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## Section Meetings

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[OCBA Trusts & Estates Section Meeting](#)  
**Topic:** Trust Mediation 2025  
**Speaker:** Hon. Glen M. Reiser (Ret.), JAMS  
 Use the [Trusts & Estates Listserv](#) to connect.

4/22  
[OCBA Tort & Trial Section Meeting](#)  
**Topic:** TBI from a Neuroradiologist Standpoint  
**Speaker:** David M. Wilson, M.D., Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine  
 Use the [Tort & Trial Needs Listserv](#) to connect.

4/22  
[OCBA Real Estate Law Section Meeting](#)  
**Topic:** Structured Installment Sales: A tax Deferral Solution in the Sale of Real Estate or Business  
**Speakers:** Traci Kaas, Kaas Settlement Consulting; Chad Ettmueller, JCR Settlements, LLC  
 Use the [Real Estate Law Listserv](#) to connect.

4/24  
[OCBA Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Section Meeting](#)  
**Topic:** Annual Consumer Law Update  
**Speakers:** Hon. Theodor Albert, Chief Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California; Hon. Scott Clarkson, United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California; Misty

## OCBA Announces 2025 Nominating Committee

The following members have been appointed by OCBA President-Elect **Shirin Forootan**, *Forootan Law*, to serve on the 2025 Nominating Committee. **Shirin Forootan**, *Forootan Law*, *Committee Chair*; **Joseph L. Chairez**, *Baker & Hostetler LLP*; **Justin W. Fong**; **Caroline R. Hahn**, *Hahn Attorneys LLP*; **Nikki Presley Miliband**, *Good Wildman*; **Sara C. Nakada**, *Orange County Public Defender's Office*; **Sharon Oh-Kubisch**, *Kahana & Feld LLP*; **Daniel S. Robinson**, *Robinson Calcagnie, Inc.*; **Eric V. Traut**, *Traut Injury Law*; **Mei Tsang**, *Umberg Zipser LLP*; **Lesley D. Young**, *Orange County District Attorney's Office*; **Christina M. Zabat-Fran**, *Lanvin Group*; **Dean J. Zipser**, *Umberg Zipser LLP*.

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## OCBA 2025 Nominating Committee



## OCBA Charitable Fund Judge Kenneth Lae Charity Golf Scramble

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Monarch Beach Golf Links, Dana Point

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Tee up for charity at the ever-popular Judge Kenneth Lae Charity Golf Scramble! Proceeds benefit the OCBA Charitable Fund, the philanthropic arm of the OCBA, which provides funding and resources to organizations and programs that enhance the system of justice and promote equal justice for all. [Register online](#) for the **dinner social** portion of the evening. [download the event flyer](#) for more information.

Perry Isaacson, *Pagter and Perry Isaacson, APLC*; Anerio Altman, *Golden Goodrich*; Amrane Cohen, Chapter 13 Trustee (Santa Ana)  
Use the [Commercial Law & Bankruptcy Listserv](#) to connect.

4/25

#### [OCBA Workers' Compensation Section Meeting](#)

**Topic:** Substantial Medical Evidence for Trial- A View From The Bench

**Speaker:** Hon. James P. Finete

Use the [Workers' Compensation Listserv](#) to connect.

4/28

#### [OCBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Meeting](#)

**Topic:** SB 940: Latest Developments in ADR Certification & How to Avoid the Risks

**Speakers:** John Derrick, Esq., *Alternative Resolution Centers and American Arbitration Association*; Marc Alexander, Esq., *Alternative Resolution Centers*

Use the [Alternative Dispute Resolution Listserv](#) to connect.

4/30

#### [OCBA Business Litigation Section Meeting](#)

**Topic:** What's New In 2025? A Review of New Statutes, New Rules, & New Cases: What Every Business Litigator Needs to Know

**Speakers:** Matt Fletcher, *Tucker Ellis*; Douglas Hedenkamp, *Tucker Ellis*; Andrew Johnson, *Tucker Ellis*; Tyler Palmer, *Tucker Ellis*; Anika Prednis, *Tucker Ellis*; Scarlet Rush, *Tucker Ellis*; Shaun Hoting, *Keller Anderle & Scolnick*

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#### [OCBA Appellate Law Section Meeting](#)

Use the [Appellate Law Listserv](#) to connect.

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#### [OCBA Workers' Compensation Section Meeting](#)

Use the [Workers' Compensation Listserv](#) to connect.

