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Section Meetings

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[OCBA Labor & Employment Law Section Meeting](#)

Topic: Traps, Tactics, and Trends: Advanced Arbitration Strategies Under FAA and CAA

Speakers: **Michelle Reynolds, Esq.**, *THE Legal Advocate*; **George Bean, Esq.**, *George Bean Law*
 Use the [Labor & Employment Law Listserv](#) to connect.

7/7

[OCBA Elder Law & Special Needs Section Meeting](#)

Topic: Extra! Extra! Read All About it! What the Courts Did to Us-2024/2025 Annual Case Law Update

Speakers: **Marshal A. Oldman**, *Oldman, Salus & Gold, L.L.P.*; **Marc L. Salus**, *Oldman, Salus & Gold, L.L.P.*
 Use the [Elder Law & Special Needs Listserv](#) to connect.

7/7

[OCBA Immigration Law Section Meeting](#)

Topic: Removal Proceedings before EOIR: Courtroom Procedure and Legal Representation

Speaker: **Angelica Rice, Esq.**, *Santos Loyd Law Firm, P.C.*
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[OCBA Trusts & Estates Section Meeting](#)

Topic: Harnessing the Power of §17206:



Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund

RAISE YOUR GLASS

A WINE TASTING AND CHARITY AWARDS BENEFIT

AUG 14
 NEWPORT BEACH COUNTRY CLUB
 6:30 to 8:30 PM

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OCBA Charitable Fund Announces 2025 Annual Benefit Honorees

The Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund is pleased to announce the honorees of its 2025 Annual Benefit Raise Your Glass: **Justice William W. Bedsworth (Ret.)** as Individual Honoree, **FBFK Law** as Law Firm Honoree, and **Public Law Center** as Community Partner Honoree. The honorees will be recognized on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2025 during the annual benefit held at Newport Beach Country Club.

Interested in being an event sponsor? Follow the [link](#) for sponsorships that are still available.

Featured Seminar



ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
 Education Committee Presents

In Person **9.0 CLE Credits**

LITIGATION TRAINING SERIES (LTS)

Deposition Workshop

WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS - BEGINNING JULY 30, 2025

Wednesday Lectures: July 30 & August 6, 5:30 – 8:15 PM
Saturday Workshops: August 2 & August 9, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
 4101 Westerly Place, Newport Beach, CA 92660 (Free Parking)

REGISTER ONLINE AT [ocbar.org](#) Advance registration required. For assistance, please contact the OCBA at [education@ocbar.org](#).

DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF SPEAKERS

Justice Halim Chandana, Ret. Signature Resolution	Ryan M. Fawaz Katten Muchin
Lindsey Aiken Allen Campbell Heiska Weaver LLP	Michael Friedland Friedland Cranford
Avi Altal CDF Labor Law LLP	Ben Katzenellenbogen Knobbe Martens
Joseph L. Chainez Sabin Webster	Mark Wilson Klein & Wilson
Gerald Klein Klein & Wilson	Vikki Vander Woude California Court of Appeal

OCBA Litigation Training Series: Deposition Workshop

Strategic Relief

Speakers: Roger J. Buffington, *Buffington Law Firm*; Rye Mhtar, *Buffington Law Firm*
Use the [Trusts & Estates Listserv](#) to connect.

7/10

OCBA Tax Law Section Meeting

Topic: Estate Planning for NRA
Speaker: Cynthia Wu, *Concord & Wisdom, APC*
Use the [Tax Law Listserv](#) to connect.

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CBA Trusts & Estates Section Social & Seminar

Use the [Trusts & Estates Listserv](#) to connect.

7/14

OCBA Criminal Law Section Meeting

Topic: Breaking the Glass Ceiling
Speaker: Judge Kimberly Menninger, *Orange County Superior Court*
Use the [Criminal Law Listserv](#) to connect.

[Click here](#) for upcoming section meetings.

