

Dear Friends of the OCBA Charitable Fund:

As Irish author James Joyce once asked, "What is better than to sit at the end of the day and drink wine with friends?"

As many of you know, the Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund hosts an annual event called Raise Your Glass. In addition to providing great wine, delicious food, and a lot of fun for our members and their guests, the event has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local law-related charities.

Such a beloved and important event cannot be defeated by COVID-19. While we will be unable to join together under one roof this year, we are determined that we will still be able sit at the end of the day and drink wine with friends. So Raise Your Glass is going virtual!

Raise Your Glass at Home is set for **May 29, 2020** from 5:30-7:00 p.m. [Register Here Today](#)

We have arranged for a fun and educational program that will allow us to Travel the World With Wine (safely from home). Our guide will be Amelia Singer, a new, young, female voice in the wine world. Amelia is probably best known as one of the featured wine experts on TV's "The Wine Show" (with Season 3 about to debut on Hulu). She studied at Trinity College in Dublin, and was brought up in England (though she also spent summers with family here in OC). She has worked in wineries all around the world (including Bordeaux, Rioja and Chile). Amelia has made it her aim to demystify the snobbery around wine and make it fun and accessible to everyone. We are incredibly lucky to have her aboard for a special wine and travel program designed just for us!

We want to make the event accessible for everyone so we have set the minimum donation at \$35/person (wine not included).¹ But we cannot forget that Raise Your Glass is also one of the primary fundraising events for the OCBA Charitable Fund. This year, it is more critical than ever that we all pitch in to help those around us who are in the greatest need. So we encourage you to consider donating as generously as you can above the minimum, to help support organizations like those listed below, which have all received grants from us in the past:

CALIFORNIA YOUTH CONNNECTION
CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY DALE E. FOWLER SCHOOL OF LAW
Project: Bette and Wylie Aitken Family Protection Clinic
COLLABORATIVE COURTS FOUNDATION
COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SO CAL (formerly Legal Aid Society of Orange County)
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION, ORANGE COUNTY (CRF-OC)
COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)
ELDER LAW & DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER (ELDR)
HUMAN OPTIONS
LAURA'S HOUSE
OCBF PROJECT YOUTH Project SELF
ORANGE COUNTY GANG REDUCTION AND INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP (OC GRIP Foundation)
ORANGE COUNTY JUSTICE FUND
PUBLIC LAW CENTER (PLC)
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW
Project: Pre-Law Outreach Program (POP) • Project: Saturday Academy of Law (SAL)
VETERANS LEGAL INSTITUTE
WOMEN'S TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER (WTLC)

The OCBA through its Charitable Fund and its Lawyer Referral & Information Service (LRIS) have awarded approximately \$3 million dollars to pro bono legal providers and law related charities. Most recently, the OCBA Charitable Fund proudly awarded grants totaling \$200,000 to 17 law-related organizations and programs. These grants provide critically needed services to a broad range of clients including victims of child abuse, victims of domestic violence, legal services for low-income residents of Orange County and foster youth, diversity pipe-line efforts, and assistance for homeless residents.

This year especially, the Charitable Fund cannot continue to support these programs without your generous support of its mission.

We look forward to "seeing" you on May 29 for Raise Your Glass at Home. Your participation and donations will be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Deirdre Kelly, President
OCBA Charitable Fund

Nikki Miliband, Co-Chair
Raise Your Glass at Home

Christina Zabat-Fran, Co-Chair
Raise Your Glass at Home

[1] Amelia will be guiding us through a tasting of six wines, and with her help a local wine house will make the wines available for purchase before the event (please order no later than May 22!). There will be an option for delivery or pickup. That way, everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy as many of the wines as they might wish to taste along with the program, with special pricing for the full package. If interested in purchasing wines to be tasted during the presentation, please visit <https://store.vineandfork.com/amelias>.



Orange County Bar Association
Charitable Fund OCBA

Presents

Raise Your Glass at home



A Virtual Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Friday, May 29, 2020 • 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Amelia Singer

TV Presenter and Segment Host on Hulu's *The Wine Show*, previous wine Writer for Waitrose Food Magazine (UK's number 1 food magazine), UK Ambassador for the California Wine Institute, and Founder of Amelia's Wine; an event business offering a range of authentic, fun, helpful and ultimately accessible wine tastings.

Her diverse range of skills and services have led to Amelia receiving the IWSC and WSET Future 50 award - which recognizes innovative and influential drink industry talent from all around the world. In 2018, she was shortlisted for the IWSC Wine Communicator of the Year Award; the most prestigious International accolade one can achieve in both Wine Education and Communication.

Join us—from the comfort of your home—for a special evening to celebrate and help local law-related charities while enjoying a virtual wine tasting experience.

Wine tasting presenter, Amelia Singer, will take us on an international wine journey and share her knowledge of wine varietals from around the world.

\$35 Minimum Donation

Wine not included in donation price.

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

The mission of the Orange County Bar Association Charitable Fund is to provide resources to organizations and programs in order to enhance the system of justice and promote equal justice for all.

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For questions, please contact events@ocbar.org or call 949.440.6700, ext. 162

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