

Yolo County Bar Association Newsletter

March 2005

Our Next Meeting

Topic: Public Policy Dispute Resolution

Deal with complex multi-party issues such as land use, flood control, economic development or closure of family businesses? This program will focus on the field of public policy dispute resolution and how attorneys can best participate.

Common Ground, Center for Cooperative Solutions at UC Davis Extension helps government entities, agencies, private sector organizations, nonprofits, and communities come together and work out solutions to public policy issues including land use, water quality, health, education, and transportation. In order to accomplish this work, Common Ground provides facilitation and mediation services, educates communities and organizations in order to build capacity in collaboration, and conducts and conveys research on what helps and hinders cooperative process and solutions.

Speakers: Carolyn Penny, J.D. and Michelle Baker, Common Ground: Center for Cooperative Solutions, UC Davis Extension

When: Thursday, March 17th at noon.

Where: Casa de Sapore (formerly Pietro's), 929 Court Street, Woodland

Cost: \$ 15

For More Information: To learn more about Common Ground and its programs, click here: <http://www.extension.ucdavis.edu/commonground>

**RSVP to Courtenay McKeon (CmcKeon@YoloCourts.com)
so that we can give the restaurant an accurate count.**

The Yolo County Bar Association is a California State Bar approved provider of Minimum Continuing Legal Education programs and the program is approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit.

President's Message

I am honored and proud to serve as your president for 2005. I am deeply appreciative to Barry Melton, immediate past president, for his leadership, example and good humor throughout the years and especially during his presidency in 2004. Following in his footsteps and the many fine presidents

before him, I hope to continue the tradition of worthwhile MCLE programs and lunches, which provide you, our members, with an opportunity to visit and network with your fellow bar members.

We are very fortunate this year to have Lisa Lance as Vice-President, Courtenay McKeon as Treasurer, and Dan Maguire as Secretary. I have worked with these talented folks for a few years and I know that they are dedicated bar officers.

If anyone has any ideas for programs for the coming year, please let one of your bar officers know and we will follow up and try to schedule the program. We have a number of good programs already scheduled so far this year.

Thanks to all of you for your bar membership this year.

James Nolan

Calling All Criminal Defense Attorneys

The County of San Benito has issued a Request for Proposals soliciting criminal defense contract attorneys. The deadline for proposals is March 30, 2005. Please contact Courtenay McKeon (CmcKeon@YoloCourts.com) for a copy of the RFP.

Contract Attorney Available for Work

Attorney available on contract basis for civil legal research and writing and other assignments. Former associate attorney for certified family law specialists in Santa Cruz. References available. Rates are reasonable and negotiable, on an hourly or per project basis. Call Linda Turpin, 530-750-1843.

ABA Conference

We've received word from the ABA of an upcoming conference titled "The Equal Justice Conference 2005: Celebrating the Pro Bono and Legal Services Partnership." More information at: www.abanet.org/legalservices/ejc/home.htm.

Law Day

Please consider reserving your lunch times on May 12 and May 13 as the tentative dates for Law Day. The theme this year is The American Jury: We the People in Action. For the Law Day celebration, we plan to have a mock jury voir dire at Woodland High School on one of those two dates. Lunches again will be provided by Steve's Pizza at a cost of \$15 for the public and bar members. Lunches will again be provided by the bar association for high school students and law students volunteering to be jurors. Also very important is the Liberty Bell Award. Barry Melton, Jim Nolan and Lisa Lance are serving as a committee to select a recipient. Please contact one of them prior to April 15 if you have any non-attorneys to nominate.

Submissions?

Send submissions for next month to Dan Maguire (maguirelaw@mac.com, 750 3661)

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