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President's Column

Casey Archer, MCBA President



The Mariposa County Bar Association ("MCBA") meets at noon on the second Thursday of each month in the Banquet Room of the Miner's Roadhouse 140.

Mark your calendars for our meeting on April 13, 2023, when our speaker will be Rena Harrison, MCBA Vice President, with a presentation on cyber-sleuthing.

The MCBA welcomes new members and visitors, and everyone is invited to attend our luncheons. This is a great opportunity to network and take a break from the day to enjoy lunch with friends and colleagues. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you haven't done so already, it's time to pay your MCBA dues for 2023. 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 www.MariposaBar.org. A 2023 application is attached. Those who are renewing their membership may forego the application and simply send in their dues or bring them to the next meeting.



NEWSFLASH!

The historic Mariposa County Superior Court will announce on April 4, 2023 that electronic filing of documents will be available in all case types. This will allow law firms, governmental agencies, and self-represented individuals to file most documents, and pay applicable filing fees, through a secure, single online location.

The Mariposa Superior Court and the Tyler Team will be holding an educational session on e-filing for the Mariposa County Bar and other interested participants through the Microsoft Teams Meeting on April 19, 2023 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm Pacific Time.

The method of meeting is the Microsoft Teams Meeting. The educational session is offered at no cost, and will be done remotely at your own computer. The MCBA has provided the links and sign in information via email. Email MCBA@MariposaBar.org if you need more information on how to join the educational session, or contact Desiré Leard, Court Executive Officer of the Mariposa County Superior Court.

CYBER-SLEUTHING PRESENTATION AT NEXT MEETING

The next MCBA meeting is set for April 13, 2023 at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 Banquet Room. Our speaker will be Rena Harrison, Vice President of the Mariposa County Bar Association. Rena will be presenting on cyber-sleuthing, a hot topic in today's Courtrooms.

As best stated by Rena: "Using the wealth of the internet, we are often better able to effectively represent our clients by building impeachment evidence, bolstering the client's claims, knowing how to better interview a potential witness, and many other things. We can also better protect ourselves by knowing what information about us is publicly available online."

We look forward to learning more at the meeting!

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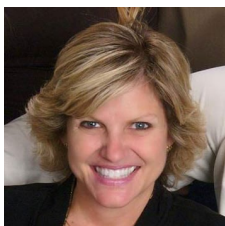
Your 2023 MCBA Membership Dues are now due! Membership is \$35.00 per year, and includes a listing on our website at www.MariposaBar.org.

Thank you to those who have paid your 2023 dues.

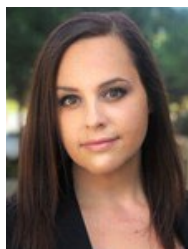
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To renew your membership and maintain your listing on the MCBA website, you may send your \$35.00 annual dues to our PO Box, or bring them to our next luncheon. For new members who wish to join and have their information listed on the MCBA website, a Membership Application is attached and may be mailed with your dues to MCBA, PO Box 628, Mariposa, CA 95338.

Your 2023 MCBA Officers



Casey Archer,
President



Rena Harrison,
Vice President



Edward J. Johnson,
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MCBA 2023 Meetings

The MCBA customarily meets at noon on the second Thursday of each month at the Miner's Roadhouse 140 Banquet Room. The atmosphere is always fun, we welcome guests and new members, and everyone is invited to attend.

MINER'S ROADHOUSE

140

January 12, 2023

Luncheon meeting: Speaker Mariposa County District Attorney, Walter W. Wall, on legislative updates.

February 9, 2023

Luncheon meeting: Presentation from Mariposa County Behavioral Services.

March 9, 2023

Luncheon meeting: Carol Moses, Attorney at Law and host of Law Day Yosemite

April 13, 2023

Luncheon meeting: Speaker Rena Harrison on Cyber-Sleuthing

May 11, 2023: Annual Law Day Luncheon. Speaker: Judge Anita Starchman Bryant on Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration

June 8, 2023

Luncheon meeting: Speaker to be determined.

July 13, 2023

Luncheon meeting: Speaker to be determined.

August 10, 2023

Luncheon meeting: Speaker to be determined.

September 14, 2023

Luncheon meeting: Speaker to be determined.

October 12, 2023

Luncheon meeting: Speaker to be determined.

November 9, 2023

Luncheon meeting: Speaker to be determined.

December 14, 2023

Luncheon meeting: Annual Holiday Luncheon and Judges Appreciation Day

Cyber-Sleuthing 101

By Rena Harrison, Esq.*



Rena Harrison

The internet is a wealth of information-if you know where to look.

As attorneys, we have tools at our disposal to look into individuals, whether those are our clients, a witness, another party, or just curiosity. As a tech-savvy millennial, I am frequently asked to dig up information about people. (Admittedly, it is mostly girlfriends who found the "man of their dreams" on some dating app and want to make sure he is not a lunatic.) With very little information, I am typically able to locate an individual and get a glimpse into their life, sometimes to a terrifying extent.

Several years ago, I was asked to assist in preparing a presentation for the Fresno County Bar Association on what civil attorneys need to know about practicing criminal law. One of the topics we were to touch on was extortion. Unfortunately, since the term "sugar daddy" became popular, numerous men and women found themselves in compromising positions. Their sugar baby became salty and now wants more money...or else! Despite trying to keep their relationship secret or their identity secret, the extorter has found out intimate details about their life. But how? If they never told them anything—how could they know?

The internet. One of the easiest ways to being a deep-dive into someone's digital data is with a simple photo. As part of the Fresno County Bar Association presentation, I found a photo of a professional individual who had been on various dating apps. I took a screen shot of this picture and conducted a google image search. This individual used the same phone on LinkedIn. I now had their full name, their professional title, employment history, location, and other information commonly found on LinkedIn. Now armed with their name, I was able to take that information to familytreenow.com. I entered their first name, last name, city, and state. In less than 30 seconds, I had their address, email address, known associates, historical addresses, names of family members, and phone number. Out of curiosity, I typed in the address on Zillow. I now had photographs of every entrance and exit of their Corona Del Mar home. I knew when they bought it, what they bought it for, property taxes, and key insights to their socioeconomic status. In less than two minutes, I knew almost everything there is to know about this person.

Ethically, we are able to access and utilize publicly available information to gain information while also not misrepresenting who we are. Attorneys can't be catfish. However, we can access and use the tools available to the general public to our advantage. I have found that one of the best places to begin looking into someone is through dating apps. Tinder, Bumble, and Hinge all typically contain personal details about someone which may not be available through a scan on Facebook or Instagram. As mentioned above, if you have demographic information about a person, familytreenow.com is a great tool to expand into that person's life. LinkedIn will also give you key insights. WestLaw also has a tool called PeopleMap. It is a subscription add-on which pools public records about a person into one place. It does not always have all of the details and additional sleuthing is required to get the information you are looking for.

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**Rena is Vice President of the MCBA, and an associate attorney at Hammerschmidt Law Corporation. She is a criminal defense and government investigations attorney admitted to practice federally and in California. Rena is dedicated to providing high quality legal services with an emphasis on taking a team approach. She also provides Victim Representation. Although her firm is based in Fresno County, Rena is frequently seen advocating for clients at the Mariposa County Superior Court.*

MARIPOSA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Membership Application – 2023

2023 dues: \$35.00

Please mail the completed application and dues payable to:
Mariposa County Bar Association
P.O. Box 628
Mariposa, CA 95338

The following data will be used for your Member Information of the MCBA records. Please indicate what information you would like included on the public web site.

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