

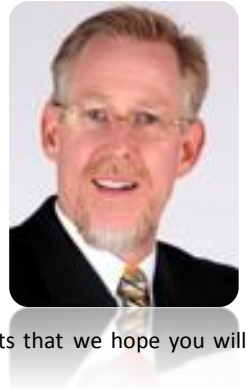
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President's Message

By Keric J. Cushing



Happy "New Year?" No, wait; it's already April! Wow, how time flies.

We're already several months into the New Year and your Stanislaus County Bar Association (SCBA) has been hard at work trying to make this yet another informative, educational, and successful year. It is only because of the dedication and support of the SCBA board, and the many local firms and attorneys, that we are able to provide such valuable services to our bar and the participation of all is greatly appreciated. With that said, here are some upcoming events that we hope you will attend, and take the opportunity to socialize with your local practitioners/judges:

APRIL

- 7 New Attorney's Reception** (2nd Annual) at Modesto Bank of Commerce from 5:15-7 PM. Judge Bessey and yours truly will offer a few words of encouragement to those embarking on their legal careers. Please come out to meet our newest lawyers (and/or socialize with some of us that aren't so new) and enjoy Hors D'oeuvre's; hosted cocktails, music, and a raffle.
- 8 MCLE: The Role of the Interpreter in the Courtroom** by Judge Linda McFadden, 12-1 PM, in the Jury Room for 1 hour of general credit.
- 15 New Commissioner's Luncheon** honoring Commissioner Jared Beeson's new appointment, on Galletto's Patio from 12-1 PM.

MAY

- 13 Law Day Luncheon** – SCBA's 58th Annual at Gallo Center for the Arts from 12-1 PM, with Keynote Speaker Hon. Consuelo Maria Callahan, Judge of U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, with lunch buffet catered by Concetta. The law day theme this year, celebrating its 50th year, is "MIRANDA: More than Words."

JUNE

- 10 MCLE: Mandatory Expedited Jury Trials** by Michael Kronlund of Quinn & Kronlund from 12-1 PM, in the jury room for 1 hour of MCLE credit.

JULY

- 23 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCBA'S GOLF TOURNAMENT** – Dryden Golf Course, 8:00 a.m. Registration & 9:00 a.m. Shotgun start. We hope to see you all out there!

I have been practicing law since 1987, first in Southern California (Los Angeles/Orange County); then on the Central Coast (Santa Maria/San Luis Obispo); followed by Sacramento; and in Modesto since 2001. Having been elsewhere, particularly large metropolitan areas, I have tremendous appreciation for the small and collegial local bar we enjoy, as well as the friendly and active bench that participate so freely with us. I would like to thank everyone for being involved in SCBA activities and ask that you encourage your friends and colleagues to come out to them as well. Your bar association exists to serve the local bar, including by providing valuable MCLE programs and Events. Those programs and events afford a wonderful opportunity to network (which is precisely what we'll be encouraging new attorney's to do on April 7 and I ask that all ("more seasoned") practitioners come out to welcome them and offer your cards to our new attorney's and be available as resources should the need ever arise).

As of this writing, the bar association website (Stanbar.org) is not only getting a facelift, but being modified to make it more user-friendly and useful. The goal will be to allow for renewal's online without need to complete additional paperwork (if nothing has changed from the prior year) as well as making it easier to sign up for MCLE programs and Events online. We hope to have that up and running for your use by mid-May and will be open to suggestions, if you have them, to better serve your needs.

Thank you, again, to all of our local firms and practitioners for supporting your SCBA. Without you, we could not, and would not, be able to provide such valuable services.

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SCBA Calendar of Events

** You may also view all Bar Association events at STANBAR.ORG **

APRIL

7 NEW LAWYERS' RECEPTION – Hosted by Bank of Stockton and SCBA, Thursday evening from 5:15 to 7:00 PM, Modesto Commerce Bank's Lobby (1302 J St, Modesto). Judge Shawn Bessey to speak along with Keric Cushing, Bar President. Hors d'oeuvres, Hosted Cocktails, Music, and Raffle. Come meet our new local attorneys and congratulate them!

