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By Jeff L. Bean

Greetings to all members of the Stanislaus County Bar Association (SCBA). As the new President, let me first express appreciation for the service, sacrifice and dedication of the Officers and board members, including the Ex-officio, Rebecca Roberson. They each volunteer a substantial amount of their time and means for the success of the SCBA. I also want to express appreciation for our Executive Director, Deana Skelton. This is her third year as the Director and she is becoming a real asset and resource to our organization.



This year we are pleased to announce that the President of the California Bar Association, the Honorable Luis Rodriguez, has accepted our invitation to address the SCBA members for our Law Day event on May 2, 2014. This will be a great opportunity for our legal community to become more acquainted with those who have a direct impact on our respective fields of practice. I encourage all to come and support the Law Day events and welcome President Rodriguez.

I am pleased to report that because of a very generous donation from Union Bank, the Lawyer's Referral Service (LRS) now has funds to significantly increase its exposure to the public and to increase its ability to assist those in our community who otherwise could not obtain initial legal guidance. All too often the complexity of the legal process is baffling to the general public and these 30 minute consultations are most helpful in pointing the individuals in the right direction. For those of you who are not members of the Lawyer's Referral Service, and are willing to periodically donate 30 minutes of your time to assist our community citizens, contact our Executive Director for an application and to be reviewed for the LRS panel.

Because of the increased donations from the SCBA membership, we have for a second year been able to sustain two SCBA scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Thank you for your donations. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that the Modesto 500 Lions Club has elected to provide SCBA with an additional \$1,000 donation for a scholarship award in memory of John Grisez, one of our local attorneys. The SCBA Scholarship Committee is currently taking applications of high school students demonstrating an interest in the law for consideration of these three scholarships. If you know of a high school student with an interest in the law, have them contact either their High School Counselor, or the SCBA Executive Director, for more information on the scholarship application. These scholarships will be awarded at the Law Day event on May 2, 2014.

For those who have not visited the SCBA website at stanbar.org, please take a moment to review the services and information available to you as members. New information and services are added regularly so visit regularly and often. Additionally, the website is set up to conveniently allow you to pay for the SCBA events and activities. For those who would like to contribute information or to advertise on the website, or if you have suggestions on how we can better meet your needs through the SBCA website, please contact the SCBA Executive Director.

The annual SBCA Golf Tournament will again be held at Dryden Golf Course in Modesto on May 31, 2014. This long standing tradition has become a favored SBCA activity. Already there is an atmosphere of competition as to which foursome will take home this years' coveted title. Despite all the bravado, and dare I say smack talk, we are looking forward to a most enjoyable event. Sponsorships are currently available. As usual, the foursome entry fee will include green

fees, a golf cart, unlimited beverages during play, and lunch. For those duffers who need assistance, a limited number of Mulliaan tickets will be for sale. We will also have a raffle for an opportunity to win great prizes.

As the SBCA President, I am looking forward to a great and successful year. A year of growth, accomplishment and building in our community. For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to come and see what the SCBA has to offer. For those who are members,

Jeff L. Bean,

President Stanislaus County Bar Association

thank you for your support.



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SCBA Calendar of Events

MARCH

- MCLE: **Estate Planning & Divorce: What You Need To Know** Friday, in the Superior Court jury assembly room, from 12-1 PM, by Mark Drobny, Esq., and Alana Scott of Merrill Lynch. 1 hour general MCLE credit.
- 21 MCLE: Traffic Court Judge Pro Tem Training Friday, Superior Court Dept. 14 (basement), from 1:00 4:30 PM, by Commissioner Lynne Meredith. 3.5 hours of general credit. See flyer for specific requirements needed, in addition to practicing law no less than 10 years.
- 28 MCLE: Recordation & Elections in Stanislaus County Friday, in the Superior Court jury assembly room, from 12-1 PM, by Lee Lundrigan, Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder.

 1 hour general MCLE credit.

APRIL

11 MCLE: California Adoption Basics - Friday, in the Superior Court jury assembly room, from 12-1 PM, by Alison Foster Davis, Esq., of Family Connections. 1 hour of general MCLE credit.

