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Jeff Bean, the Stanislaus County Bar Association ("SCBA") president, is on vacation so I am filling in – beware Jeff, when the cat is away the mice do play. We are already through the first half of 2014, having provided eleven (11) lunch hour MCLE classes on a variety of pertinent topics. I would like to thank the members of the legal community who have offered to give their

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time for these classes. It has been busy. We hope it gets even busier. Please volunteer your time and skills to this worthwhile educational exchange. The annual Law Day Luncheon this year was held at the Gallo Center for the Arts on May 2, 2014. The President of the California Bar Association, Luis Rodriguez, honored our bar association by giving the keynote speech. The Law Day theme was "Why Every Vote N the Liberty Roll Award recipient for 2014 is Theorem Ciacaralli, the Every View Director of the Stanislaw Early I write Conter. As a received to the conter of the Stanislaw Early I write Ciacaralli.

Association, Luis Rodriguez, honored our bar association by giving the keynote speech. The Law Day theme was "Why Every Vote Matters." The Liberty Bell Award recipient for 2014 is Thomas Ciccarelli, the Executive Director of the Stanislaus Family Justice Center. As a result of the generous support of our local bar association members, the SCBA again was able to provide scholarships to two local high school graduates who intend to enter the legal field. A third local high school graduate received the Modesto 500 Lions 'John Grisez Memorial' Scholarship.

On May 31, 2014, the Stanislaus County legal community swung away at the 27th Anniversary of the Annual SCBA Golf Tournament. We had perfect weather for once and, as always, good food, beverages and competition. The college scholarships presented at the Law Day Luncheon are funded almost entirely from the golf tournament sponsorships donated by our legal community. We thank these sponsors, all thirty-three (33). Please check them out on the SCBA website, found as a link our home page. Thank you also to the Bar Association's Golf Committee Jeff Mangar, Robert Farrace, George Rodarakis, Mike Dennis and last but not least, the leader of the pack, Keric Cushing.

Judge Robert Westbrook was honored at the New Judge's Lunch on June 6, 2014. The Honorable Judge Robert Westbrook, of course, is no longer a new Judge. We were hoping additional judicial vacancies would be filled before we held the New Judge's Lunch but we waited and waited, like we're waiting for rain. It was a delightful event in the Galletto's patio. We congratulate the Honorable Judge Westbrook and look forward to his many years on the bench.

Mark your calendars now for a spectacular event to be held on Thursday, October 16, 2014. The annual Bench-Bar Dinner this year is hosting one of the original Little Rock Nine, Melba Beals, in honor of the 60th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*. The event will be held at the Martin G. Petersen Event Center, 720 Twelfth Street, Modesto, CA at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Concetta's is catering the dinner. We have secured Ms. Beals as our speaker as a result, again, of sponsors in our community. Ms. Beals is a historical figure. She has agreed to answer questions from the audience after her presentation. The SCBA is seeking additional sponsors to cover the remaining expenses of this very special event. Please contact me or the SCBA Executive Director if you are interested in sponsoring Ms. Beals coming to Modesto to give us a piece of history.

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. We are constantly updating and adding to what we offer to the legal community. 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 next six months will bring additional MCLE classes, the "of-substance" Bench-Bar Dinner, the Holiday Lunch and the Judicial Calendar Lunch. If you are not yet a member or if you are a former member, I hope you will consider joining (or rejoining) our association. We need you. For those of you who are members, thank you for your unwavering support.

Sally K. Chenault SCBA Vice President





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SCBA Calendar of Events

JUNE

27 MCLE: AB109 Update: Public Safety & How the Sheriff's Office is Responding - Friday, in the Superior Court jury assembly room, from 12-1 p.m. Presented by Stanislaus County Sheriff Adam Christianson for 1 hour general MCLE credit.

JULY

25 MCLE: DCSS: eForms & the Document Management System - Friday, in the Superior Court jury assembly room, from 12-1 PM. Presented by Stanislaus Commissioner Ken Hara, Dept. of Child Support Services (DCSS) Chief Attorney, Marissa de Almeida, and Superior Court I.T. Manager, Anthony Paradiso. Worth 1 hour of MCLE credit.

OCTOBER

- 3 MCLE: The Document Management System & Updates in Family Law Friday, from 12-1 p.m., in the Superior Court jury assembly room. Presented by Stanislaus County Judge Jack Jacobson, for 1 hour of general MCLE credit.
- 16 BENCH-BAR DINNER Thursday evening, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Martin G. Petersen Event Center, 720 12th Street, Modesto CA 95354. Keynote Speaker: Melba Patillo Beals of the original "Little Rock Nine". Flyer with Event & Sponsor details coming soon!

