

PLACER COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S 28th ANNUAL 2019 SPRING MCLE CONFERENCE AT THE FALLS EVENT CENTER ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA APRIL 12-13, 2019

Friday, April 12

- 8:15am—8:45am: Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45am—9:00am: Opening Welcome
9:00am—10:30am: Breakout Session 1: Court Evidence
Breakout Session 2: Criminal Law Update
Breakout Session 3: Contracts—Do's, Don'ts and Helpful Tips to Avoid Litigation
10:30am—10:45am: Break with refreshments
10:45am—12:15pm: Breakout Session 1: Mediation and Settlements—Techniques to Best Assist Your Client
Breakout Session 2: Family Law Update
Breakout Session 3: Estate Planning—Fiduciary Accounts: Requirements, Issues and Common Mistakes
12:15pm—1:30pm: Hosted Lunch: Navigating the New Ethic Rules
1:30pm—1:45pm: Break with refreshments
1:45pm—2:45pm: Reflections on Justice (include Ethics credit)
2:45pm—3:00pm: Break with refreshments
3:00pm—4:30pm: Breakout Session 1: Hearsay and Objections: How to Keep Your Evidence In and Keep Theirs Out
Breakout Session 2: The Ethics of Prudent Probate Investments (includes Special Needs Trust Issues)
4:30pm—6:30pm: Reception

Saturday, April 13

- 8:00am—8:30am: Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30am—9:30am: How to Communicate with Difficult Clients
9:30am—9:45am: Break with refreshments
9:45am—11:15am: Breakout Session 1: Practice Management: Employment Law, Compliance and Ethics
Breakout Session 2: Estate Planning Court Research Attorney Panel
Breakout Session 3: Crim Law-Mental Capacity and Diversion Court
Breakout Session 4: XSpouse and the New 2019 Tax Laws Affecting Spousal Support
11:15am—11:30am: Break
11:30am—1:00pm: Hosted Lunch: ABA Law Day-Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society
1:00pm—1:15pm: Break with refreshments
1:15pm—2:45pm: Technology: Cloud Security and Cloud Software Applications
2:45pm—3:00pm: Break with refreshments
3:00pm—4:00pm: Competency

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Speaker Information

Court Evidence presented by the **Hon. Mark Curry**, Placer County Superior Court - Prior to an appointment to the bench for Placer County Superior Court by Gov. Schwarzenegger in 2007, Judge Curry worked for the Sacramento County District Attorney's office from 1986-2007.

Family Law Case Update presented by **Thomas Woodruff** - Mr. Woodruff is a CFLS and was President and on the board of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists as well as participating on the Executive Committee of the State Bar's Family Law Section. He has lectured in the area of family law for the ABA, CEB and for the PCBA in 2018. He is a partner with Woodruff, O'Hair, Posner and Salinger in Sacramento.

Contracts Breakout Session presented by **Russell Austin** and **Michael O'Neil** - Mr. Austin is a founding partner of Murphy Austin Adams & Schenfeld in Sacramento. A graduate of UC Santa Barbara and UC Berkeley Boalt Hall, Mr. Austin has taught courses on real estate transactions at King Hall and McGeorge and has been a speaker on numerous occasions. Mr. O'Neil works alongside Mr. Austin focusing on environmental matters and has been a speaker on several occasions on the topics of real estate, environmental issues and corporate issues.

Mediation and Settlements presented by the **Hon. Paul Beeman**, Ret., Solano County Superior Court. Sworn to the bench in Solano County in 2000, Judge Beeman is a McGeorge Alum. During his tenure on the Bench, he was the Supervising Civil Judge (just prior to retirement), Presiding Judge and Assistant Presiding Judge and Supervising Judge of the Vallejo branch. He has taught CEB courses on evidence/discovery, was on the faculty of the Straus Institute teaching mediation skills and co-sponsored the Straus Institute training sessions on mediation for Solano County judges and attorneys.

Criminal Law Update presented by **Noah Phillips**. After nearly 20 years prosecuting defendants through the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, Mr. Phillips is now in private practice representing defendants in white collar criminal actions as well as other clients.

Navigating the Ethics Rules presented by **Greg Fayard** - Mr. Fayard, former President of the PCBA, and is a graduate from McGeorge School of Law. In 2011, he was appointed by the Placer County Board of Supervisors as a county parks commissioner and currently serves as co-chair on Placer County's property tax assessment appeals board. He is a Certified Specialist in Legal Malpractice Law by the State Bar Board of Legal Specialization.

Reflections on Justice presented by the **Hon. Garen Horst** - Prior to becoming a Judge for the Placer County Superior Court, he was a prosecuting attorney with the Placer County District Attorney's Office and is actively involved with Inns of Court.

Hearsay and Objections presented by the **Hon. Michael Jones** - Before being appointed to the Placer County Superior Court by Gov. Brown, Judge Jones was a partner at Hansen, Kohls, et al., in Roseville. Judge Jones is a member of the Anthony M. Kennedy Inns of Court and is a member of ABOTA.

How Best to Communicate with Difficult Clients presented by **Cami McLaren**. Ms. McLaren became a certified coach after practicing law for 16 years. She has presented to the PCBA on several occasions and presented to law firms on time management, productivity and communication skills.

The Ethics of Prudent Probate Investments presented by **Scott MacDonald** - Mr. Macdonald is a senior vice president - wealth management and senior financial advisor with Merrill Lynch. He is a certified special needs advisor and with a senior portfolio manager designation in the PIA program. He is a consulting author and editor of attorney training manuals relating to special needs trusts,

Mental Capacity Issues presented by **Eugene Roeder, Ph.D.** - Auburn Clinical and Forensic psychologist has testified on numerous occasions in both criminal matters and family law matters. He has been a speaker at numerous seminars.

Employment Law, Compliance & Ethics presented by **David Daniels** - Mr. Daniels frequently speaks to association and corporate events on the topic of employment law and has been a speaker for the PCBA on employment law issues. He is a partner at Freeman Mathis & Gary in Roseville and is vice-chair of the Firm's Commercial Litigation/Directors & Officers National Practice Section.

XSpouse and Family Law tax issues presented by **Trevor Hensley** and **Beverly Brautigam** - Mr. Hensley practices family law with Herrig Vogt's Granite Bay office and will discuss the use of XSpouse program used by our local courts. Ms. Brautigam is a CPA with a MBA in taxation. She frequently consults on family law tax issues and is a court-appointed expert in this field. Ms. Brautigam will discuss the new 2019 tax issues affecting spousal support.

First Amendment Constitutional Law presented by **Prof. John Sims** - Prof. Sims teaches constitutional law at McGeorge School of Law. Receiving his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and his law degree from Harvard, he has written many articles and has spoken on many occasions concerning the First Amendment. He will discuss free speech with a focus on Justice Kennedy's Opinion of the Court in the *Packingham v. North Carolina* matter.

Probate and Estate Planning Court Panel will include Placer County Superior Court Senior Research Attorney P. Ryan Bowen and two other attorneys

Law Office Technology presented by **Joseph O'Donnell** and **Betty Nelson** - Mr. O'Donnell and Ms. Nelson are from Terrapin Technology. Mr. O'Donnell holds certificates in IT and has provided support and training in numerous software programs relating to law offices, real estate and probate/estate planning practices. Ms. Nelson's background includes over 21 years in legal support, most of which was at Downey Brand in Sacramento to include Information Services Manager.

Competency presented by **David Mann** - As a Northern California consultant for The Other Bar, Mr. Mann speaks frequently on the issue of substance abuse and is highly regarded in his presentations on this issue.

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