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

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

### Be Cautious When Seeking to Withdraw: Confidentiality Still Applies



Occasionally, lawyers find themselves in a situation in which withdrawal is required or permitted. These circumstances must be handled with great care in order to avoid adding additional risks to an otherwise already unfortunate situation. [Click here](#) to read more about this risk management tip. Acrisure is OCBA's member benefit provider for Lawyers Professional Liability Insurance, Workers' Compensation Insurance, and Business Package Policies. [Apply today.](#)

### OCBA Affiliate Bars & Supported Charities

## Featured Seminar

**ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
 Education Committee Presents

In-Person **1.0 CLE Credit**

## OCBAR INSIGHTS: PROMISES AND PITFALLS WITH RETURN TO OFFICE DIRECTIVES

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Registration & Dinner: 5:00 – 5:30 P.M. | Program: 5:30 – 6:30 P.M.  
Orange County Bar Association | 4101 Westerly Place, Newport Beach

**SPEAKERS**

**Bicvan Brown**  
*Tressler LLP*

**Samuel Nielson**  
*Elite Employment Law APC*

[Register online at ocbar.org](#)     Advance registration required. For assistance, please contact the OCBA at [education@ocbar.org](mailto:education@ocbar.org).

### [OCBAR Insights: Promises and Pitfalls with Return to Office Directives](#)

*Presented by the OCBA Education Committee*

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

[Click here](#) to register online.

## OCBA News

### Worthy Mentions

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- [Orange County Superior Court: Rules and Forms - Invitation to Comment - Spring 2025](#)
- [Welcome New OCBA Members](#)

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## Events

**APRIL 23, 2025**

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

**APRIL 24 - APRIL 25, 2025**

[California Lawyers Association 2025 Litigation and Appellate Summit](#)

**APRIL 28, 2025**

[OCBA Seminar: Trauma-Informed Lawyering](#)

**\*FOURSOMES FULL\***

**APRIL 29, 2025**

[OCBA Charitable Fund Judge Kenneth Lae Charity Golf Scramble](#)

**APRIL 29, 2025**

[OCBA Charitable Fund Judge Kenneth Lae Charity Golf Tournament Dinner Social](#)

**MAY 9, 2025**

[OCBA, PLC, and OC Superior Court Immigration Information Session 1](#)

**Association of Business Trial Lawyers - Orange County Chapter**

**Joint Board of Governors Retreat**  
Friday, May 2, 2025 - Sunday, May 4, 2025

**Robert Palmer Wine Tasting Event and Dinner Program**  
Wednesday, May 21, 2025

**Celtic Bar Association**

**Monthly Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025  
**Monthly Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 15, 2025

**Community Legal Aid SoCal**

**Constitutional Rights Foundation, Orange County**

**Elder Law and Disability Rights Center**

**Federal Bar Association - Orange County**

**Civil Practice Seminar**  
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

**Filipino-American Lawyers of Orange County**

**Bayanihan Brunch featuring Filipino Cuisine**  
Saturday, April 26, 2025  
**Filipino Heritage Night at the Angels Stadium**  
Tuesday, June 24, 2025

**Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County**

**Mentorship Hike**  
Saturday, April 26, 2025  
**Spring Coffee Meetup**  
Friday, May 2, 2025  
**2025 Cinco De Mayo Event**  
Thursday, May 8, 2025  
**Memorial Day Weekend Seminar - Puerto Vallarta**  
Wednesday, May 21, 2025 - Monday, May 26, 2025  
**Salsa Night Event**  
Thursday, June 5, 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**

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Installation Dinner**  
Thursday, July 10, 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**

**Orange County Lavender Bar Association**

**Orange County Trial Lawyers Association**

**Tech You Need to Run Your Firm in 2025**  
Thursday, April 24, 2025  
**Palm Springs Seminar 2025**  
Thursday, May 1, 2025 - Saturday, May 3, 2025  
**Annual Golf Tournament**  
Friday, June 6, 2025

**ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION** **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE** **Public Law Center**

The Superior Court of California - County of Orange,  
Orange County Bar Association and Public Law Center Present

**IMMIGRATION INFORMATION SESSION 1:**  
What Attorneys Representing Individuals Need to Know to Be Prepared

**Friday, May 9, 2025**  
Registration: 11:45 a.m. | Program: 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.  
Orange County Superior Court, Department C30, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701  
**Hybrid - In Person and Zoom**

**SPEAKERS**  
**Hon. Sheila Hanson**  
Assistant Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of Orange County  
**Monica Glicksen**  
Executive Director  
Public Law Center  
**Lisa D. Ramirez**  
Founding Partner  
U.S. Immigration Law Group, LLP

