



OCBA ELECTION 2020 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Larisa M. Dinsmoor



Larisa Dinsmoor is committed to the Orange County Bar Association and its members. She is currently the OCBA Treasurer and chairs the Finance Committee and Investment Sub-Committee. She is also active in the State Bar Task Force, Pro Bono Committee and Diversity Committee. In addition, she has held leadership roles in the Homeless Task Force, Editorial Advisory Committee, and International Law Section.

Larisa serves the greater Orange County community as a Deputy Public Defender, where she has worked for over thirteen years. In her free time, Larisa volunteers with international organizations to enhance the rule of law in developing countries. She has worked with lawyers and judges in Myanmar, Laos, and Cambodia.

Larisa wants every OCBA member to know that their voice matters. Please vote for Larisa Dinsmoor for OCBA President-Elect.

TREASURER

Daniel S. Robinson



As Treasurer, Dan will work to ensure that the OCBA's finances remain in good condition. He will work with OCBA members and consultants with expertise in finance to help steer the OCBA's investments in the right direction. Dan is currently OCBA Secretary and Charitable Fund Secretary, and has four years of experience as an OCBA Board of Director. He is Pro Bono Committee Co-Chair and has held many leadership roles, including 2018 President of Project Youth OCBF and Board of Directors for CAOC, Loyola Law School and Public Law Center. He has served on OCBA's Judiciary Committee, Civility Task Force, Mentoring Committee, 1L Kickstart Program, Strategic Planning Task Force and State Bar Task Force. Dan is also a member of several affiliate bars and humbly seeks your vote as Treasurer so he can continue serving the OCBA legal community.

SECRETARY (Elect 1)

Michael A. Gregg



Michael Gregg is a partner in the Irvine office of Littler Mendelson, representing employers in labor and employment matters.

Michael is a member of the OCBA Board of Directors and has proudly served on the Board for five years. Michael also serves on the OCBA Diversity Committee, Lawyer Referral & Information Service Committee, Administration of Justice Committee, Legislative Resolutions Committee and as Chair of the OC Lawyer Magazine Editorial Advisory Committee. He has also served on the OCBA Judiciary Committee and Strategic Plan Task Force. Michael is also one of the founding members of the Thurgood Marshall Bar Association, an affiliate of the OCBA.

Given the changes being considered by the State Bar (such as allowing non-lawyers to provide specified legal advice, permitting certified entities to use technology to deliver legal services and allowing non-lawyers to hold a financial interest in law firms), Michael believes it is increasingly important for the OCBA to focus on supporting and connecting OCBA members.

As part of this initiative, Michael will advocate for the creation of an OCBA App to provide members with the ability to more readily access the resources of the OCBA. He will also push for the creation of the "OCBA Marketplace" to support OCBA members with additional resources and or negotiated discounts on a range of matters such as an e-Discovery/IT consortium, finding or leasing office space and resources to enable underrepresented attorneys to proactively engage with the broader legal community. Finally, Michael would form an Access to Justice Task Force comprised of the brightest minds in Orange County including practitioners, academia and the Courts to identify pragmatic solutions to increase access to justice. This would provide an opportunity for the OCBA to lead the nation and play a more active role with regard to some of the recommendations being considered by the State Bar.

Michael obtained his JD and BA from USC. He enjoys watching USC Football and the LA Lakers, working out, and watching films. He is happily married and the proud father of three girls. For more information, visit <http://Michael4OCBA.com>.

Christina M. Zabat-Fran



Christina Zabat-Fran is the Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for St. John Knits, the American heritage fashion brand founded in Orange County and known for its over fifty-five year history dressing confident women.

Recognized by the Orange County Business Journal as General Counsel Rising Star of the Year, Christina has led legal affairs for the multinational company during a crucial era of its evolution and global expansion.

Christina speaks nationally on the topics of counseling business clients, the attorney's voice in the boardroom, and professional growth. She received her law degree from UC Irvine School of Law, where she was a leader in the law school's prestigious inaugural class, helping build an institution that's become a national force as it shakes up traditional legal education. She became one of the school's most accomplished early stakeholders, working with Dean Erwin Chemerinsky to start the student bar association and the law review, for which she was co-editor-in-chief.

Christina has been extremely committed to public service and to the community. She has been an OCBA board member for four years, and has served as Chair of the Corporate Counsel Section and Chair of the Membership Task Force. She has also served on the Finance, Insurance, Strategic Planning, Legislative Resolutions, State Bar, Leadership Development, Mentoring, Pro Bono, and Diversity Committees. Christina believes that the Orange County Bar should be a key source for attorney members to meet fellow talented attorneys, judges, neutrals, and for attorneys in the private sector, prospective clients, to better serve our increasingly diverse business community. For example, she founded an annual event on behalf of the OCBA that features must-know general counsel who share their perspective, mentorship and inimitable insight with rising stars from the Orange County Bar's Young Lawyers Division.