MAY

- 2 LAW DAY LUNCHEON Friday, the Gallo Center for the Arts, 1000 "I" St, in Modesto, from 12-1 PM. Keynote speaker will be Hon. Luis Rodriguez, President of the California State Bar. Please contact the SCBA to proudly sponsor this event with us!
- **27th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT** Saturday at Dryden Park Golf Course, 920 Sunset Ave, in Modesto. 8:00 AM Check-in and 9:00 AM Shotgun start. \$95 per person includes 18 holes, cart, unlimited drinks, lunch, raffle and other prizes (Long Drives, Closest to Pin, Net/Gross Scores, and Putting Contest). Come enjoy the day!

NOVEMBER

JUDICIAL CALENDAR LUNCHEON – Friday, at The SOS Club, 819 Sunset Ave, in Modesto, from 12-1 PM. Updates on 2015 upcoming Superior Court changes. 1 hour of general MCLE credit.

DECEMBER

5 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – Friday, at The SOS Club, 819 Sunset Ave, in Modesto, from 12-1 PM. Installation of the 2015 SCBA Officers & Board of Directors, local High School entertainment, charity donations and buffet lunch.

MINIMUM CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Group 2 (H – M)
Period: 2/1/12 – 1/31/15
Deadline: 2/1/2015

AMENDMENTS TO THE CALIFORNIA
RULES OF COURT
Adopted by the Judicial Council on
December 13, 2013

Effective on January 1st to July 1st, 2014

http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/2014-01-01 Rules Dec mtg Arb Ethics.pdf

This section contains links 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.

GAROUND THE OFFICES

Peter Smith has moved his home and office from Modesto to the San Francisco Bay Area. His new address is:

> 1311 Brewster Court El Cerrito CA 94530 Cell: (209) 602-9003

He is mostly retired, but is still accepting clients who need help with trademarks and copyrights.

Anthony Johnston, Esq.

(new firm)

Berliner Cohen

1130 12th Street, Suite B Modesto CA 95354 (209) 576-1197 Fax (209) 576-1076 www.berliner.com

BABY NEWS!

Maria Jaime
brought baby Micah
into the world on January 5th
and he weighed 10.5 lbs!



"CONGRATULATIONS!!"

Large corner office and smaller office for rent in 16th and G Street Professional Building. Offstreet parking, elevator, shared services available.

David Jamieson 521-1269

LAW OFFICE 906 13th Street, Modesto \$1,900 monthly rent

Located on one of downtown Modesto's nicest streets. Close to court house, upgraded carpet, lots of storage, plenty of street parking, comes with private parking stalls, executive style furnishings can be negotiated into monthly rent, approximately 2,000 square feet.

Contact: Robert Eckert (209) 605-3909



NO OPENINGS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

If your office/business is looking to fill a vacant position, please contact us to post it here for free! deana@stanbar.org or (209) 571-5729.

2014 SCBA SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTORS:

Rebecca Roberson Alan Eighmey Sabrina Tourtlotte Frank Lima Robert Farrace Kim Ringer

"We appreciate your generous support!"

COUNTY OF FRESNO SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

February 11, 2014 Memo re: Proposed Amendments at www.fresno.courts.ca.gov

If adopted, will become effective July 1, 2014.

Comment by April 1, 2014 to: Hon. Hilary A. Chittick Fresno Co. Superior Court 1100 Van Ness Ave, Dept. 70 Fresno CA 93724-0002

SCBA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The SCBA office continues to accept contributions for the 2014 Scholarship Fund. Our goal for 2014 is to distribute at least two \$1,000 Scholarship Awards to Stanislaus County High School seniors at the Law Day Lunch.

Please send your contributions to: SCBA - 804 14th St. Modesto CA 95354





"If we were lawyers, this would be billable time."

The Stanislaus County
Legal Professionals Assn
(SCLPA) meets the second
Wednesday of each month
at 6:00 PM. For more
information,
Contact Linda Fischer at
lindaf@mid.org

PAID YOUR 2014 SCBA MEMBERSHIP DUES YET?

You can register online at **STANBAR.ORG** or contact the SCBA Office at (209) 571-5729 to have an Application e-mailed to you today!



www.lcswebreports.dot.ca.gov

FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR

MCLE requirements have <u>not</u> increased or changed...

On November 15th, 2012, the Board of Member Oversight voted to amend the education standards in MCLE rules 2.52(A) and 3.601(A). To be specific, they voted to change one word, as illustrated below:

"The activity must relate to legal subjects directly relevant to members of the State Bar and or have significant current professional and practical content."

