



OCBA ELECTION 2021 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Daniel S. Robinson



As President-Elect, Dan will work to assist the President, the Executive Committee and the OCBA Board of Directors. Dan is currently OCBA Treasurer, a member of the OCBA Charitable Fund Board, and has five years of experience as an OCBA Board of Director. He is the chair of the COVID-19 Task Force, Co-Chair of the Pro Bono Committee, Chair of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Investment Advisory Subcommittee. In 2018, Dan served as President of Project Youth OCBF and presently serves on the 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 President-Elect so he can continue serving the OCBA legal community.

TREASURER

Michael A. Gregg



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

Michael is the 2020 Secretary of the OCBA and looks forward to serving as Treasurer in 2021. He is a member of the OCBA Board of Directors and has proudly served on the Board for six years. Michael also serves on the OCBA State Bar Task Force, COVID-19 Task Force, 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.

SECRETARY (Elect 1)

Shirin Forootan



Shirin Forootan has a long history of volunteering in our legal community, and with your vote in September, she hopes to continue to do so as your 2021 OCBA Secretary. Shirin has served on the OCBA Board of Directors for the past five years. She is currently the Chair of the Labor & Employment Section, where she has worked hard during this unprecedented time to provide quality legal programming via monthly webinars to its hundreds of members. Shirin also serves on the Judiciary Committee and the Orange County Superior Court's Prevention of Bias Committee. In past years, Shirin has Chaired the Community Outreach Committee, Mommy Esquire Committee, and the Lawyer Well-Being Task Force (now Committee).

Shirin has the experience, judgment, diplomacy, and work ethic that would make an excellent leader for our bar association. She has practiced law for over a decade. She has worked at both large and small firms, practiced defense and plaintiff's-side litigation, and has served in advice and counsel roles. Her varied law firm experiences and her vast volunteer leadership roles allow Shirin to be uniquely suited to respond to the needs of our diverse bar members.

Shirin is committed to continuing her volunteer efforts to raise the bar in our legal community. As OCBA Secretary, Shirin's vision includes supporting OCBA members whose jobs have been affected due to the pandemic, working with the court to promote bias-free courtrooms, and supporting the newly formed racial justice task force. Shirin became a lawyer in order to help other people. As Secretary, she would work tirelessly to carry out the mission of our bar: "To Enhance the System of Justice, To Support the Lawyers Who Serve It, and To Assist the Community Served By It."

Shirin is a partner and employment litigator at Workplace Justice Advocates, PLC, in Irvine. She graduated from both UCSD and UCLA School of Law. She lives in Newport Beach with her husband and second-grade son.

Please vote for Shirin for 2021 OCBA Secretary so she can continue her long-standing commitment to serving our bar. To learn more about her, please visit: <https://shirin4ocba.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 nearly 60-year history dressing confident women. Christina has led global legal affairs for the multinational company during a critical era of its evolution.

Christina has been extremely committed to public service and to the community, particularly through the OCBA. Christina has served as a board member for 5 years, as Chair of the Corporate Counsel Section and the Membership Task Force, and on several committees. Christina is Co-Chair of the Charitable Fund's "Raise Your Glass", the hallmark fundraising effort that went virtual for the first time this year.

Significantly, Christina stepped up as an active leader for OCBA's trailblazing COVID-19 Task Force, helping navigate the bar through this unprecedented year.

Christina believes that the OCBA should be a key source for members to meet fellow talented attorneys, judges, neutrals, and for attorneys in the private sector, prospective clients, in order to support attorneys during these challenging times, and to better serve our increasingly diverse business community. For example, Christina founded an annual event on behalf of the OCBA that features must-know general counsel who share their inimitable insight and mentorship with the Orange County Bar's young lawyers.

Recognized by the Orange County Business Journal as GC Rising Star of the Year, Christina speaks nationally on the topics of counseling business clients, the attorney's voice in the boardroom, and personal branding. Christina received her law degree from UC Irvine School of Law, where she was a leader in the law school's prestigious inaugural class. Christina 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.

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. Christina believes that the OCBA should provide its members with positive community-building to support balancing their practice with life's other pursuits.

www.christina4ocba.com

DIRECTORS – AT – LARGE (Elect 4)

Eve A. Brackmann



Eve Brackmann is an award-winning business trial lawyer and appellate practitioner. She is an original partner at Stuart Kane LLP in Newport Beach. Prior to that, she was a shareholder at Stradling, also headquartered in Newport Beach. Eve handles a variety of complex business and real estate disputes, as well as appellate matters for clients across the U.S.

