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## President's Message

By Jeff L. Bean



This is my last President's Message of the year and it has been another successful year for the bar association. We put together many solid educational programs for our members and tried to *up our game* with a very special Bench-Bar Dinner, by securing a historical keynote speaker.

If you missed it, we were honored to listen to Carlotta Walls LaNier share her life experiences with us at the Bench-Bar Dinner in October. We had expected to hear Dr. Melba Beals speak but due to a serious health matter, she was not able to attend. Mrs. LaNier has been friends with Dr. Beals since their time spent together back in Little Rock, Arkansas, having lived through the events of the infamous "Little Rock Nine" period of segregated schools. Mrs. LaNier's speech was extremely engaging and our guests thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

If you were one of the book purchasers of *Warriors Don't Cry*, Dr. Beals sends her apologies for the delay in getting the books returned. As soon as the books are received, the bar association will distribute them. Thank you for your patience with this situation.

Our Golf Tournament back in late May was a success and we are already planning for our next tournament for 2015. Watch for the announcement to take advantage of all the creative advertising options that will be offered.


We are pleased to announce that the 2015 Law Day Luncheon will be on Friday, May 8, 2015, with keynote speaker California Supreme Court Associate Justice Goodwin Liu. This is sure to be an event that you will want to attend. Those interested in sponsoring this event can contact the SCBA Executive Director, Deana Skelton, at [deana@stanbar.org](mailto:deana@stanbar.org) or (209) 571-5729.

I would like to sincerely thank the 2014 SCBA Officers and Directors for their support and all of their efforts in assisting with the many duties of running the bar association. Their service is very much appreciated and has not gone unnoticed.

This brings me to our Holiday Luncheon which just recently took place on December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the SOS Club. The Honorable Loretta Begen administered the SCBA Oath to our new 2015 Bar Board. I am confident that this new Board will continue on with the high standards of educational programs we strive for and to put together events that will be of interest and enjoyment to our members.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Bar President this past twelve months and I want to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

*"May the New Year be prosperous for all!"*



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# SCBA Calendar of Events

\*\* You may also register & pay online for all Bar Association events, at [STANBAR.ORG](http://STANBAR.ORG) \*\*

## JANUARY

**9 - MCLE: '2015 Employment Update,'** by Matt Hawkins and Loura Erickson of McCormick Barstow, LLP. In the Jury Room, from 12-1 p.m., and worth 1 hour of general MCLE credit.

**30 - MCLE: 'Substance Abuse: General Wellness & Stress Management,'** by David Mann, Peer Counselor at The Other Bar, Jury Room, 12-1 p.m., for 1 hour Substance Abuse credit. \*\*\* **THIS CLASS IS "FREE" TO ALL 2015 PAID SCBA MEMBERS! (\$7 for a lunch)** \*\*\*

## FEBRUARY

**27 - MCLE: 'Professional Responsibility & Risk Management For Practitioners,'** by Robert Hawley, Deputy Executive Director of the State Bar of California. Taking place in the Jury Assembly Room, from 12-1 p.m., and worth 1 hour of ETHICS credit.

## MARCH

**6 - MCLE: 'DissoMaster 2015,'** by Art Grater, DissoMaster software co-creator, 12-1 p.m., in the Jury Room, and worth 1 hour of general MCLE credit.

### MINIMUM CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

#### Group 1 (A - G)

2/1/13 - 1/31/16

Deadline: 2/1/2016

#### Group 2 (H - M)

2/1/12 - 1/31/15

Deadline: 2/2/2015

#### Group 3 (N - Z)

2/1/14 - 1/31/17

Deadline: 2/1/2017

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT

Effective on January 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

[http://www.courts.ca.gov/  
documents/2014-07-1\\_Rules\\_doc.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/2014-07-1_Rules_doc.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.

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**If the client retains you, any further attorney's fees are entirely yours!**

For more information, call the LRS at (209) 571-5729 or go to [stanbar.org](http://stanbar.org)

California State Bar Certificate No. 44

**STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION...**

deeply appreciates your generous donations  
toward our annual Scholarships that will be presented  
at the Law Day Luncheon on Friday, May 8, 2015.



*Thank You!*

Mark J. Alexander  
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***"SAVE THE DATE!"***

**Law Day Luncheon  
Friday, May 8, 2015  
Gallo Center for the Arts**



**Keynote Speaker:  
California Supreme Court Associate  
Justice Goodwin Liu**



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Installation took place at the Holiday Luncheon on December 5<sup>th</sup>

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***"CONGRATULATIONS!"***

*SCBA's Annual 2015 Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at The SOS Club  
was a successful event that raised funds to donate to a deserving local charity.*

*This year the Bar Association donated a portion of our event proceeds to*

***IFM: I Feed Modesto***

*(aka: Interfaith Ministries)*

***"CONGRATULATIONS to IFM and a sincere Thank You to everyone who donated with SCBA!"***





## JOB OPENINGS

**Paralegal/Immigration Case Specialist** at the Stanislaus Family Justice Center: Part-time, 25 hours per week.

\$15.00 per hour. This is a bi-lingual position. Duties include screening clients, completing Intake, typing Restraining Orders and other Family Law forms; Working with Immigrants who qualify for U-Visa or VAWA, and assisting them in completing the applications. *For more information, please contact Susana Fuller at (209) 525-5130.*

**Goss & Goss** is looking for a **full-time receptionist**. Any resumes should be sent to Mark Goss at [mark@goss-law.com](mailto:mark@goss-law.com).