Here's a list of education, in addition to substantive law subjects, that may now be provided to State Bar members:

- Topics related to business or financial management of a law firm.
- Topics related to law office operation, including but not limited to facilities, staffing, systems and equipment.
- Topics related to creation and improvement of legal case work and work flow management, including time management of attorneys and support staff, and delegation of responsibility.
- Topics related to the competent delivery of legal services and/or the establishment and maintenance of effective law office management.
- Topics related to communications by and between attorneys and support staff
- Topics related to the use of computer and/or Internet technology in the practice of law or the management of a law office.
- Topics related to the lawful and ethical management of a law office's financial accounts including client trust accounts.
- Topics relating to lawful and ethical client fee agreements, fee sharing and referral arrangements.

STANISLAUS COUNTY - NEW LEGISLATION FOR 2014:

For a summary of court related legislation with effective dates of January 1, 2014 or later, please check out the court's legislative update page at

http://www.stanct.org/Content.aspx?page=legislative_update



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Cal. State Bar No	Year Admitted
Law School	
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Regular Membership\$ 135.00 *New Attorney Member\$ 110.00 Retired Attorney\$ 50.00 **Associate Member\$ 30.00	AMOUNT ENCLOSED: Dues\$ ****Scholarship Contribution\$ Total\$

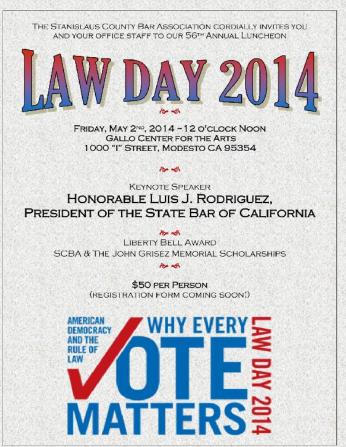
As a Paid SCBA Member you have the option to advertise Yourself, Office, Business, or Firm in the 'Attorney Directory' section of the Stanislaus County Bar Association's website at STANBAR.ORG. Please complete an 'Attorney Directory' form and submit it along with this application to the address at the top of this page. For more information, go to: STANBAR.ORG or call (209) 571-5729.

^{*}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.





Lawyers' Referral Service



- Are you willing to support your local Bar Association?
- Are you looking for new clients?
- Are you willing to provide some pro bono time?



If your answer to any of the above is "YES," please consider serving on the LRS panel.

As an SCBA member, you only pay a \$50 annual LRS panel fee!

Simple appointment process: LRS representative will schedule appointments with your office at your convenience with clients who have a matter in your area(s) of expertise. 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.

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

California State Bar Certificate No. 44

STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

'Estate Planning & Divorce: What You Need To Know



Guest Speakers: Mark S. Drobny,

Master of Laws (LL.M. Taxation), Specialist, Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law,
State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. Founder of Drobny Law
Offices, Inc. with offices in Sacramento, San Ramon, San Diego,
Stockton and Modesto. And

Alana Scott, CDFA™

Friday, March 14, 2014 • Jury Room Noon to 1:00 PM • 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 General MCLE Credit The Stanislaus County Bar Association is a State of California MCLE approved provider



COST:

* 2014 Dues Paid

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL THE SCBA AT (209) 571-5729

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'Estate Planning & Divorce: What You Need To Know'

Friday, March 14, 2014

ΝΔΜΕ-□ NO LUNCH Lunch Choices: SANDWICH

Roast Beef

Turkey

Vegetarian DRINK
Coke Diet Coke
7-Up Diet 7-Up
Bottled Water

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

(No refunds after March 7, 2014)

The Stanislaus County Bar Association proudly presents

'California Adoption Basics'



GUEST SPEAKER: Alison Foster Davis, Esq. **Executive Director & Legal Counsel for Family Connections Christian Adoptions**

Friday, April 11, 2014, 12-1 PM Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room 800 11th Street, Modesto



MCLE CREDIT

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1 HOUR MCLE CREDIT

SCBA & Bench Members. No Lunch......\$35 \$65 No Lunch......\$60

* 2014 DUES PAID = Member Rate < For more info, please call the SCBA at 571-5729 >

Return this portion with payment by April 4, 2014, to: SCBA • 804 14th St. Modesto CA 95354

