



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Hello TMBA Family!

It has been forty-one days since Governor Newsom issued a “stay at home” order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to help flatten the curve of COVID-19. Indeed, these have been challenging and uncertain times. However, in the midst of this pandemic, there are also so many beautiful silver linings! We have seen families strengthened, many of us—consumed by the hustle and bustle of the legal practice—have been forced to “slow down”, we’ve become more efficient and creative with technology and we’ve been more deliberate about checking in on our friends and loved ones!

Your TMBA board has been busy revamping TMBA’s programming for 2020 and finding creative ways to “virtualize” our programming. To that end, we are rolling out a host of programs for the month of May including but not limited to celebrating “Law Day”, hosting virtual legal workshops, celebrating “Lawyers Well-Being Week”, launching “Wine Down Wednesdays” and “Music time” for the kiddos, and much more! We’ve also dedicated an exclusive section in our newsletter for law students to keep our law student members up to date on resources and information regarding the bar exam. Our Law Student Ambassadors are also busy at work disseminating information to their respective law schools.

We want to hear from you! How can we help? What programming would be useful to you? Our law students spoke up and indicated that they needed a quiet space, equipped with high-speed internet and free of home distractions, to complete law school exams. We immediately reached out to our Village and in less than twenty-four hours, we were able to partner with LawWorks to provide a quiet space for law students to take law school exams!

There is power in Community and many resources contained within our Village! Please do not hesitate to speak up and lean on the TMBA Village during this pandemic. Email us at: info@thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org and let us know how your TMBA leadership can best assist you during this time. We are in this together!

Best,
Keshia Dorsey
Thurgood Marshall Bar Association President

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP OTHERS



**TIRED OF
SHELTERING AT
HOME? IMAGINE IF
YOUR HOME WAS
OUTSIDE**

There are approximately 7,000 homeless in Orange County. Blacks are overrepresented in that population.

TMBA supports the unsheltered. Join TMBA through May 31 and 100% of your dues will go to provide food to people experiencing homelessness in Orange County.



Stay connected to the village! Click [HERE](#) to join the Thurgood Marshall Bar Association Facebook page and follow us on **Instagram** [@thurgoodmarshallbarofficial](#).

[CLICK HERE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN TMBA NOW](#)

TMBA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

TMBA will be highlighting exemplary TMBA members who are going above and beyond to serve our community during this pandemic.

If you are an essential worker, or doing work in the community to assist essential workers, our OC homeless community, the OC elderly population, individuals in custody (i.e. ICE detention or criminal custody) during COVID-19, working on legislation that impacts COVID-19 etc.—we want to hear from you and celebrate you!!!

Send us 1-2 photos of the work you are doing, including your headshot, and a brief description of the work you are doing to info@thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org and we will feature you in the next newsletter.

We are excited to hear about all of the positive things our TMBA village is doing to spread love, hope, and a helping hand during this crisis!

TMBA MAY EVENTS

MUSIC TIME WITH MS. REBEKAH

Thursday, April 30 | 12:00 noon -- Instagram Live
Tuesday, May 5 | 12:00 noon -- Instagram Live



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LAWYER WELL-BEING WEEK

The National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being and the American Bar Association, in alignment with Mental Health Awareness Month are launching the inaugural “Lawyer Well-Being” Week! We could all use some wellness tips and activities—especially during this unprecedented time!

The aim of Well-Being Week is to raise awareness and encourage the practice of intentionally improving the well-being of lawyers and their support teams across the profession. TMBA has lined up some amazing webinars for the week, including yoga, a cooking class, and a webinar where we will discuss therapeutic tips!

On Wednesday, we will post wellness tips at the top of every hour on our social media pages, provided by Joy N. White, MSN-WHNP, BSN, RN. Don’t miss out!



Tuesday, May 5 | 6:00pm -- Webinar
Thursday, May 7 | 6:00 pm -- Webinar
Friday, May 8 | 6:00 pm -- Webinar

Lawyer Well-Being Week
 May 4th-May 8th at 6:00pm

MAY 05 *Tuesday*
Yoga Happy Hour w/Ieshia
 Join us for an eclectic vinyasa flow with experienced yoga therapist, Ieshia Alley!

MAY 07 *Thursday*
Cooking w/Lifestyled by ART
 Need a new, quick recipe that you can stretch for a couple of days during the quarantine? Join us for a virtual cooking class with Ashley!

MAY 08 *Friday*
Therapy w/ Dr. Thema
 Join Dr. T, host of "The Homecoming Podcast" and wrap up your week with some therapeutic tips to get through the quarantine.

[CLICK HERE TO GET THE ZOOM LINK FOR ALL THE WEBINARS](#)

LEGAL WORKSHOP SERIES

Topic: Tenant & Employee Rights During COVID-19
 Saturday, May 9 | 11:30am -- Webinar




May 9th Topic:
 Tenant & Employee Rights during COVID-19-

Join us every 2nd Saturday of the month

LEGAL WORKSHOP SERIES

11:30am- 12:30pm

[CLICK HERE TO GET THE ZOOM LINK](#)

LAW STUDENT CORNER

Law students, we want to hear from you too! How can we best support you during this time?!

We are planning informative webinars for you but also want to hear from you if there are specific questions you have about navigating law school, internships, and/or the bar during this time.

In the meantime, checkout the following updates and resources.



