



OCBA ELECTION 2017 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Nikki P. Miliband



Current OCBA Treasurer Nikki Presley Miliband is a partner and trust and probate litigator in the boutique litigation and trusts and estates law firm of Good Wildman. Nikki represents professional fiduciaries, beneficiaries, trustees, conservators, and individuals in conservatorships, trust and probate litigation, financial elder abuse cases, as well as in trust and estate administration. Nikki has 26 years of experience, and was licensed in 1990 in Oklahoma, where she maintains close ties, and in 1992 in California. In addition, Nikki has dedicated a significant portion of her professional life to enhancing the justice system and the lawyers served by it through her active participation in the OCBA. Nikki will continue to employ her leadership, experience and vision as OCBA President Elect.

As chair of Lawyer Referral & Information Services from 2008 -2014, Nikki and the Committee matched lawyers with clients in need, while generating funds for Public Law Center. As Chair or Co-Chair of the OCBA Charitable Fund's Annual Fall Gala since 2008, Nikki has helped raise money for Orange County's legal charities and programs.

In addition to serving as Secretary (2015) and Treasurer, Nikki served as an OCBA director for 5 years; a member of the OCBA's Charitable Fund board since 2008; Co-Chair, Mentoring Committee since 2013; Legislative Resolutions Committee (2007 Chair); member, blue ribbon Administration of Justice Committee; member, Access to Justice Task Force; Mandatory Fee Arbitration arbitrator; member, OC Women Lawyers, OCAABA and HBA; and member of the Trust and Estates and Elder Law sections.

Nikki is dedicated to ensuring that the OCBA remains relevant to its membership so that members can be connected through participation in their bar association, promotes professionalism and ethics, delivers quality and cost effective educational programs, is fiscally responsible, adheres to its purview policy, provides networking and professional growth opportunities, and continues to offer and expand upon meaningful member benefits that enhance the professional practice of OCBA lawyers.

Nikki is married to former OCBA president Joel Miliband, whom she met at the OCBA delegates' dinner at the State Bar Meeting and Conference of Delegates in Long Beach in 1996.

TREASURER

Deirdre M. Kelly



Since her election last year, Deirdre Kelly has enjoyed serving as Secretary of the OCBA, and looks forward to continuing her service as Treasurer.

For more than 25 years, Deirdre has worked with many of the richly diverse elements of the legal community. As a Loyola law student, Deirdre conducted 25-30 juvenile trials with the LA District Attorney's office. She started at Jones Day after graduation, and was then brought in as Vice President and Legal Counsel of American Savings Bank in Irvine, where she resolved legacy issues from the S&L crisis. Afterward, Deirdre joined a vibrant trial group at Kindel & Anderson, and later practiced real estate litigation with Paul Hastings. Deirdre then became a law school professor and today is Director of Career Services at Chapman University Dale Fowler School of Law and runs Chapman's Professional Development Program. She counsels students regarding their career planning, and helps place students in the private sector (law firms and legal departments) and the public sector (courts, government staffs, and non-profits).

Deirdre is Chair of the OCBA's Judiciary Committee as well as Chair of the OCBA's Law School Task Force. She is also an active member of the OCBA's Diversity, Mommy Esq., and Pro Bono Committees. Deirdre is a member of the OCBA Charitable Fund Board, and serves on the Public Law Center's Dinner Committee. Deirdre is active with the Coalition for Diversity in the Law, the Celtic Bar, ABTL, and the William Gray Legion Lex Inn of Court. Deirdre is the Immediate Past President of the Orange County Women Lawyers Association.

Deirdre seeks to bring together the many constituent parts of our legal community, from the bench, from the bar, and from academia, with a view to improving the excellence of our practices and of our service to the community at large. She focuses her efforts on making the OCBA more inclusive by reaching out to underserved groups of lawyers, both within and outside the OCBA, and by continuing to recruit and mentor law students and newly admitted attorneys, who are the future of our profession. Visit

www.Deirdre4OCBA.com.

SECRETARY (Elect 1)

Bradley S. Erdosi



Bradley Erdosi is the founder of the Law Offices of Bradley S. Erdosi. He is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization.

As an elected member of the OCBA Board of Directors, Bradley is very involved in the bar association and devotes much of his time to the Orange County community. Bradley is Vice-Chair of the OCBA Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee, and a member of the Finance and Mentoring Committees. In addition, Bradley is a member of the Solo and Small Firm, Trusts and Estates and Elder Law sections. Bradley served as past chair of the Solo and Small Firm section, and is an active member of several affiliate bar associations.

In the community, Bradley regularly volunteers his time providing pro bono legal services to low-income individuals and non-profit organizations.