'California Adoption Basics'

Friday, April 11, 2014

□ NO LUNCH

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_

(No refunds after April 4, 2014)

THE STANISLAUS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT & BAR ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENT:

"TRAFFIC COURT JUDGE PRO TEM TRAIN

BY COMMISSIONER LYNNE MEREDITH of the Stanislaus County Superior Court

Stanislaus County Superior Court 800 11th St, Dept. 14 (basement) Modesto CA Friday, March 21, 2014 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM



COST: \$ 50 Per Person

MCLE CREDIT

The Stanislaus County Bar Association is a State of California MCLE approved provider and certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum confinular lead - de-certified in the state of the State Bar of California governing minimum confinular lead - de-certified - de-c

3.5 Hours General MCLE Credit



REQUIRED: 10 vrs Experience & "ETHICS COURSE"

The online Ethics Course elow, is <u>REQUIRED</u> to qualify to sit as a Judge Pro Tem.

3 hour course online at: ww2.courtinfo.ca.gov/cjer/ pro tem.htm

For more info, please call the SCBA Office at (209) 571-5729 or Debbie Perry at (209) 525-6303 $\, \lozenge \,$

Return this portion with your payment by March 14, 2014, to the SCBA ♦ 804 14th St, Modesto CA 95354 TRAFFIC COURT JUDGE PRO TEM TRAINING"

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014 0 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Stanislaus Co. Superior Court ◊ 800 11th St, Dept. 14 (basement), Modesto

\$50 Per Person ◊ 3.5 Hours MCLE Credit

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$__

No refunds after March 14, 2014

THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



Guest Speaker: Lee Lundrigan, Esq. **Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder**

Friday, March 28, 2014 Noon -1:00 PM Court House - Jury Assembly Room 800 11th Street, Modesto





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RECORDATION & ELECTIONS in Stanislaus County Friday, March 28, 2014

Lunch choices:
SANDWICH
Turkey
Roast Beef
Veggie

□ Diet Coke □ Coke
□ Diet 7-Up □ 7-Up
□ Bottle Water

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RE: 2014 STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS (two) AND MODESTO 500 LIONS CLUB 'JOHN GRISEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP' (one)

The Stanislaus County Bar Association (SCBA) is pleased to announce that it will be awarding three (3) scholarships to three (3) graduating Stanislaus County high school students.

Strong preference will be given to the applicant who plans a career in law, i.e., attorney, law enforcement, administration of justice, or paralegal to name a few.

The recipient will be expected to attend a two to four year college or university. The criteria for qualification include a minimum 3.0 grade point average during high school to date. They must demonstrate leadership, participate in school activities, and graduate from high school in 2014.

CRITERIA AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- The SCBA will award three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.
- The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior enrolled in a Stanislaus County High School.
- Application Deadline will be April 18, 2014 and recipients will be determined by April 25, 2014.
- 4. The recipients will be awarded their scholarship at the SCBA Annual Law Day Luncheon, Friday, May 2, 2014. They will be our honored guests at the luncheon and will dine with us, at our expense (scholarship recipient and 1 (one) parent or guardian).

Jeffrey W. Manaar, Scholarship Chairman

Keric J. Cushing, Sally K. Chenault, Kristina Vaz, Michael R. Dennis, and Rebecca A. Roberson, 2014 SCBA Scholarship Committee Members

APPLICATION for the 2014 STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS (two) AND MODESTO 500 LIONS CLUB 'JOHN GRISEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP' (one)

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
Phone Number		(Home	or Cell – please cii	cle one)	
High School Atte	ending				
Principal's Name			_ Counselor's Nar	me	

Parent/Guardian's Name (that you wish to accompany you to the Law Day Luncheon on May 2, 2014 for acceptance of scholarship, if so chosen)_____

MANDATORY ATTACHMENTS TO THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION:

- 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 18, 2014 to:

STANISLAUS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE 804 14TH STREET MODESTO CA 95354 PLEASE PASS THIS SCHOLARSHIP
INFOMRATION ALONG TO ANY
STANISLAUS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR THAT FULFILLS THE
SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS.

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THREE (3) \$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS
WILL BE PRESENTED TO RECIPIENTS
AT THE LAW DAY LUNCHEON ON
FRIDAY, MAY 2ND, 2014
AT THE GALLO CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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