Beyond her leadership in the legal and business communities, Christina loves dedicating time to the arts and cooking up delicious meals for family and friends. She believes that the OCBA should provide its attorney members with positive community-building events to support balancing their practice with life's other pursuits.

Thank you for your support, and please visit <http://www.christina4ocba.com>.

DIRECTORS – AT – LARGE (Elect 4)

Antoinette N. Balta



As a dedicated member of the Orange County pro bono legal community, I am honored to be a nominee for the position of Director-at-Large for the OCBA for a second term.

I am the Executive Director and Co-Founder of Veterans Legal Institute, a nonprofit military-specific legal aid organization that provides life changing services to homeless and at-risk veterans. I have a unique understanding of the practical use of legal skills to combat homelessness and hope to bring opportunities to do so to the OCBA and its membership. I am a JAG officer in the California State Guard holding the rank of Major and a member of the 2018 bipartisan Presidential Leadership Scholars Cohort structured by the presidential administrations of Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush, and

Lyndon B. Johnson.

I am Vice Chair of the Military and Health Law Advisory Board for the Health Law Section of the ABA, steering committee member of the OC Veterans and Military Families Collaborative and Chair of its Legal/Re-Entry Working Group, and a former AmeriCorps Equal Justice Works Legal Fellow.

I have been a member of the OCBA for over ten years and have assisted on various committees and aspire to contribute further to our local legal community in a greater capacity. Now empowered with more institutional knowledge, I am excited for the opportunity to continue to serve as Director-at-Large and look forward to making valuable contributions to my fellow members and the citizens we serve. To that end, my goals include providing more tangible opportunities for service to the OCBA, enhancing professionalism amongst its constituents and the greater California bar at large, and promoting networking opportunities amongst attorneys and other professionals while enhancing the lives of those we serve.

I am happily married and love being mommy to two adorable sons, Pierre and George, and my niece Delanee, all who share the same values of service as their parents.

I humbly request the opportunity to continue my service with the OCBA and would greatly appreciate your support and vote for Director at Large. To learn more, please visit <http://www.antoINETTEbalta.com>.

Eve A. Brackmann



It's been a privilege to serve the OCBA for the past ten years. I am honored to now be nominated to serve on the Board.

I am an original partner at Stuart Kane LLP, founded in July 2013. I grew up in Orange County and have been practicing business litigation here since the start of my legal career in 2004.

If elected, I will focus on fostering maximal inclusion and participation in our OCBA. My efforts will focus on diversity in our membership and leadership. Another priority will be promoting ethics and professional conduct. I view these as core elements in strengthening our profession and our clients'

access to justice.

Additionally, I will work to make sure that our OCBA's voice is heard at the State Bar regarding the serious changes they are proposing to our legal profession. I will also strive to build even greater ties between the OCBA and the Orange County business community.

These objectives for Board service have all been priorities of mine from the start. During the course of my legal career, I have served in meaningful ways on a variety of OCBA committees. For example, as a member of the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee since 2012, I have arbitrated numerous fee arbitrations. My participation on the Mentoring Committee has included both mentoring and connecting many mentors with protégées. I have also regularly spoken to new lawyers at Bridging the Gap.

Further, as a member of the OCBA Legislative Committee since 2013, I have repeatedly lobbied in Sacramento for desperately needed increases in court funding. I also served a three-year term as Director on the statewide Board of the Conference of California Bar Associations. I plan to use my state-level experience and ties to work to assure that our voice is heard at the State Bar.

It would be my honor to serve as a Director at Large on the OCBA Board of Directors. I hope to have your vote, and I look forward to hearing from you on how I could best serve you on the Board. For more information, please visit <http://www.eve4ocba.com>.

Lee Fink



In my career, I have taken more than 60 members of Congress to Space Shuttle launches, litigated writing credits for a Spider-Man movie, attended Game 3 of the World Series, obtained a writ from the DC Circuit quashing a subpoena to a Cabinet Secretary, escorted Anna Nicole Smith into the courtroom, introduced the President of the United States, issued an opinion authorizing \$1 Billion in food stamp benefits, and tried civil and criminal cases.

But I have never had the chance to serve on the OCBA Board of Directors.

I grew up in Orange County and began my career clerking for Judge David Carter on the District Court. I joined the OCBA that first year, and might have run for the Board years ago. But after a short stint on a campaign, I spent six years in Century City at O'Melveny & Myers. In 2008, I left California to work on another campaign. That was followed by eight years in Washington, where I worked in the White House, NASA, and the Department of Agriculture. In 2017, I came home to Orange County. I am now a litigator at Greenberg Gross LLP in Costa Mesa and live in Old Town Tustin, just 1.8 miles from where I grew up.