OCBA Affiliate Bars & Supported Charities

Association of Business Trial Lawyers - Orange County Chapter

Dinner Program

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

51st Annual Seminar

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 - Sunday, October 12, 2025

Celtic Bar Association**Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Community Legal Aid SoCal**Justice Served**

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Constitutional Rights Foundation,**Orange County****2025 Annual Benefit**

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Elder Law and Disability Rights Center**Federal Bar Association - Orange County**

July Bench and Bar with the Hon. Patrick Bumatay, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Quarterly Judicial Lunch with the Hon. James V. Selna

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

YLD Roundtable Lunch with the Hon. Kenneth K. Lee

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Annual Judges' Night

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Filipino-American Lawyers of Orange County

2025 FLOC Family Picnic and General Meeting

Saturday, August 2, 2025

8th Annual Gala

Friday, October 3, 2025

Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County

A Night of Baseball at Angel Stadium

Presented by the OCBA Education Committee

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

[Click here](#) to register online.

OCBA News



Call for Nominations: 2025 Harmon G. Scoville Award

Deadline: 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 5, 2025

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2025 Harmon G. Scoville Award. This prestigious award was established in 1990, in honor of the retiring Appellate Court Presiding Justice Harmon G. Scoville. The nominee must be a member of the Orange County legal community whose career exemplifies the highest standards of the legal profession and who has significantly contributed to the Orange County Bar Association and championed our constitutional system of justice. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please [download the nomination form](#).

Enter the Legal Humor Column Contest: The OCBA is Looking to Feature a Legal Humor Column in an Upcoming Issue

Deadline: Sunday, August 10, 2025

ENTRY RULES::

- Contestants must be 18 years or older and reside in the United States. Longstanding OC Lawyer humor columnists may not apply. Contestants do not need to be licensed attorneys.
- An individual contestant may submit up to three original entries.
- Submissions should be emailed to gialisa@gmail.com, cc: epalacios@ocbar.org, by **August 10, 2025**, as a Word document or Google document with the subject "LEGAL HUMOR COLUMN".
- Each submission must be between 900 and 1800 words and must be an unpublished, original work by the author.
- Submitting an entry warrants that it is an original work, not written by AI, and indicates that you agree with the terms in the [writer's contract](#). Anonymous submissions will not be considered, but pen names will be considered.

Two winners will be selected: (1) The best submission from an Affiliate Bar member, and (2) the best at-large legal humor column.

PRIZE:

The winning two entries will be published in an upcoming issue of the award-winning Orange County Lawyer Magazine. After publication, you will receive a complimentary high-resolution PDF of your published article (a \$150 value) for you to circulate as desired.

[View the full contest details here.](#)

Worthy Mentions

- [Recruitment Notice for Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Lawyer Representatives](#)
Deadline Extended: July 7, 2025
- [Invitation to Comment: Disqualification and Disclosure Requirements Under the Racial Justice Act](#)
Deadline to Comment: Monday, July 11, 2025
- [Orange County Superior Court: Judicial Mentor Program is Hosting a Hybrid Event on July 15](#)
- [Independence Day](#)
- [Commission Confirms Appointments to Appellate Court in Los Angeles](#)

Thursday, July 24, 2025
End of Summer Mixer
 Thursday, August 28, 2025
Annual Judge's BBQ
 Sunday, September 21, 2025

[Iranian American Bar Association - Orange County Chapter](#)

[Italian American Lawyers of Orange County—Lex Romana](#)

[J. Reuben Clark Law Society](#)

[Orange County Asian American Bar Association](#)

31st Annual Installation Dinner
 Thursday, July 10, 2025
Moon Festival
 Thursday, September 18, 2025

[Orange County Association of Affinity Judicial Officers](#)

[Orange County Collaborative Courts Foundation](#)

[Orange County Criminal Defense Bar Association](#)

[Orange County Jewish Bar Association](#)

[Orange County Korean American Bar Association](#)

Joint Badminton + Lunch w/ VABASC
 Saturday, July 19, 2025
Taste of Korea
 Wednesday, August 27, 2025

[Orange County Lavender Bar Association](#)

Fifteenth Anniversary
 Wednesday, July 16, 2025

[Orange County Trial Lawyers Association](#)