Eve grew up in Orange County and has practiced here for her entire career. She has dedicated hundreds of hours volunteering for the OCBA and affiliates.

As this year's co-chair of the OCBA Mentoring Committee, Eve created and implemented programs to make the 2020 Mentoring Program a success. She has also served on numerous OCBA committees over the past decade, including over ten years as a Mandatory Fee Arbitrator. During the COVID pandemic, Eve has participated in regular OCBA Bar Leaders activities to help us navigate through this time as a cohesive and strong organization.

As a Legislative Committee Member, Eve spent many years lobbying in Sacramento for Justice Through the Laws, and served for many years as an OCBA Delegate to the Annual Conference of the Conference of California Bar Associations ("CCBA"). Eve has also served on various other boards, such as the OC Chapter of the USD Law School Alumni Association, the Board of the CCBA, and two years as the president of the Foundation Board for a school for at-risk children in Orange.

In her spare time, Eve is a competitive triathlete, foodie, adventurer, and dog mom. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She also volunteers for a variety of charitable organizations, including the OC PLI and Veteran's Legal Institute.

These times present unique challenges but also great opportunities for innovation. If elected, Eve will work to increase involvement and connection in the OCBA, foster diversity and professionalism, and navigate the many challenges facing our courts and our profession at this time.

Eve is endorsed by many OCBA leaders, as well as Business Community leaders. That list and more details about Eve's qualifications can be found at www.eve4OCBA.com. Please vote for Eve!

Kate Corrigan



I am running for a seat on the Board of Directors of the OCBA because I want to continue to contribute to our legal community. I have had the pleasure to serve as a member of the OCBA Board of Directors, and have made every effort to enhance the Orange County legal community. I am also currently on the executive committee of the OCBA Masters Division, the Board of Governors for the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, and the FBA/OC Chapter Board of Directors. I am a past President of the FBA/OC Chapter, and have been the President of the O.C. Criminal Defense Association and the Chair of the Criminal Law Section. I have also enjoyed participation in several committees and speak at law schools, bar association seminars and community organizations.

During this difficult time that we are all facing, I have rolled up my sleeves and have been participating in Court stakeholders meetings, and, on a daily basis, I update 100s of criminal law lawyers on the ongoing developments in Court and jail operations and procedures, I also forward daily court calendars and a custody list to those lawyers. I have volunteered to do so because I believe that communication and the dissemination of current information to lawyers is critical to their effectiveness, and I am hopeful that it has assisted in reducing stress. It is important to me to give back to the Court and our community.

I am a former prosecutor and am a partner at Corrigan, Welbourn & Stokke, APLC and enjoy practicing in the criminal courts in both state and federal courts. As a practitioner, I recognize how important it is to give back to our community.

I am asking for your vote, and pledge to you that I will continue to roll up my sleeves and work hard to better our legal community.

Jared H. De Jong



I am a partner at Payne & Fears, LLP in Irvine. I practice as an insurance-coverage litigator and advisor, helping policyholders navigate the complex world of insurance and holding carriers accountable for contractual promises. I am running for a Director-at-Large position to continue strengthening our community and deepening connections between the bar and the public. The OCBA is a singularly important institution. Members rely on the OCBA for training, mentorship, and community building. The OCBA also acts as intermediary between practitioners and the courts. I have served in various leadership roles at the Section and Committee level, as Chair of the Insurance Section and Co-Chair of the Community Outreach Committee. I understand the work that it takes to maintain the OCBA as an effective institution, and I would appreciate your vote and support to

continue those efforts. Attorneys face tremendous challenges in the months and years ahead — court closures and delays, state budget shortfalls, access to justice issues, the scope and pace of criminal reform, technological changes, and pervasive economic uncertainty. I want to help the OCBA meet these challenges and support Orange County attorneys.

Charity M. Gilbreth



My name is Charity Gilbreth. I am a lifelong Orange County resident. I am a partner with Schilling Law Group, PC, in Newport Beach, a boutique law firm representing both plaintiffs and defendants in business litigation, employment, environmental, insurance coverage and construction defect matters. Prior to joining Schilling Law Group, I was Of Counsel with Latham & Watkin, LLP in Costa Mesa.

I understand the myriad of challenges practitioners face in big and small law offices and from both sides of the courtroom. Especially now, as we find ourselves in the midst of uncertain times, we have an opportunity to shape and change the practice of law for the betterment of our community. I am committed to working hard on behalf of the Orange County legal community to ensure that we continue to serve the needs of our local community as well as the needs of our professionals in all areas.