Since coming home, I have had the chance to re-engage with OCBA. I joined the Community Outreach Committee where I have helped plan and participated in numerous volunteer events, served on the Finance Committee, and am now co-chair of the Pro Bono Committee.

My experiences away from home have helped me appreciate just how important the legal community is here. My time away has also given me a different perspective than if I had stayed in OC, and that has helped frame the key things I think the OCBA should focus on:

- Expanding Pro Bono efforts;
- Increasing OCBA membership, especially among new lawyers and students;
- Connecting the Bar and the Business Community;
- Ensuring State Bar reforms make sense

I ask for your vote for OCBA Board of Directors. For more information and endorsements, please go to <http://www.LeeFink.com>.

Shirin Forootan



It has been an honor to serve my first three-year term on the OCBA Board of Directors and I now graciously ask for your vote so I can serve a second three-year term. If my volunteer experience for our bar association has taught me anything, it is that the more you invest in your community, the more meaningful your life will be. I started my involvement with our bar association years ago by picking up trash on the beach with the Community Outreach Committee. Since then, I have chaired the Community Outreach Committee, the Mommy Esquire Committee, the Lawyer Well-Being Task Force, served a three-year term on the Board of Directors, and am currently the Chair-Elect of the Labor & Employment Section (another three-year commitment). I have broad experience with our bar association, and I admire those who volunteer their time to lead every facet of it. I thank you in advance

for your support.

I am currently an employment litigation partner at the law firm Workplace Justice Advocates, PLC, in Irvine. I have been practicing law for nearly a decade. Employment law has always intrigued me more than any other area of law. I have practiced on both sides – plaintiff and defense. I feel lucky to be part of a thriving legal community in Orange County and to now practice law in Irvine, the city I grew up in.

When not practicing law, I enjoy learning about positive psychology via podcast while walking on the beach. I am also a long-time volunteer with the Orange County United Way. Please visit my site <https://voteshirinocbapboard2020.wordpress.com> for more information about why I'm running for a second Board term.

Michael S. LeBoff



As a business trial lawyer in Orange County for nearly 20 years, I have benefitted greatly from the Orange County Bar Association's educational, networking and leadership opportunities. I want to continue giving back to the organization that has been so influential in my career.

As a board member, I will apply the same work ethic, professionalism, and collegiality I apply to my legal work to enhance an already great organization, provide members with unparalleled educational and networking opportunities, and serve Orange County's legal community.

I currently chair the Business Litigation Section, the largest section in the OCBA. I previously chaired the OCBA's Banking and Lending Section. The American Bar Association's Section of Litigation recently appointed me co-chair of its Professional Liability Litigation Committee, after serving three years as Co-Chair of Commercial and Business Litigation Committee.

After graduating from Loyola Law School, I clerked for the United States District Court for the Central District of California before joining the Orange County office of Paul Hastings LLP. From there, I took advantage of the opportunity to work at some of the finest business trial firms in Orange County. I also spent time as in-house counsel, managing litigation nationwide and working with outside counsel to develop and implement cost-effective litigation strategies. I joined Klein & Wilson in 2016 and proudly became the first new partner in the firm's nearly 25-year existence.

I am a lifelong Orange County resident, having grown up in Huntington Beach. I now live in Mission Viejo with my wife of 21 years and our two teenage daughters.

Adrienne E. Marshack



Adrienne Marshack is a litigation partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, where she handles a variety of complex business and employment disputes. Adrienne has a reputation among her clients and colleagues as being a creative problem-solver, an out-of-the-box thinker, and a highly competent and trustworthy leader. And also for smiling a lot.

A hallmark of Adrienne's success has been her belief in engagement and connection to her clients, her community, and her family. Adrienne is currently finishing her first term on the OCBA Board, and has been involved in committee and leadership positions with the OCBA and the Orange County chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

Adrienne's commitment to service is not limited to law. A passionate advocate for children, Adrienne is a founding board member of MaxLove Project, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to helping children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses thrive through treatment and beyond, and has served on the NICU Advisory Panel for CHOC.

If elected to a second term, Adrienne hopes to increase involvement in the OCBA and help further connect its diverse membership (promoting civility and professionalism), provide opportunities for sustained professional growth through education, enhance outreach opportunities to help members become more invested in the well-being of the community-at-large, and ensure that the OCBA is a leader and innovator in California.

Adrienne's diverse background gives her a unique perspective that will enhance the OCBA Board. A New England native, Adrienne moved to Southern California in 1999 for some sunshine after studying film production at NYU. She ran a teen center in San Diego and was an elementary school teacher in LAUSD (South Central) for several years before going to law school at UCLA, and eventually settling in Orange County. Adrienne has practiced at firms of all sizes, and understands the challenges posed by all and the importance each play in our community.