8 MCLE: The Role of the Interpreter in the Courtroom, by Judge Linda McFadden, Courthouse Jury Room, Noon to 3:00 PM (your choice of 1 hour general credit (12-1 PM) or 3 hours credit (12-3 PM)).

15 NEW COMMISSIONER'S LUNCHEON – To honor Comm. Jared Beeson, on Galletto's Patio, 12-1 PM. Join us as we celebrate Comm. Beeson's new position with the Stanislaus County Court.

MAY

13 LAW DAY LUNCHEON – Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Consuelo "Connie" Callahan of the U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit. At the Gallo Center for the Arts, 12-1 PM, catered by Concetta.

JUNE

10 MCLE: MANADATORY EXPEDITED JURY TRIALS, by Mike Kronlund of Stockton, Jury Room, 12-1 PM, for 1 hour of general MCLE credit.

JULY

23 30th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – Saturday at Dryden, Register at 8am, Shotgun start 9am - *Flyers coming soon and with many sponsorship opportunities!*

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JOB OPENINGS

No job vacancies to announce at this time.

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SCBA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The SCBA continues to accept contributions for the 2016 Scholarship Fund. Our goal for 2016 is to provide two \$1,000 Scholarship Awards to Stanislaus County High School seniors at the Law Day Lunch, on May 13, 2016.

Please send contributions to:

SCBA, 804 14th St, Modesto, CA 95354

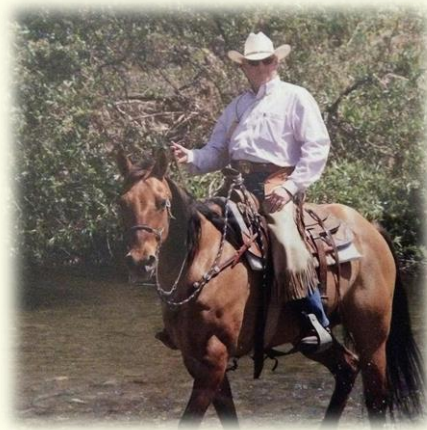
CONGRATULATIONS TO

Commissioner Jared D. Beeson

on your new position
with Stanislaus
County Court!



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ROGER M. SCHRIMP

of Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp, Pallios, Pacher & Silva

We have lost a great friend and contributor to our legal community. Roger passed away unexpectedly from complications during surgery. He practiced law for 50 years and will be sorely missed by everyone. His family, friends, co-workers and fellow attorneys are all in our thoughts.

2016 Officer's & Board of Director's Installation by Honorable Shawn D. Bessey



[L-R: George P. Rodarakis, Stacy P. Speiller, Jennifer A. Anderson, Jeffrey W. Mangar, Andrew S. Mendlin, Michael R. Dennis, Keric J. Cushing and the Honorable Shawn D. Bessey

2016 SCBA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Bar Association would like to thank all of the Contributor's for donating funds towards our Law Day Luncheon scholarship fund. This fund helps provide two local high school seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship, to assist them in embarking on a career in the legal field.

Kimberly Ringer
Nicole Edington
Aaron Anguiano
Ronald Hillberg
Mark Alexander

"A BIG THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU!"

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT

Effective on January 1, 2016

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/2016-01-01-2015-04-17mtg.pdf>. This is a link to short summaries of rule amendments recently adopted but the Judicial Council. Please refer to the history legend of each rule for its effective date.

STANISLAUS COUNTY LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION...

meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Meetings are open to anyone and our goal is to provide continuing education for those in the legal field as well as scholarship opportunities for those studying to become support staff in the legal field. You can find more information on our website at www.sclpa.org or stanislauscountyipa@gmail.com.

"SAVE-THE-DATE!" 30th Anniversary SCBA Golf Tourney Saturday, **JULY 23rd** At Dryden in Modesto

8:00 A.M. Registration
9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

FLYERS COMING SOON!