I have been an active member of the OCBA for nearly two decades. I am a former Chair of the Business Litigation Section, the largest section in the OCBA. I currently serve as a Co-Chair of the Education Committee, as a member of the Mandatory Fee Arbitration Panel, and on the American Business Trial Lawyers (ABTL) Board of Governors.

Through hard work and grit, I was the first member of my family to graduate from college. I received a BA in Economics from Chapman University and a JD from Northwestern University.

I am happily married and a proud mother of three. With twin teenage daughters and a son, I am a “chaos coordinator” in all respects, including planning many school events and managing their athletic teams.

I am honored to be a nominee for the position of Director at Large for the OCBA. I am asking for your vote to serve you with dedication, commitment, and hard work.

John P. Glowacki



I am a shareholder with Roehl & Glowacki, P.C. in Laguna Hills. My practice comprises trusts and estates litigation and related matters, such as financial elder abuse. In recent months I have helped guide our boutique firm of four lawyers and several paralegals and staff during this ongoing global pandemic.

The challenges facing our legal community were increasingly complex in recent years. Now those challenges are compounded by severe disruptions to us all, both professionally and personally.

I want to help OCBA support its members and the larger community during these trying times. As a business owner, I am responsible for maintaining continuity of operations, protecting and advocating the safety and productivity of our clients and employees, and maintaining high professional and ethical standard throughout. As a father and a husband of school-age children, I am acutely aware of the burdens that remote work and remote school impose. Having handled these issues personally, I am well suited to help OCBA do what it can to support the lawyers and the largely community through this period.

More broadly, the OCBA has long been a valuable resource for the attorneys and related professionals in our community. After years of serving the Board, I was the Chair of the OCBA's Trusts & Estates Section Board in 2016. I participate in several OCBA Sections and I have presented MCLE programs to attorneys, professional fiduciaries, and others over the years. In this new opportunity, I hope to carry on and extend OCBA's history of excellent MCLE, meaningful opportunities for community involvement, and programs designed to foster professionalism, collegiately, and high ethical standards.

I was born and raised in Southern California before moving north for seven years to attend college at the University of California, Berkeley and then law school at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. After law school I moved to Orange County with my wife, an educator, and we now have two daughters.

Thank you for your support.

<http://rg.legal>

Tracy A. Miller



Now more than ever, connecting to ourselves, each other, our legal profession, and our purpose, is so important. My name is Tracy Miller and I have been a member of the OCBA Board of Directors for the past three years. I am a Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Orange County District Attorney's office. I share the number three position in the office with three other attorneys.

I have been prosecutor for over 23 years, prosecuting both criminal and civil cases. I initiated and manage OC GRIP, the largest law enforcement led gang prevention program in the nation, which focuses on keeping students in 4th through 8th grade from joining a criminal street gang. We work with Fortune 500 companies, faith based groups, schools, and non-profit programs to encourage students to choose education, inspire hope, and help them make a plan for their future. I am a communications coach and I have had the privilege of giving inspirational presentations to several OCBA affiliates and committees over the past three years. I also have served three terms on the OCBA Judiciary Review Committee.

As a member of the OCBA Board of Directors for three terms, I have worked to bring together and connect members of OCBA to each other and to the organization. I would appreciate your support in allowing me to continue to serve you.

James Y. Pack



As an attorney in Orange County and OCBA member for 20 years, I have “seen a few things,” but nothing quite like the recent attacks on the legal profession, both direct (e.g., the State Bar’s push to allow non-lawyers to practice law) and indirect (e.g., the general disregard for the rule of law and for longstanding legal principles and civility). Over the years, I have benefited from the OCBA’s leadership in this regard, and want to do my part to give back during this most critical time.

For 20 years, I have been an active member of the OCBA, including terms as the President of the Orange County Asian American Bar Association and as the Chair of the OCBA Immigration Chapter. I am currently Chair of the OCBA Charitable Fund Golf Tournament Committee. I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors.

Now, more than ever, I believe the OCBA must play a key role in providing current and accurate information to Members, and in connecting members who wish to voice their opinions. We must be active participants in shaping the future definition of the profession of “lawyer,” while understanding that access to justice continues to be an acute issue. Finally, we must identify and eliminate systemic biases throughout our legal systems, processes, and organizations.

On a personal note, I am a Partner with Fragomen Worldwide, a global corporate immigration law firm. I have held leadership roles within the broader Immigration bar, including Chair of the Southern California Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and AILA Liaison to the US Citizenship and Immigration Service’s Ombudsman Office. I am happily married and father to 3 kids under 9, so no real free time for hobbies, but I am trying very hard to get at least one of the children into golf so I have an excuse to get to the course more often.