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

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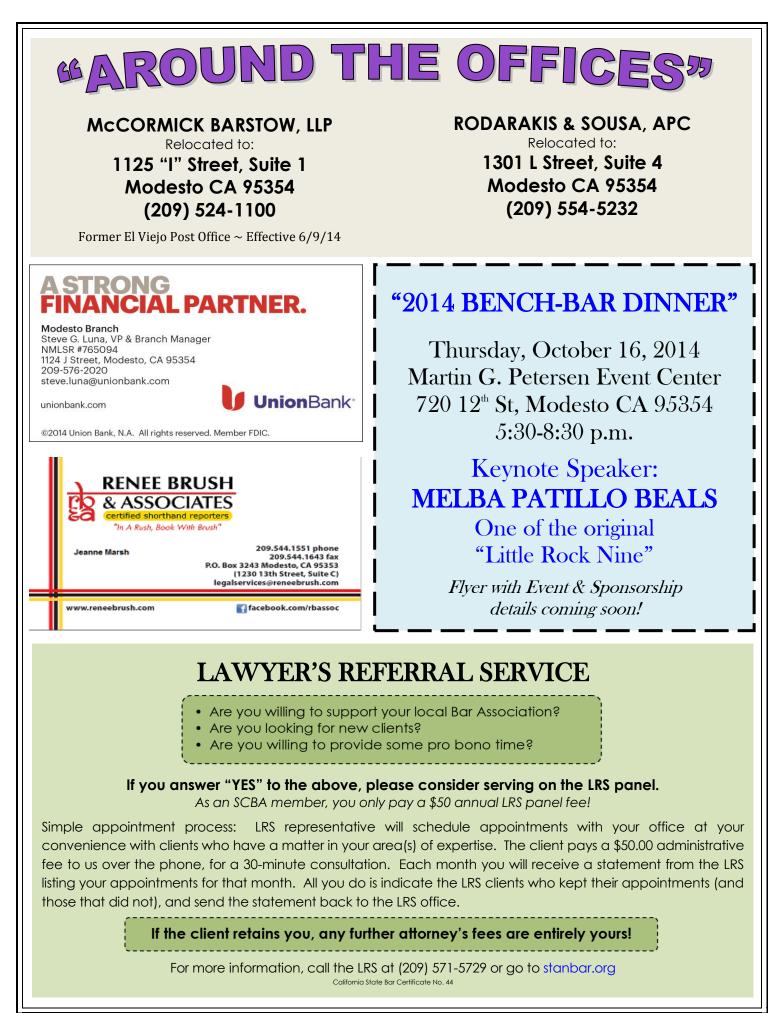
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http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/2 014-01-01_Rules_Dec_mtg_Arb_Ethics.pdf

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.

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Sonya Bouma, Esq., LRS Attorney & Linda Hernandez, LRS Rep.

PENDING PROBATE LEGISLATION:

The chart below outlines the 2014 pending probate legislation currently being monitored by the court. Complete bill text, current status, bill history, amendments, analyses, and votes, can be found at <u>http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html</u>. For more information, please e-mail Margaret.Middleton@stanct.org

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Measure	Торіс	Location	Subject	
	Guardians ad litem: animals.		Pet Trusts. Will expand the appointment of Guardians ad Litem to include a GAL for an animal as beneficiary of a pet trust.	
	MH: conservatorship hearings for the gravely disabled.		LPS Conservatorships. Will expand the list of persons authorized to recommend LPS Conservatorship to include judicial officers.	
	Family relations: family visitation and conservatorships.		Visitation adult child – non conserved parent; Advanced Health Care Directive. Will establish a new court process to allow adult children to visit their non-conserved parents when such visitation is being denied. This bill will require court investigators to interview specified individuals and prepare written reports with regard to visitation requests from adult children for visitation with their parents who are not under conservatorship. AB 2034 will also modify the Advanced health Care Directive to include statements for visitation preferences.	
	Decedents' estates: custodians of wills.	S. JUD.	Creates successor custodians of wills. Attempts to shift the burden to pay the fee for lodging a will from the original custodian to the executor or beneficiary by creating a successor custodian of a will.	
	Advance health care directive registry.		Commencing 01/01/2016 will require the Secretary of State to maintain current electronic copies of Advanced Health Care Directives on a secure website accessible by specified agencies for viewing, downloading, or printing.	
	Decedents' estates; personal representatives: bond.		Bond waivers. Will require specific findings by the Court to waive bond in probate matters. Changes the method by which bond waivers are given and creates a new judicial council form	
	California Conservatorship Jurisdiction Act.	Assembly	Conservatorship jurisdiction between CA and other states. Would create the California Conservatorship Jurisdiction Act (CCJA) effective 01/01/2016. Establishes specific provisions to determine jurisdiction for proposed Conservatees through a three-tier hierarchy and provides new procedures to transfer/receive conservatorships to other states. Imposes various duties on court investigators.	

2014 LAW DAY LUNCHEON Friday, May 2, 2014 ~ Gallo Center for the Arts Keynote Speaker: Luis Rodriguez, California State Bar President





Judge Ricardo Cordova



Speaker: Luis J. Rodriguez, Cal Bar President



Liberty Bell Recipient: Tom Ciccarelli & wife, Sherrill



Stan. Co. D.A., Birgit Fladager, presenting Liberty Bell Award



Gallo Center for the Arts, Modesto CA

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Scholarship Recipients: Zoey Miller, Blanca Galvez, & Sayra Garcia



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"I invented fire, but now everyone is using it for free. In hindsight, maybe my first invention should have been intellectual property law."

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 <u>lindaf@mid.org</u>

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 your contributions to:

SCBA, 804 14th St, Modesto, CA 95354



FROM THE LAW LIBRARY ...

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The Stanislaus County Legal Professionals Association held its 69th Annual Installation of Officers on April 9, 2014. Loretta Rieb, PLS, CCLS, served as Mistress of Ceremonies and Installing Officer for the event. The following members were installed for the 2014-2015 term: Linda Fischer, CCLS, President; Janice Williams, CCLS, Vice President; Janice Schmidt, Secretary; Jan Trine, Treasurer; Stacie Velasco, CCLS, Executive Advisor; and Diane Mecca, Governor.



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June 6, 2014 ~ Galletto's Ristorante Patio



The Honorable Robert Westbrook









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