Having already worked with current leaders of the OCBA and been involved in many sections and committees, Bradley would embrace the Secretary position with experience and knowledge. He will bring integrity, experience and a collaborative spirit to the OCBA Executive Committee.

Bradley will work hard to ensure that our bar association continues to be diverse and inclusive. Bradley will also create opportunities to facilitate pro bono services between local legal service providers and attorneys. Finally, Bradley will build on the strong relationship between our bench and bar by establishing collaborative opportunities to make the administration of justice even better for our bench, the bar, and members of our community.

Bradley Erdosi is supported and endorsed by attorneys and community leaders of diverse backgrounds, firm sizes, and legal organizations. His supporters include OCBA past presidents, presidents and leaders of local affiliate bars, and community activists. Bradley is also endorsed by the Lavender Bar Association.

Bradley has been happily married to his wife Miriam for 14 years and is the proud father of two young children, ages six and nine. He is passionate about the OCBA and its role within the legal and local community, and would be grateful for your vote. For more information, visit www.erdosi4ocba.com.

Scott B. Garner



Scott Garner has made a career of serving lawyers, and wants to continue doing so by serving as OCBA Secretary. A 25-year OCBA member, Scott has a long and impressive list of service, including the last six years as a member of the OCBA's Board of Directors. Among other things, Scott has co-chaired the OCBA's Professionalism and Ethics Committee for the past decade, currently serves as Co-Chair of its Civility Task Force and on the Audit Committee, and recently headed up the Bylaws Task Force.

Scott's commitment to serving the legal community extends beyond the OCBA. For example, Scott recently completed a term as Chair of the California State Bar Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (and currently serves as its Advisor), and is the current President of the Orange County Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers (ABTL).

Scott's practice also is focused in significant part on service to lawyers. Specifically, Scott counsels and defends law firms and lawyers in legal malpractice, ethics, and other lawyer liability matters. Scott often has been in the trenches with individual lawyers facing reputation-threatening lawsuits or ethical dilemmas. On top of his Bar service and busy practice, Scott also regularly takes on pro bono cases.

Scott's Bar service and professional engagements give him a unique understanding of the many issues confronting lawyers, and he is eager to continue putting that knowledge and experience to use for the benefit of OCBA members. Now a partner in the boutique firm of Umberg Zipser, Scott spent over two decades with large, international firms. He understands and appreciates firsthand the different challenges faced by lawyers in both large and small firms, and is prepared to address those challenges on behalf of all OCBA members. Scott is humbled by the outpouring of support he's received from a wide array of Bar leaders.

Scott has been married for 23 years to Karen Garner, a successful internist. They are the proud parents of three wonderful children – who ensure that none of Scott's successes go to his head. To learn more about Scott, including his list of endorsements, visit <http://www.scottgarner4secretary.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.

I am President 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 also teach the Veterans Law Clinic at UCI Law School and am a reserve JAG officer in the California State Military Reserve holding the rank of Captain. I have a unique understanding of the practical use of utilizing legal skills and sheer determination to combat homelessness and hope to bring opportunities to do so to the OCBA and its membership.

I am presently a member of the Military and Health Law Advisory Board for the Health Law Section of the ABA, Vice Chair for the OC Veterans and Military Families Collaborative and Chair of its Legal/Re-Entry Working Group, and in the past served two years as an AmeriCorps Equal Justice Works Legal Fellow at the Public Law Center.

I have been a member of the OCBA for nearly ten years and have assisted on various committees and now seek to contribute to our local legal community in a greater capacity. I am excited for the opportunity to serve in the more involved role of Director-at-Large and look forward to making valuable contributions to my fellow members and the citizens we serve. It has always been my belief that the OCBA is made up of legal leaders in our community with a desire to serve and together further our efforts to making a difference in Orange County. 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, as well as promoting opportunities for networking and camaraderie 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 serve the OCBA and would greatly appreciate your support and vote for Director at Large. To learn more, please visit www.antoINETTEbalta.com.

Sherry S. Bragg



As a business litigator for almost 29 years, I am proud of how the OCBA has represented and served the needs of our members and the greater community. If elected, I will work hard to ensure that the OCBA continues its commitment to diversity, professional development, excellence in the practice of law, and the advancement of justice through accessibility of legal services and community events.

I strive to honor my commitment to give back to my community through my involvement in and support of various legal and community organizations including:

- OCAABA
- HBA
- TMBA
- OCWL
- The Celtic Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers (former Board Member)
- OCBA's Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee (Arbitrator)
- OCBA Mentoring Committee (Member and Mentor)
- Peter M. Elliott Inn of Court (Treasurer)
- Orange County Bar Foundation (Fellow)
- Human Options, a non-profit organization committed to breaking the cycle of domestic violence (Board Member)
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a non-profit organization that serves children in the foster care system (Volunteer)
- Public Law Center (supporter)
- Veterans Legal Institute (supporter)

Because of my passionate commitment to the inclusion and professional training of our young lawyers, I have also served for many years as a mentor to law students at UCI School of Law and Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law.