Trivia Night
 Thursday, July 24, 2025

[Orange County Women Lawyers Association](#)

Book Club
 Monday, June 30, 2025
Past Presidents' Tea
 Saturday, July 19, 2025
Women Judges Reception
 Thursday, August 21, 2025
Golden Legacy Gala
 Thursday, October 16, 2025

[Project Youth OC](#)

[Public Law Center](#)
Annual Halloween Bash
 Friday, October 24, 2025

[Thurgood Marshall Bar Association](#)
So You Want to Be a Judge Fireside Chat
 Wednesday, July 16, 2025
Quarterly Membership Mixer
 Tuesday, July 29, 2025

[Veterans Legal Institute](#)

- [Chief Justice Appoints 5 New Judicial Council Members](#)
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- [Orange County Superior Court - Public Notice: Electronic Fee Payment Now Available for Civil Complex Cases Effective June 27th, 2025](#)
- [Welcome New OCBA Members](#)

Have Good News of Your Own to Share? Contact OCBA Communications Manager Erick Palacios at epalacios@ocbar.org to acknowledge your achievement through the OCBA.

Events

JULY 10, 2025

[OCBA Trusts & Estates Section Social & Seminar](#)



JULY 15, 2025

[OCBA Mommy Esquire Monthly Meeting](#)

JULY 29, 2025

[Justice Kathleen E. O'Leary's Retirement Reception](#)

JULY 30, 2025

[OCBA Litigation Training Series: Deposition Workshop](#)

For all Wednesday Sessions: Registration begins at 5:00 PM | Program starts at 5:30 PM

For all Saturday Sessions: Registration Begins at 9:00 AM | Session starts at 9:30 AM

AUGUST 14, 2025

[OCBA Charitable Fund Annual Benefit](#)

SAVE THE DATE

- **10/25 - OCBA Community Fair**
 Do YOU have what it takes to WOW THE CROWD? Record a video (max 5 mins) showcasing your act and submit it to www.ocbar.org/talent by **September 1, 2025**.
 Click here to view the [Audition Flyer](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

[Second Harvest Food Bank: Food From the Bar Orange County](#)

June 1 - June 30, 2025

Food From The Bar is an annual campaign held each June among Orange County's legal community. This friendly competition includes fundraising through our Virtual Food Drive platform and volunteering. The goal is to raise awareness and funds to provide critically needed nutritious food to children, families, and seniors in OC who are experiencing food insecurity. Since its inception in 2017, Food From The Bar has raised over \$500,000!

[Click here](#) for more information on how to donate.

[Orangewood Children and Family Center Playdate](#)

Presented by the OCBA Community Outreach Committee and Young Lawyers Division
 Saturday, July 12, 2025

Orangewood Children and Family Center cares for children who are victims of neglect and abuse. This is an opportunity to participate in a memorable volunteer experience.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Project Youth OC: Project SELF Internship Program*June 10 - August 1, 2025*

This year, Project Youth OC proudly celebrates 30 years of Project Self, a program that has changed the lives of more than 1,600 students since its inception in 1995. Over the past three decades, Project SELF has provided high school students from underserved communities with paid internships at law firms and law-related businesses throughout Orange County. [Click here](#) for more information.

Orange County District Attorney's Office - Trial Attorney Partnership (TAP)

The Orange County District Attorney's Office established the Trial Attorney Partnership (TAP) program to offer a select group of private attorneys the opportunity to gain invaluable courtroom experience. Through TAP, participants handle contested evidentiary hearings, litigate motions, and conduct jury trials. View the [informational brochure](#) or [flyer](#) detailing the program and featuring testimonials from former participants. Attorneys considering the program will be provided with comprehensive training, valuable courtroom experience, and the opportunity to earn significant MCLE credits—all at no cost. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the OCDA at TAP-Program@ocdapa.org.

Level Up For Justice

Family Law Pro Bono Opportunities with the Public Law Center are ongoing and available.

