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements.

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

The MCBA Welcomes Kevin Briggs as Assistant County Counsel

Kevin Briggs has joined the Mariposa County Counsel Office as Assistant County Counsel. Previously, Kevin worked in the Fresno County Counsel Office for 27 years, serving the last five of those years as appointed County Counsel for Fresno County. Kevin's practice has centered on local government law and he has advised many County departments in administrative matters as well as representing the County in State and Federal Courts. Kevin started his legal career as Research Attorney for U.S. Magistrate Alan D. Christensen before joining a Fresno private practice specializing in business litigation, prior to joining Fresno County Counsel.



Kevin Briggs

Kevin and his wife, Miriam, have four adult children. Outside of work, Kevin enjoys backpacking and hiking and has already picked up guides for trails in the Mariposa area that he hopes to explore.

Election of MCBA Officers

As per the newly adopted by-laws, our MCBA officer elections will take place at the November 14, 2019 meeting. Anyone wishing to nominate a member or run for any of the positions should email the MCBA at MCBA@MariposaBar.org.

Family Law News

by Casey Aitchison, Merced Family Law Section President

At the October 2019 Family Law Section Meeting of the Merced County Bar Association, we discussed the recent case of *In re Marriage of Sahafzadeh-Taeb and Taeb*, wherein the Court imposed CCP §128.5 sanctions on an attorney who failed to appear for trial after failing to timely inform the Court and opposing counsel of the need to continue the trial due to another trial running longer than anticipated.

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 any 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, November 12, 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.

First Annual Judges' Appreciation Luncheon

The MCBA will be having its first annual Judges' Appreciation Day luncheon at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019. The luncheon will be held in conjunction with our end of the year meeting. We invite all Mariposa area attorneys and colleagues to join us for this event at the Miner's Roadhouse 140, banquet room.



MCBA Membership List

Thank you for your 2019 Membership.

2019 Members listed below:

Casey Aitchison Alexandria Albertoni Ashley Albertoni Susan Albertoni Deborah Bennett Kevin Briggs Marvin Brown (retired) Anita Starchman Bryant Aaron Castleton Jeffrey Castleton Thomas Cooke Steven W. Dahlem

Skye Emery Kimberly G. Flores Wayne Green Melbourne N. Gwin, Jr. Robert Iwama Edward J. Johnson Michael McAfee Victoria Miller Cindy Morse Stephanie Perez Elizabeth Waldow Walter Wall

A 2019 Membership Application may be downloaded at <u>www.MariposaBar.org</u>. 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



Anita Starchman Bryant Secretary

Ed Johnson Vice-President



Skye Emery Treasurer