**THURGOOD
MARSHALL**
Bar Association

**Need a Quiet Space
to Take Law School
Exams?**

Email: info@thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org
or call Denise Carter at (310) 951-9552
Due to COVID-19, SPACE IS LIMITED!!!

LAWWORKS
WORKSPACE FOR LAWYERS

INFO@THURGOODMARSHALLBARASSOCIATION.ORG

Apply for TMBA Scholarships

TMBA is committed to supporting individuals who take the State Bar Exam in hopes of practicing law in California.

We recognize, that sitting for the bar exam, is both an emotionally and financially



challenging process.

TMBA will award selected local applicants with scholarships in the amount of **\$2,000** to assist with the costs associated with preparing for and taking the bar exam scheduled for September 2020.

Apply today!

[DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION](#)

California Supreme Court Orders Bar Exam Delayed, Administered Online

The Supreme Court of California ordered the July California Bar Exam to be **postponed to September 9 - 10** and directed the State Bar to make every effort to administer the test online with remote or electronic proctoring.

[Read the full news release HERE.](#)

COVID-19 AND LAW SCHOOLS

Friday, May 8 | 12:00 noon
Webinar presented by the
OCBA COVID-19 Task Force



Featuring the following speakers:

- Dean Allen Easley, Western State College of Law
- Dean Michael Waterstone, Loyola Law School
- Dean Song Richardson, UCI Law

This is a complimentary program for OCBA members and non-members.

Please note advance registration is required and you will need to log in with the link below to retrieve your credentials.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT, ACCESS PROGRAM MATERIALS, AND SPEAKER BIOS HERE

UPCOMING AFFILIATE EVENTS

CARING FOR OURSELVES IN THE TIME OF COVID-19
Substance Use and Mental Health Issues Among Attorneys
Wednesday, April 29 | 12:00 noon -- Webinar
MCLE credit will be provided

The flyer is a vertical graphic with a color palette of purple, yellow, and white. At the top, it features the logos for the Black Women Lawyers Association of Northern California and the Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. Below the logos, it states 'PRESENT' and 'A FOUR PART WELLNESS PLAYBOOK'. The main title is 'CARING FOR OURSELVES IN THE TIME OF COVID-19'. The event details include 'PART I: SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AMONG ATTORNEYS' on 'WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020' from '12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PST)'. The speaker is 'LITA ABELLA, SR. PROGRAM ANALYST L.A.P., THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA', with a small portrait photo. Registration information points to 'WWW.BLACKWOMENLAWYERSLA.ORG'. The event is sponsored by 'orrick'. A note at the bottom states: 'THIS EVENT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR 1.0 PARTICIPATORY MCLE CREDIT; 1.0 COMPETENCY ISSUES (FORMERLY DETECTION/PREVENTION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE). COURSE MATERIALS WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL REGISTERED ATTENDEES AT THE WEBINAR AND FOR 30 DAYS FOLLOWING.' Contact information for Michelle Kazadi and Chambord Benton-Hayes is provided at the very bottom.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT

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WELLNESS STRATEGIES FOR THE LEGAL COMMUNITY
Tuesday, May 5 | 12:00 noon -- Webinar
CLE credit will be provided

WELLNESS STRATEGIES FOR THE LEGAL COMMUNITY

PRESENTED BY
LITA ABELLA,
SR. PROGRAM ANALYST

JOIN US AS LITA DISCUSSES

- The prevalence of substance abuse and mental health issues among attorneys and law students
- How substance use and mental health issues impair an attorney's ability to perform legal services competently
- Wellness strategies for legal professionals, the Lawyer Assistance Program, and other resources

MAY 5 | 12:00 PM
LINK TO EVENT: <https://bit.ly/LawWorksZoomWellnessStrategies>
This event qualifies for 1 hour of CLE credit in Competence Issues

LAWWORKS
MORGAN STANLEY BARRISTERS

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LEADING WITH CONFIDENCE: IN THE NEW NORMAL
A Conversation with Carla Harris
Thursday, May 7 | 2:00pm

Morgan Stanley

JOIN US FOR
THE JOHN M. LANDSTON BAR ASSOCIATION AND MORGAN STANLEY SPEAKER SERIES

A Conversation With Carla Harris
Leading With Confidence: In the New Normal

"There are many things you may not be able to control about this crisis; however, I will say, there is one thing you can control, and that is the way that you choose to respond to it."

Please join Carla Harris, Vice Chairman, Managing Director and Senior Client Advisor at Morgan Stanley, for a discussion on leading in this "New Normal" with confidence.

Hosted by
Gregory Laetsch
Managing Director
Complex Manager
Los Angeles

Featuring
Carla Harris
Vice Chairman
Managing Director
Senior Client Advisor

[Learn more](#)

Date
Thursday,
May 7, 2020

Time
2:00 p.m.

Dial-in Information
844-621-8106

Conference Code
2397296

[Register](#)

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COVID-19 Updates*



ORANGE COUNTY
BAR ASSOCIATION



The Census Is Vital for Your Community

The **Census** helps shape many different aspects of your community.

For every person not counted in this Census, California stands to lose over \$1,000 per person in federal funding, overall, per year for each of the next ten years. The programs most needed by many hard-to-count communities could well be underfunded if every person is not counted. An undercount in California may, also, mean that California loses a seat in the House of Representatives.



Complete the **Census** today!