The Stanislaus County Bar Association cordially invites you and your office staff to our
58th Annual Luncheon

LAW DAY 2016

Friday, May 13th, 2016 ~ 12 o'clock Noon
Gallo Center for the Arts
1000 "I" Street, Modesto CA 95354

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
CONSUELO MARIA CALLAHAN
JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

"MIRANDA: More Than Words"

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Please mail with correct payment before May 6, 2016 to: SCBA • 804 14th St. Modesto CA 95354

LAW DAY LUNCHEON 2016

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016

LUNCH BUFFET catered by CONCETTA
Reserve TABLE FOR 8 (List guest names above; Table sign included) \$750 = 8 admissions plus donation
58th Annual Law Day SPONSOR - Additional \$100, \$250 or \$500
\$100 Bronze, \$250 Silver, \$500 Platinum. Donors: Name/ Firm appears on Guest Program, Verbal recognition, Non-Signator and SCBA Web Site.
Check enclosed for \$ _____, payable to SCBA

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For more information, call SCBA at (209) 571-5729 or STANISLAUS@SCBA.ORG

APPLICATION for the 2016 STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS (2) AND MODESTO LIONS CLUB 'JOHN GRISEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP' (1)

Applicants pursuing a career in law are especially encouraged to apply and preference will be given to such applicants.

Please print clearly in pen or type:

Name _____
First M.I. Last

Home _____
Street City State Zip Code

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Email address _____ High School Attending _____

Principal's Name _____ Counselor's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (that you wish to accompany you to the Law Day Luncheon on May 13, 2016 for acceptance of scholarship, if so chosen) _____

MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS TO THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION:

1. Biographical essay including activities and future plans (1 page maximum).
2. Two (2) letters of character reference.
3. Current transcript, including first semester senior grades.

Completed applications MUST be **postmarked** (or hand-delivered) **by April 22, 2016** to:

STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
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MODESTO CA 95354

THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AND
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

2016 NEW LAWYER'S RECEPTION

SPONSORED AND HOSTED BY THE BANK OF STOCKTON



Thursday, April 7th
Modesto Commerce Bank (Lobby) 5:15 to 7:00 p.m.
1302 J Street, Modesto
Stanislaus County Courthouse Tour (Jury Room) 4:15 p.m.

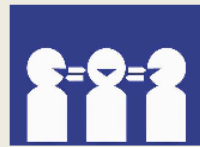
Evenings Speaker
The Honorable Shawn D. Bessey
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Keric J. Cushing, Esq.
President of the Stanislaus County
Bar Association

Hors D'oeuvres • Hosted Cocktails • Music • Raffle

Please RSVP by April 1st to Lynn Salerno at 209-929-1521 or e-mail: L.Salerno@bankofstockton.com

The Stanislaus County Bar Association proudly presents

The Role of the Interpreter in the Courtroom



**GUEST SPEAKER: The Honorable
Linda McFadden of the
Stanislaus Co. Superior Court**

Friday, April 8, 2016, 12-3 PM
Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room
800 11th Street, Modesto



MCLE CREDIT

The Stanislaus County Bar Association certifies that this activity has
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1 to 3 HOUR MCLE CREDIT

The Stanislaus County Bar Association is a State of California MCLE
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Course approved continuing legal education credits for Court
Interpreters under CMCCE RL3738.

COST:

SCBA & Bench Members.....\$40 *
No Lunch.....\$35
Non-Members.....\$65
No Lunch.....\$60

* 2016 DUES PAID = Member Rate
FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL THE SCBA AT 571-5729

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The Role of the Interpreter in the Courtroom

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016 ~ 12-1 PM or 12-3 PM (1-3 hours MCLE credit)

Name: _____ Firm: _____ ☐ NO LUNCH

Lunch choices:

SANDWICH

- ☐ Turkey
- ☐ Roast Beef
- ☐ Veggie

CHIPS

- ☐ Potato Chips
- ☐ Doritos
- ☐ Baked Lay's

DRINK

- ☐ Diet Coke
- ☐ Diet 7-Up
- ☐ Bottle Water
- ☐ Coke
- ☐ 7-Up

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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- Are you willing to support your local Bar Association?
- Are you looking for new clients?
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As an SCBA member, you only pay a \$50 annual LRS panel fee!