Level 1 pro bono help includes a free consultation and advice. **Level 2 pro bono help** includes a free consultation, document preparation, and advice. **Level 3 pro bono help** includes a free consultation, document preparation, advice, plus representation. Contact Angela Mestre (Pro Bono Coordinator, Public Law Center) via email at amestre@publiclawcenter.org for more information.

Orange County Superior Court - Ambassador Recruitment Program

The Orange County Superior Court serves 3.2 million residents in the third most populated county in the State of California. As the 6th largest court in the nation, the Orange County Superior Court hosts hundreds of visitors every year. The ambassador program is designed to help these visitors gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the work of the Court, its history, and the art, and architecture of the building. All applicants are required to submit a completed online application, have the proper attachments, and answer the supplemental questionnaire. Interested in applying? Email CommunityEngagement@occourts.org.

Veterans Legal Institute Family Law Clinic - Remote Volunteer Opportunity

If you're a family law attorney, you can advise a veteran on his or her case from the comfort of your own home. VLI seeks volunteers to the monthly Family Law Clinic on the **last Friday of the month** from 1 PM - 4 PM. Clients receive a free consultation from a family law attorney on his or her Southern California family law case. For more information, please contact Katie Binkley at kbinkley@vetslegal.com.

Veterans Legal Institute General Legal Clinic - Remote Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for an easy way to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? VLI seeks attorney volunteers each **third Tuesday of the month** to conduct 20 minute phone interviews with veterans around Southern California. For more information, please contact Katie Binkley at kbinkley@vetslegal.com.

CLA SoCal: Remote Pro Bono Opportunity: Unlawful Detainer Answer Clinic

Assist low-income tenants facing eviction during the pandemic by helping to prepare answers to Unlawful Detainer complaints in this remote clinic that takes place **every Tuesday, shifts at 1:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.** Volunteers and clients "meet" via a conference call, and housing staff attorneys are available to provide real-time assistance in a video conference room for the duration of the clinic. Watch the [45-minute prerecorded training video here](#). To sign up, please email Monica Mar, Associate Director of Pro Bono at mmar@clsocal.org.

CLA SoCal: Remote Pro Bono Opportunity: Eviction Defense: Trial Co-Counsel

CLA SoCal is seeking attorneys with jury trial experience to co-counsel eviction cases with CLA SoCal staff attorneys. Volunteers will work with CLA SoCal staff to prepare the case for jury trial, conduct discovery, participate in settlement discussions, and represent clients at trial, all with the support of a housing staff attorney. To sign up, please email Monica Mar, Associate Director of Pro Bono at mmar@clsocal.org.

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OCBA HELP-Line – Join the **Hotline of Experienced Legal Professionals** to provide brief consultations in your area of practice to inquiring OCBA Attorney Members.



The [OCBA Lawyer Referral & Information Service](#) is NOW accepting 2025 LRIS New Member Applications.

Join for only \$225 to receive referrals now through 2025! Discounted for OCBA Members only.

[Click here](#) to join or email Iris@ocbar.org for more information.

Young Lawyers Division

Learn more about the [OCBA Young Lawyers Division](#) or [join today!](#) Visit the OCBA calendar to find great opportunities to connect with fellow YLD members.

AUGUST 29, 2025

[OCBA Young Lawyers Division: Summer Mixer & Watch Party](#)

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

[OCBA YLD Angels Game Night 2025](#)

Join your fellow OCBA Young Lawyers Division members for an Angels Game Night as the **Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim** take on the **Houston Astros**

Masters Division

The OCBA Masters Division is open to practitioners with 25 years or more in the practice of law. Learn more about the [OCBA Masters Division](#) or [join today](#) and discover unique networking opportunities.



Law School Corner

OCBA Law Student Members:

Launching a successful legal career starts here! [Click here](#) to learn more about your membership benefits.

Law students are invited to participate in one of the 26 OCBA Specialty Sections which focus on professional growth and are a great resource to explore various areas of law. Attend your first section meeting for free, contact membership@ocbar.org to sign up.

- [MLS vs JD: Which Legal Path Is Right for You?](#)



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