Christian F. Pereira



Diversity of perspective is critical for the OCBA to continue to become the bar association for everyone in Orange County. If elected, I would be the only Board member who has primarily prosecuted Plaintiff’s police misconduct claims---a severely underrepresented area in the OCBA. Current events notwithstanding, it’s time the OCBA includes a practitioner with this background on their board.

I am excited to bring new ideas to the OCBA. For example, I found that there was no resource in Orange County for attorneys and law students interested in “Spanish for Lawyers,” despite the Hispanic population making up nearly 40% of the County. So, in collaboration with the ELDR Center, Community Legal Aid of SoCal, and PLC, we created Orange County’s first “Spanish for Lawyers and Legal Workers.” I co-chaired the four-part series, taught some Spanish and my firm sponsored the last portion where interpreters from the administrative, state court, and federal court presented critical information on how to effectively use interpreters and translators in litigation. I hope to join forces again and run a similar program for the OCBA to better serve all the marginalized communities in Orange County who need services in languages other than English.

To assist Orange County’s youth, last year I responded to the Constitutional Rights Foundation’s call for coaches of high school mock trial teams. I selected a team that never had an attorney coach, Veritas Classical Academy—only in their third year of competition. I learned that coaching takes commitment, perseverance, and dedication to ready students to compete at the level expected in Orange County. So with a bit of luck and fabulous committed students they won. The team was nearly 90% from historically marginalized communities, mostly first or second generation American. On top of the win, two students won awards for their advocacy and some now attend Patrick Henry. Best of all, the team won the “Civility Award” for their conduct throughout the proceedings.

The commitment to education, the legal profession, and civility will come with me to my service of the OCBA.

Mary-Christine (M.C.) Sungaila



Integrity. Compassion. Hard work. Results.

I am honored to have been chosen by the OCBA 2020 nominating committee to run for re-election to the OCBA Board of Directors.

As outlined on my campaign website: <https://www.mc4ocba.com>, I bring to the board nearly 30 years of sustained bar, community, and pro bono service on the local, state, national, and international levels, which I will draw on to form new coalitions and partnerships, and apply forward thinking, novel approaches to challenges faced by OC lawyers and the Orange County community at large.

Now, more than ever, local bar associations matter. They have been the most nimble and responsive to attorney, court, and community needs during COVID.

We in local bar leadership will continue to be called to step up in unprecedented ways. COVID will continue to pose new and varied challenges to our clients and the courts. And, in the wake of COVID, the sustained assault on the law as a profession and the rule of law by those who seek to expand ownership of law firms to nonlawyers and the practice of law to AI and other technologies has found renewed vigor.

I have led on both the OCBA's COVID response and dialogue on proposed state bar changes to our profession. I embrace these challenges. I will be a warrior for the profession, the law, access to justice, and the constitution we as lawyers have all sworn to protect.

I am dedicated to obtaining results. I ask for your vote. I will not let you down.

Yolanda V. Torres



It has been an honor to serve on the Orange County Bar Association Board of Directors for the past three years. I am also honored to be a nominee again for the position of Director on the Board.

I am the founder of the Law Firm of Yolanda V. Torres, APLC, a boutique law firm that specializes in Family Law litigation and mediation. I am a Certified Family Law Specialist by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. I have been a member of the OCBA since 2003. In addition to my service as a Board member, I have served on the following committees: Administration of Justice, Diversity and Inclusion, Mentoring, Nominating, and Appointments. I also serve on the State Bar Task Force.

I am currently working with the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to host our first annual Mock Interview Program which will take place on August 18, 2020. This program will help job seekers with valuable interviewing practice. It will also help others brush up on their interviewing skills.

I believe the more you invest in your community, the more meaningful your life will be. I am enhancing these goals by serving on other boards and dedicating time to my local community. I am currently serving the Orange County Hispanic Bar Association as the Immediate Past President and have served on the OCBHA Board for seven years. I am a member of the Orange County Women Lawyers Association, Banyard Inn of Court, St. Thomas More Society, Hispanic National Bar Association, and Association of Certified Family Law Specialists.

I volunteer in my local community by making phone calls to senior citizens checking in on them. In addition, I serve as a mentor to local high school students through the Puente Pen Pals program.

I hope that you will vote for me this term so that I can continue my dedication to the OCBA by supporting our members, promoting diversity, promoting professional development, enhancing excellence in the practice of law, assisting the communities we serve and enhancing the system of justice.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.yolanda4ocba.com>