As a partner at Weintraub Tobin, my litigation practice focuses on a variety of business disputes. In addition to being a litigator, I served as the firm's immediate past administrative managing partner and, for 23 years before that, as the co-founder and managing partner of Waldron & Bragg, a boutique litigation firm in Newport Beach.

I was born on the garden isle of Lihue, Hawaii, and I am a double Bruin, having received both my undergraduate and law school degrees from UCLA. I have been married for 27 years to my husband, Roy Bragg. We have three children who make us proud every day.

I would like to continue my involvement and dedication to the legal community and to the community at large as a Board Member of the OCBA. I would greatly appreciate your vote. You can learn more about me by going to http://www.weintraub.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Bragg_Bio_Final.pdf

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Shirin Forootan



Shirin Forootan deserves your vote for the OCBA Board. Why? Visit <http://www.shirin4ocba.com>. For nearly a decade, Shirin has worked beyond the four walls of her office to support and lead the Orange County legal community. Some examples of her dedication to the legal community and her leadership are as follows:

- Shirin has chaired the Community Outreach Committee.
- Shirin has chaired the Mommy Esquire Committee.
- Shirin has served on the Executive Planning Committee for the Labor & Employment Section.
- Shirin regularly presents to high schools in Orange County for the State Bar program, "Teenage Legal Survival Skills."
- Shirin currently chairs the Homeless Outreach Committee for the Stand Up for Homeless event.
- Shirin currently serves on the Charitable Fund Silent Auction Committee.
- Shirin has mentored several students through the UCI School of Law Mentorship Program.
- Shirin is a founding member of the Iranian-American Bar Association – OC Chapter.
- She regularly volunteers with fellow OCBA members to help the community. Some examples:
 - Serving food at Someone Cares Soup Kitchen in Costa Mesa
 - Assisting Women Helping Women and Men Back to Work with their quarterly sale
 - Harvesting the fields with green onions at the Incredible Edible Farm in the Great Park

Shirin's passion for service and leadership extends beyond the local legal community. For the past several years, Shirin has also been active in her service to United Way of Orange County:

- She has chaired Women United, a donor group of women who support struggling Orange County families by promoting self-sufficiency.
- She has met with lawmakers in Capitol Hill to advocate for pending legislation that would help struggling Orange County families.
- She regularly volunteers with like-minded women, such as reading aloud to elementary school students at Paul Revere in Anaheim and cleaning a domestic violence shelter in Irvine.

Shirin practices labor and employment defense at Call & Jensen in Newport Beach. She is committed to educating others in her practice area. She regularly presents on employment law topics for MCLE credit and has published several articles in her field as well.

A vote for Shirin is a vote for dedicated service to YOUR legal community.

John P. Glowacki



John P. Glowacki is a partner with Roehl & Glowacki, P.C. in Laguna Hills. His practice comprises trusts and estates litigation and related matters, such as financial elder abuse and protective proceedings including conservatorships and elder abuse restraining orders.

He has served OCBA's Trusts & Estates Section Board since 2011. For two years he was a Co-Chair in charge of coordinating monthly MCLE programs for the Section's 500-plus members. This year he is the Chair of the Section, which once again is the second largest Section in the OCBA.

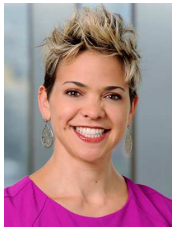
John is an active member of the OCBA, participating in multiple sections and recently joining the Community Outreach Committee. John has delivered presentations related to his practice to the OCBA's Trusts and Estates Section, the OCBA's Elder Law Section and the Professional Fiduciaries Association of California's Annual Conference, and he has co-led informal roundtables hosted by First American Trust Company.

Born and raised in Southern California, John moved north for seven years and completed his B.A. at the University of California, Berkeley and then his J.D. at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Since graduating law school, John has lived in Orange County with his wife, and they have been joined by their two daughters. He has also served his local community through his Homeowners Association.

John considers the OCBA to be the most valuable resource available to the attorneys and related professionals in Orange County and hopes to carry on and extend the fantastic efforts of previous and current leaders towards providing excellent MCLE, meaningful opportunities for community involvement, and programs designed to foster professionalism, collegiality and high ethical standards.

