

Yolo County Bar Association Newsletter

January 2006

President Jim Nolan's Parting Shot

I came kicking & screaming into the officer rotation of the Yolo County Bar Association when asked by Larry Hoppin. I felt guilty that no one from my firm had taken a turn doing it. Through the four years in the different offices I have come to be pleased and satisfied that Larry had asked me to do it and that despite my gut feeling at the time that I agreed. Sure at times it has been some work. But it has also been a chance to meet and get to know better the other lawyers in the county with whom I sometimes don't get a lot of contact. It has been especially rewarding to work with Chad Carlock, Barry Melton, Lisa Lance, Courtney McKeon, Dan Maguire, David Reed and Harry Roth, the other officers with whom I have had the privilege of serving. That has been a real pleasure. And its comforting to know that the bar is in good hands with Lisa Lance incoming president and her fellow officers serving in 2006.

I have also been reminded that the lawyers in our Yolo community are honest, hard working, dedicated and well intentioned folks, who sincerely care about their clients, and the practice of law, but don't take themselves too seriously.

I have recommended to the new lawyers that have joined our bar over the past couple of years, that if they have a question, they should call one of their colleagues in the bar association, introduce themselves and ask for help and advice. I was instructed to do that when I started practicing with Roger Sans and Frank Gardner. I did and received a lot of help from people like Tom Purtell, Les Means, Kent Calfee, Dick Hoppin, Rob Millsap, David Young, Bill Schemel and many, many others. On occasion some folks have called me and I have given them my two cents. Our judges are equally accessible and helpful and have given their time and help to the bar and its members. That is a tradition that has existed in our relatively small legal community that I believe needs to be continued and practiced.

So, I urge all of you to become more active in the bar association during the coming year. The programs are the best bargain for MCLE credit around. And just coming to break bread and rub elbows with your colleagues is reward enough. My four years as an officer in the bar association has been rewarding to me and reminded me of what I like about practicing in our legal community. Thanks to all of you for allowing me the honor of serving as one of your officers.

Happy New Year,
Jim Nolan

Our Next Meeting

Topic: "Meet the Judges"

This program features the judges and commissioners of the Yolo County Superior Court. Come hear about the judges' assignments and the latest developments at the Court.

Speaker: Yolo County Superior Judges

When: Thursday, January 19th at noon.

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

Cost: \$ 15

**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.

Job Openings

We've received two job opening notices:

1. The Health Care Rights Hotline is hiring a supervising attorney. Five years' experience is required. Complete information about the position is available at <http://www.hrh.org/jobops.html>
2. Butte Superior Court is looking for a court commissioner. Ten years' experience is required. Complete information about the position is available at http://www.buttecourt.ca.gov/departments/human_resources/current_job_postings.htm

Learn How to Manage Meetings!

The UC Davis Extension two one-day courses in "Managing Complex Meetings." The courses are intended for "professionals who wish to build their capacity for collaboration and conflict resolution." The courses will be held on February 28

and March 1. Complete information is available at (800) 752-0881 or www.extension.ucdavis.edu/commonground

Election of YCBA Officers

We will elect officers for 2006 at January's meeting. The following people are running for the indicated offices:

President: Lisa Lance
Vice President: Dan Maguire
Treasurer: Courtenay McKeon
Secretary: Chad Carlock

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Upcoming Meetings

Here is a tentative schedule for our meetings in the next few months:

February – Mediation;
March – The Election for Yolo County District Attorney;
April – County Clerk/Record Freddie Oakley on Election Law; and
May - Law Day.

Open House

All members of the Yolo Bar are invited to an open house to welcome Laura Stodden Parker on Thursday, January 19, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at 510 Fourth Street, Davis. Laura relocated her practice to that location on October 1. The open house is hosted by Roger Gambatese, Mike Peterson and Stan Wells, all of whom practice at the same location. 510 Fourth Street is between D and E Streets in downtown Davis.

Office Space Available

Andy Thompson has called to announce that there is an office available in his building at 535 North Street in Woodland, CA for a lawyer or professional type practice. Plus, you get the good company of Andy Thompson and Chuck Jensen. The office is within walking distance to the courthouse and has the availability of law firm type amenities in a very attractive setting. Interested persons should contact Andy Thompson at 662-9144.

Submissions?

Send submissions for next month to Dan Maguire (maguirelaw@mac.com, 220 3871)

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