If you have a position you would like to fill – this is a FREE Ad section. Contact Deana at [deana@stanbar.org](mailto:deana@stanbar.org) or (209) 571-5729 with job details for our next quarterly Non Seq issue.

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## SCBA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*The SCBA office continues to accept contributions for the 2015 Scholarship Fund. Our goal for 2015 is to provide two \$1,000 Scholarship Awards to Stanislaus County High School seniors at the Law Day Lunch in May 2015.*

*Please send contributions to:  
SCBA, 804 14<sup>th</sup> St, Modesto, CA 95354*

*Thank you!*



McCormick Barstow LLP is pleased to announce that

**The Honorable  
Hurl W. Johnson (Ret.)**

has joined the firm as Of Counsel

Judge Johnson retired from the Stanislaus County Superior Court in September 2014 after 20 years of distinguished service. During his tenure on the bench, Judge Johnson demonstrated his commitment to dispute resolution by facilitating meaningful settlement conferences, a commitment that will continue in his Alternative Dispute Resolution practice.

With expertise in civil cases of all types, Judge Johnson is now serving as a neutral in matters involving contract and commercial disputes, employment, personal injury, insurance, professional malpractice, probate and family law. While based out of the firm's Modesto office, he is accepting matters throughout the Central Valley and Northern California. Judge Johnson is certified by the Pepperdine University School of Law's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.

To schedule a mediation, arbitration or similar matter with Judge Johnson, please call (209) 809-2014. More information is available at [www.mccormickbarstow.com](http://www.mccormickbarstow.com).

## 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](http://www.sclpa.org) or you can contact the Membership Chair, Janice Williams, CCLS at [stanislauscountylpa@gmail.com](mailto:stanislauscountylpa@gmail.com).

## CONGRATULATIONS

to **JASON G. PINK** of Gianelli & Associates  
and **BRANDY L. BARNES** of the  
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THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

# JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

## GUEST SPEAKERS:

**Honorable Shawn Bessey, of  
Stanislaus County & Olivia Lopez,  
Supervising Probation Officer**



Friday, December 19, 2014 – 12-1 p.m.  
Court House – Jury Assembly Room  
800 11th St, Modesto

### MCLE CREDIT

The Stanislaus County Bar Association certifies that this activity has been approved for MCLE credit by the State Bar of California for:

### 1 HOUR MCLE CREDIT

The Stanislaus County Bar Association is a State of California MCLE approved provider (No. 1894)

### COST:

SCBA & Bench Members:.....\$40\*  
Non-Members:.....\$65\*  
(\$5 less without a lunch)

\* 2014 DUES PAID = Member Rate

For more info, please call the SCBA at 571-5729

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# JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Friday – December 19, 2014

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ NO LUNCH

### Lunch choices:

#### SANDWICH

- ☐ Turkey
- ☐ Roast Beef
- ☐ Veggie

#### CHIPS

- ☐ Potato Chips
- ☐ Doritos
- ☐ Baked Lays

#### DRINK

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

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No refunds after December 12, 2014

THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

# 2015 EMPLOYMENT UPDATES

## Guest Speakers:

**Matt Hawkins & Laura Erickson  
of McCormick Barstow LLP**



Friday, January 9, 2015 – 12-1 p.m.  
Court House – Jury Assembly Room  
800 11th St, Modesto

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# 2015 EMPLOYMENT UPDATES

Friday – January 9, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ NO LUNCH

### Lunch choices:

#### SANDWICH

- ☐ Turkey
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- ☐ Veggie

#### CHIPS

- ☐ Potato Chips
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#### DRINK

- ☐ Diet Coke ☐ Coke
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- ☐ Bottle Water

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The Stanislaus County Bar Association Proudly Presents

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE - General Wellness & Stress Management

## GUEST SPEAKER:

**David Mann, Peer Counselor for The Other Bar**



Friday, January 30, 2015  
Noon-1:00 PM, Superior Court  
Jury Assembly Room  
800 11th Street  
Modesto CA 95354



**FREE MCLE PROGRAM TO ALL  
2015 PAID SCBA MEMBERS!**

### COST:

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Non-Members:.....\$65  
No lunch:.....\$60

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# SUBSTANCE ABUSE - General Wellness & Stress Management

FRIDAY, JAN. 30, 2015 **FREE MCLE PROGRAM TO ALL 2015 PAID SCBA MEMBERS!** \$7.00 Lunch Only!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ NO LUNCH

### Lunch choices:

#### SANDWICH

- ☐ Turkey
- ☐ Roast Beef
- ☐ Veggie

#### CHIPS

- ☐ Potato Chips
- ☐ Doritos
- ☐ Baked Lays

#### DRINK

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

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

# DissoMaster 2015



## GUEST SPEAKER:

**Art Grater, DissoMaster Co-Creator**



Friday, March 6, 2015, 12-1 PM  
Court House, Jury Assembly Room  
800 11th Street, Modesto

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### COST:

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Non-Members:.....\$65

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# DissoMaster 2015

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ NO LUNCH

### Lunch choices:

#### SANDWICH

- ☐ Turkey
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#### CHIPS

- ☐ Potato Chips
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- ☐ Baked Lays

#### DRINK

- ☐ Diet Coke ☐ Coke
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- ☐ Bottle Water

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## "MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION"



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Total.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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