Adrienne, the proud mom of two amazing little boys, seeks your support getting elected to the OCBA Board, believing firmly in the words of Henry Ford: "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

Melissa A. Petrofsky



My name is Melissa A. Petrofsky and I have the honor and the privilege to have been nominated as a candidate for one of the open Director at Large positions with the OCBA. I am the founder of The Petrofsky Law Firm in Newport Beach, CA, a boutique law firm offering labor & employment litigation services to both plaintiffs and defendants, as well as advice and counsel to small businesses.

I have been an active member of the OCBA since 2008. Since 2015, I have served on the executive planning committee for the Labor & Employment Section. In 2017, I was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the section. Also, in 2017, I was asked to serve as Whip for the Legislative Resolutions Committee ("LRC"). I am currently the 2019 Chair of both the Labor & Employment Section and The Legislative Resolutions Committee. I also serve on the State Bar Task Force of the OCBA and as a member of Solo and Small Firm Section.

I firmly believe that the OCBA is the best bar association in the state. OCBA members are passionate about justice, effective advocacy, professionalism, and this organization. It has already been my honor and privilege to serve our members as a leader and I want to continue to do so as a member of your Board.

Having represented both individual plaintiffs and corporate defendants, I understand the challenges and needs of attorneys who practice on either side of the "v". As a solo practitioner, I understand the unique challenges that solo and small firms face in continuing to run our legal practices, especially with the recent proposed changes by the bar. I will continue to support the OCBA's commitment to provide quality, cost-effective programming, support diversity and inclusion in the profession, mentoring, and advocacy within the state bar.

As a Board member, I pledge to listen to our members and try to create a solution that will benefit everyone, or at the very least, provide our members adequate resources and tools to make their own decisions. I, humbly, ask for your support and vote.

Jennifer M. Tennant



Jennifer Tennant seeks your support to continue her long-standing service to the OCBA, and she would be honored to serve a second term on the Board of Directors. Jennifer has been an active member of the OCBA for many years, participating in sections and affiliate bars such as Corporate Counsel, Labor & Employment, and the Celtic Bar Association, serving on committees such as Mommy Esquire, and task forces such as the OCBA Strategic Plan Task Force.

Jennifer is the past co-chair of the Community Outreach Committee, which produces over a dozen charitable events per year. For many years, she has chaired the OCBA's "Raising the Bar" team for the Komen Race for the Cure, with a goal of raising awareness of the cause while bringing together diverse members of the legal community. It's through community events that Jennifer helps promote collegiality among Orange County Lawyers.

Jennifer is dedicated to making the OCBA even more inclusive and will work to establish more diverse networking and professional growth opportunities, enhance communication between members and the sections, committees, affiliate groups and the Board, and to increase opportunities for community involvement. She would especially focus her efforts on strategic enhancements within the OCBA in light of the changes at the State Bar and providing information and tools to members to assist with the changes in the State Bar and the legal landscape in California.

Jennifer is an attorney with 10 years of experience in employment, compliance, and general business. She is employment counsel at Alorica, overseeing litigation matters in North America. Alorica is a global leader in customer experience solutions, with 100,000 employees and 130 locations in 14 countries. Jennifer received a BS in Economics from Rutgers University and a JD from Western State University College of Law.

T. Edward Welbourn



I'm Edward Welbourn, the former chair of the Criminal Law Section, and one of the founding partners at Corrigan Welbourn Stokke, APLC. I request your support and vote for my election to the OCBA Board of Directors.

I began my legal career as an Orange County Deputy District Attorney in 1999. After leaving the DA's office, I eventually opened a firm with my partners Kate Corrigan and Al Stokke. I have been an active OCBA member for 20 years and have also served as a Board Member and past President of the Orange County Criminal Defense Bar Association. I firmly believe that the OCBA is critical to Orange County maintaining the highest quality legal profession found anywhere in the country. My experience working with the OCBA has given me an appreciation for the diverse nature and outstanding commitment of other lawyers in our community. If selected to become a member of the Board of Directors, I will focus my efforts on both preserving and enhancing the OCBA's commitment to its members and community.

I believe I am well-qualified to meet the needs of the Board and OCBA. My practice focuses on individuals charged with state and federal crimes in Orange County and surrounding areas. I have successfully tried and defended hundreds of felony and misdemeanor cases, including, white collar/financial crimes, domestic violence, drug crimes, vehicular homicide, and DUI. I have also successfully defended clients charged with the most serious and violent felonies including special circumstance murders, gang crimes, assault with weapons, and sexual assault. During my career, I have had the opportunity to try cases in surrounding counties and states. This experience has provided me the unique opportunity to observe and learn how other courts and local legal practice operates. My firm and I have a long-standing AV rating from Martindale Hubbell, and I have been recognized in "Super Lawyers", "America's Top 100 Criminal Defense Attorneys" and "The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Attorneys." I will bring my background and experience to my work with the OCBA Board of Directors.