Register Online at [ocbar.org](https://ocbar.org)

**1.0**  
General CLE  
Credit

**MAY 13, 2025**

**OCBAR Insights: Promises and Pitfalls with Return to Office Directives**

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**MAY 15, 2025**

**OCBA Mommy Esquire Committee Dinner and a Show**

**MAY 15, 2025**

**OCBA Veterans & Military Committee: 2025 Firearms Laws Update**

**MAY 16, 2025**

**OCBA Mommy Esquire Committee: Greening Your Spring Cleaning**

**MAY 19, 2025**

**Justice Thomas M. Goethals Retirement Reception**

**MAY 20, 2025**

**OCBA Masters, YLD, and Mentoring Committee: Speed Mentoring & Networking Event**

**MAY 22, 2025**

**OCBA, PLC, and OC Superior Court Immigration Information Session 2**

**ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION** **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE** **Public Law Center**

The Superior Court of California - County of Orange,  
Orange County Bar Association and Public Law Center Present

**IMMIGRATION INFORMATION SESSION 2:**  
What Attorneys Representing Businesses Need to Know to Be Prepared

**Thursday, May 22, 2025**  
Registration: 11:30 a.m. | Program: 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Orange County Bar Association, 4101 Westerly Place, Newport Beach, CA 92660  
**In Person Only**

**SPEAKERS**  
**Monica Glicksen**  
Executive Director  
Public Law Center  
**Brigid Joyce**  
Associate General Counsel  
and Supervising Attorney  
Public Law Center  
**Flavia Santos Lloyd**  
Founder and Managing Attorney  
Santos Lloyd Law Firm P.C.

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**MAY 24, 2025**

**OCBA Hike**

**MAY 29, 2025**

**OCBA Veterans & Military Committee: Introduction to Veterans Benefits and Discharge Upgrades**

**SAVE THE DATE**

- 6/5 - **OCBA Summer Social: Celebrating Excellence Through Diversity**
- 6/14 - **OCBA Artificial Intelligence Symposium**
- 6/17 - **OCBA Veterans & Military Committee and Celtic Bar Association Joint Event**

## Volunteer Opportunities



### [Orange County Women Lawyers Association](#)

#### **Book Club**

Monday, April 28, 2025

#### **Spring Coffee Meetup**

Friday, May 2, 2025

#### **Book Club**

Monday, May 19, 2025

### [Project Youth OC](#)

### [Public Law Center](#)

#### **Volunteers For Justice Annual Dinner**

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

### [Thurgood Marshall Bar Association](#)

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration & Scholarship Brunch**

Saturday, June 21, 2025

### [Veterans Legal Institute](#)

### [OCBA Earth Day Cleanup](#)

*Presented by the OCBA Community Outreach Committee*

*Saturday, April 26, 2025*

Join the OCBA and Surfrider's Adopt-A-Channel: Santa Ana River cleanup! The Santa Ana River starts in Big Bear and has numerous streams that feed into it before dumping into the ocean. You will walk amongst the grass in the riverbed searching for trash that has found its way there before dumping into the ocean. Please help keep our ocean clean!

[Click here](#) for more information.

### [Pack a To-Go Lunch Bag](#)

*Presented by the OCBA Community Outreach Committee*

*Saturday, May 3, 2025*

OCBA members are asked to bring a minimum of 10 completed lunch bags. A donation of a multi-pack of socks and/or underwear would also be appreciated.

[Click here](#) for more information.

### [Drive-Thru Pet Food Pantry](#)

*Presented by the OCBA Community Outreach Committee and Young Lawyers Division*

*Saturday, May 10, 2025*

Come volunteer at the monthly OC Animal Care drive-through Pet Food Pantry which provides members of our community, who may be encountering financial difficulties, with food supply for their pets. This event helps pet parents keep their pet and not have to rehome or relinquish their pet at a shelter.

[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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mmar@clsocal.org).

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[Click here](#) to join or email [Iris@ocbar.org](mailto: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.

**MAY 20, 2025**

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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.



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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](mailto:membership@ocbar.org) to sign up.

- [Immigration Clinic Alumni Panel & Mixer Draws Full House of Students and Alumni](#)



- [UC Irvine Law Students Shine at 2025 Moot Court Competition Finals](#)



- [Photos: UC Irvine Law Hosts Memorable 2025 Admitted Students Weekend](#)

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