

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



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 Dorsev

Thurgood Marshall Bar Association President

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP OTHERS



Stay connected to the village! Click <u>HERE</u> to join the Thurgood Marshall Bar Association Facebook page and follow us on **Instagram** <u>@thurgoodmarshallbarofficial</u>.

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!!!

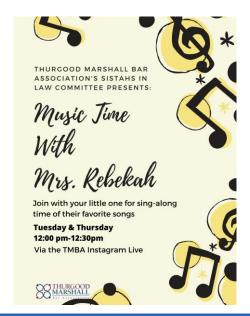
Send us 1-2 photos of the work you are doing, including your headshot, and a brief description of the work you are doing to info@thurgoodmarshallbarassociation.org and we will feature you in the next newsletter.

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



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



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.



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Apply for TMBA Scholarships

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

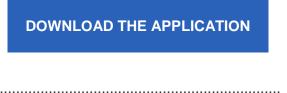
We recognize, that sitting for the bar exam, is both an emotionally and financially



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!



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

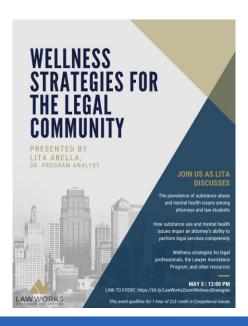
Substance Use and Mental Health Issues Among Attorneys Wednesday, April 29 | 12:00 noon -- Webinar MCLE credit will be provided



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WELLNESS STRATEGIES FOR THE LEGAL COMMUNITY

Tuesday, May 5 | 12:00 noon -- Webinar CLE credit will be provided

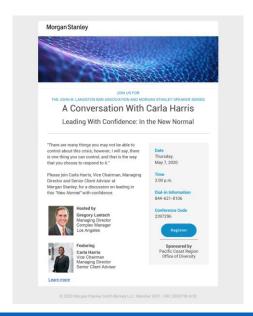


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LEADING WITH CONFIDENCE: IN THE NEW NORMAL

A Conversation with Carla Harris Thursday, May 7 | 2:00pm



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click on the Image Below for OCBA COVID-19 Updates





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!