<http://rg.legal>

Adrianne E. Marshack



Adrianne Marshack is a litigation partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, where she handles a variety of complex business and employment disputes for industry-leading clients. Adrianne 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 Adrianne's success has been her belief in engagement and connection to her clients, her community, and her family. Adrianne is currently the Young Lawyers Division Chair for the Orange County chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, and a member of the OCBA's Leadership Development Committee.

Adrianne's commitment to service is not limited to law. A passionate advocate for children, Adrianne 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, Adrianne 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 Orange County Bar is a leader and innovator in California.

Adrianne's diverse background gives her a unique perspective that will enhance the OCBA Board. A New England native, Adrianne 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 deciding to go to law school at UCLA, and eventually settling in Orange County. Adrianne has practiced at big firms, small firms, and mid-sized firms, and understands the challenges posed by all and the importance each play in our legal community.

Adrianne, 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."

Richard J. McNeil



I am Rick McNeil (and I am a current OCBA Board Member) and I respectfully seek your vote for a second term on the OCBA Board.

I am an environmental and land use attorney with Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. and I have been active in the OCBA since I joined the Newport Beach office of Irell & Manella LLP over 20 years ago.

I currently am the Chair of the OCBA Environmental Law Section and I also am an active member of the OCBA Real Estate and the OCBA Business Litigation Sections as well as the Thurgood Marshall Bar Association.

I also am the Chair of the OCBA Diversity Task Force and also actively participate (as a mentor) in both the OCBA and the UCI Mentoring Programs. I also have been a regular sponsor of the OCBA Charitable Fund's Annual Spring Fundraisers and Fall Galas.

Over the last several years, I have gladly and appreciatively devoted a significant portion of my professional life – through my active and passionate participation in the OCBA - (i) to promoting the visibility and the statewide reputation of the OCBA; (ii) to enhancing opportunities for professional development for younger lawyers (and future leaders of the OCBA); and (iii) to promoting diversity within the Orange County legal profession.

I have contributed to our community in other ways, as well, including handling a significant amount of pro bono work throughout Orange County as well as serving as Chair of the Pacific Chorale at the Segerstrom Center which, among other things, brings free after-school arts education programs into underfunded elementary schools in Costa Mesa.

I am honored to have the support of numerous former OCBA presidents as well as many other OCBA current and former leaders.

Thank you for your consideration and I would be most grateful for your vote and support.

Thomas F. Newmeyer



I'm Tom Newmeyer, the current Vice-Chair of the OCBA Judiciary Committee and founding partner of Newmeyer & Dillion LLP, and request your support for my election to the OCBA Board.

I have lived much of my life in Orange County. When I left Gibson Dunn to open a firm with my partner Greg Dillion, we chose Orange County because of its vibrant legal and business communities. I believe that the OCBA is critical to Orange County maintaining the highest quality legal profession that matches that in any other county, in any state. My experience working with the OCBA has given me a better appreciation of the diverse nature and outstanding commitment of other lawyers in our community. If selected to become a member of the Board, I will do my utmost to preserve and enhance the OCBA's commitment to its members.

We started Newmeyer & Dillion in 1984 with just three lawyers. We are now over 70, spread among three offices. I am particularly proud that we have been ranked the fourth best place to work in Orange County among midsize businesses by the OC Business Journal. I attribute this to the atmosphere that we created where all employees are treated with respect and given an opportunity to excel. By listening and taking action based on the input of our lawyers and employees, we have built a well-managed firm where people truly enjoy their work. This commitment to inclusion of ideas to reach a common goal is an asset I hope to bring to OCBA.

I believe I am well-qualified to meet the needs of the Board. I have an active trial and appellate practice covering all areas of business litigation and extensive experience in representing clients in diverse areas. I have a long-standing AV rating from Martindale Hubbell, and been recognized in both Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers, making the Top 50 Orange County Lawyers several times. I will bring my background and experience to work diligently to bring the best the OCBA has to offer to its members.

Jennifer M. Tennant



Jennifer Tennant seeks your support to continue her long-standing service to the OCBA, and she would be honored to serve 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 and the Celtic Bar Association and serving on committees such as Mommy Esquire.

Jennifer is the 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 Susan G. 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 the sections, committees, affiliate groups and the Board, and to increase opportunities for community involvement. She would especially focus her efforts on underserved groups in the community and seek to engage in more diverse community outreach programming.

Jennifer is an attorney with experience in employment, compliance, and general business. She has worked at Advantage Solutions in Irvine for over 3 years. Advantage is a global retail solutions company, providing innovative outsourced sales and marketing solutions for consumer goods companies and retailers, with over 46,000 employees, generating over \$65 billion in retail sales. Jennifer received a BS in Economics from Rutgers University and a JD from Western State University College of Law. Jennifer lives in Aliso Viejo with her husband, son, and daughter.