Simple appointment process: LRS representative will
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The client pays a \$50.00 administrative fee to us over the
phone, for a 30-minute consultation. Each month you will
receive a statement from the LRS listing your appointments
for that month. All you do is indicate the LRS clients who
kept their appointments, and those that did not, and send the
statement back to the LRS office.

MINIMUM CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Group 1 (A – G)

2/1/13 – 1/31/16

Deadline: 2/1/2016

Group 2 (H – M)

2/1/15 – 1/31/18

Deadline: 2/1/2018

Group 3 (N – Z)

2/1/14 – 1/31/17

Deadline: 2/1/2017

Attorneys are required to complete a total of 25 hours of approved credit every three years. Go to [Requirements](#) for credit details, exemptions and modified requirements.

To ensure that lawyers receive quality legal education, the State Bar approves MCLE providers and education activities.

Attorneys, including those who are exempt, are required to [report compliance](#) to the State Bar through [My State Bar Profile](#) to verify that they have complied with their MCLE requirement.

California's attorney membership is divided into three [compliance groups](#).

Compliance periods for the three groups are staggered so that each group reports compliance in a different year. Compliance periods are 36 months (three years) in length. Reporting deadlines for each compliance group are listed.



TAX TIME IS APPROACHING...

By Stacy Speiller

...various types of professional fees may be incurred in the course of a marital dissolution action, and such fees may be deductible under limited circumstances. Specifically, they may be deductible as ordinary and necessary expenses for the production or collection of income [IRC Section 212(1)] or as expenses for tax advice [IRC Section 212(3)]. Such services include the collection of data, tax analysis, computations, negotiations on taxability of income, and tax advice relating to the following issues:

- Obtaining spousal or family support;
- Protection or allocation of income producing property;
- Allocation of child and spousal support compared to undifferentiated support payment (all deductible support);
- The method of filing income tax returns with a spouse, the manner of payment of the tax due, and the allocation of any refunds from state and federal taxing authorities;
- Review of income tax returns filed in prior years and analysis of the tax implications;
- Preparation of Judgment of Dissolution sections relating to tax effects to clients.

If you have a client who may have some deductions relating to their attorney fees incurred as part of their marital dissolution action, it is important that they notify their tax accountant.



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I am interested in serving on the following committees:

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Regular Membership\$ 150.00
*New Attorney Member.....\$ 125.00
Retired Attorney.....\$ 75.00
**Associate Member.....\$ 35.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

Dues.....\$ _____
***Scholarship Contribution.....\$ _____
Total.....\$ _____

*New Attorney Member: Person who has not been a member of the SCBA for the last consecutive 3 years.

**Associate Member requirements: (if not admitted to practice law in California or another jurisdiction) are: Law Clerks, Law Students, Paralegals, Legal Assistants, Legal Secretaries, Court Personnel, and Legal Administrators. Other jurisdictions: Same.

***Scholarship Fund: Please join us in supporting the Scholarships we present annually towards local area high school students futures in the legal field, by contributing today along with your membership dues.

Paid SCBA Members have the option to advertise their firm's self, on our website's ATTORNEY DIRECTORY section at STANBAR.ORG.
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THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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NEW COMMISSIONER'S LUNCHEON

To Recognize

Commissioner
JARED D. BEESON



FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016

12:00 O'CLOCK NOON

GALLETTO'S RISTORANTE PATIO

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NEW COMMISSIONER'S LUNCHEON For Commissioner Jared D. Beeson

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016

NAME: _____

FIRM: _____

*LUNCH BUFFET: Baked Penne Chicken Marinara Pasta, Mixed Green Salad, Focaccia Bread, Dessert
Iced Tea, Water, Soda and Coffee*

GALLETTO'S RISTORANTE PATIO ~ NOON TO 1:00 P.M.

BENCH/SCBA MEMBER \$65 ~ NON-MEMBER \$80

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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