
YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

March 2023

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Courtney E. Gengler, President

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Carmine's at the Hillcrest Plaza

229 Clark Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991

CARE Act 101 and the CARE Court Process

The MCLE presentation for this month's meeting will be provided by Tahmina Morrow, Deputy County Counsel for Yuba County. In an effort to address significant issues of mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness, the California legislature recently passed the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment ("CARE") Act, which was signed into law by the governor on September 14, 2022. This Act has faced opposition from numerous civil rights groups, including a lawsuit by Disability Rights California challenging the constitutionality of the Act. As it stands, seven pilot counties – including Glenn County -- will be establishing new CARE courts by October 1, 2023, with the remaining counties to follow by December 2024.

Tahmina was recently asked to provide a presentation to various county administrators and officials regarding the implementation of the CARE Act and the impact it might have at the county-level. The presentation will provide an outline on the newly-enacted CARE Act and provide a basic understanding how it is supposed to work.

Tahmina Morrow is a proud graduate of McGeorge School of Law, Class of 2012. Tahmina has been working as a Deputy Counsel at the Office of the County Counsel in Yuba County since June of 2022, where she is currently responsible for advising various departments, including Public Guardian, Human Resources, Assessor, Grand Jury, Auditor-Controller, OES and the AG Commission.

Tahmina's legal career also includes experience in the areas of family law and civil litigation. Prior to working at the Office of the County Counsel she had worked at *Sims, Lawrence & Arruti*, a civil litigation firm in Roseville for 8 years.

This meeting qualifies for 0.5 hours of MCLE.

The cost is \$20.00 for members who have paid their 2023 dues and \$25.00 for everyone else, payable by cash or check to YSBA.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 15, 2023
to Melissa Poulos, mpoulos@suttercourts.com, (530) 822-3368.

WINE TASTING EVENT

Fritz, our new Vice President, promised you fun and alcohol, and he is already living up to his word!



YSBA is planning a wine tasting event at Sicilia Vineyards on Nuestro Road in Yuba City. The event will be at **5:15 p.m. on April 21, 2023**, and it will cost **\$15 per person**, which will include wine tasting, food pairings, and live music. We need to get an estimate as to how many people we will have, so please send a “soft RSVP” so that we can get the details finalized.

REMINDER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- YSBA Member Dues for 2023 are \$75.00 and are now due! Please send a check payable to YSBA to P.O. Box 204, Marysville, CA 95901, or bring it with you to the next meeting.
- 2023 Scholarship Applications are available to local high school seniors with a due date of April 3, 2023. One recipient from each local high school will receive \$1,500.00 and one All-School recipient will be selected to receive \$2,500.00.
- If you have any announcements that you would like included in the Newsletter, please send an email to Secretary Melissa Poulos at mpoulos@suttercourts.com.

MOCK TRIAL EXHIBITION A SUCCESS

The Mock Trial Exhibition put on by Lindhurst High’s Mock Trial team on February 28, 2023, was a success. Thank you to all who attended and to all who participated. The students’ Mock Trial coach, Morgan DeVico, was very grateful for the support of our association, and a copy of her letter is attached, along with the article from the Appeal Democrat and two photographs. The podium referenced in the letter is one that Fritz was able to obtain for the Mock Trial team, and YSBA was credited for the gift!



2023 YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Eleanor Bordsen	Noel Garcia	Tom Hill	Melissa Poulos
Amy Byrne	Tom Geddes	Fritzgerald Javellana	Jacquelyn Stenson
Penelope Changaris	Courtney Gengler	Taylor Kayatta	Tamara Squires
Maria Davari	Robert Gengler	Philippa Lauben	Navpreet Thandi
Nicholas Deal	Jennifer Granger	Deborah Micheli	Doug Tibbitts
Jennifer Dupré	John Guth		

It’s a new year – time to pay dues again. \$75 per year. Mail a check payable to YSBA to P.O. Box 204, Marysville, CA 95901 or bring cash or check with you to the next meeting.

Yuba Sutter Bar Association
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2023
Carmine's at Hillcrest Plaza

1. Courtney Gengler, President, began the meeting with welcoming remarks and announcements.

Announcements:

- a. As announced in the Newsletter, the January Board Member Election results are as follows:

President: Courtney Gengler

Vice President: Fritzgerald Javellana

Treasurer: Tamara Squires

Secretary: Melissa Poulos

- b. Scholarship Applications for 2023 are available to local high school seniors with a due date of April 3, 2023. One recipient from each local high school will receive \$1,500.00 and one All-School recipient will be selected to receive \$2,500.00.
- c. Our next regular meeting will be March 21, 2023. More info to come.
- d. Member Dues for 2023 are now due in the amount of \$75.00. The member dues pay to keep YSBA running: our P.O. Box, our website, our MCLE certification, pay our tax preparer, and they supplement our lunch meetings.

2. Vice President, Fritz Javellana, announced the Lindhurst High Mock Trial exhibition at the Sutter County Courthouse in Courtroom 4 at 2:00 in the afternoon following this meeting and encouraged everyone to come and show support.
3. Vice President, Fritz Javellana, then introduced the speaker, First Lieutenant Christopher J. Tatum, from Beale AFB's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Lt. Tatum provided a brief summary of his background in law enforcement and an overview of the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Lt. Tatum explained that the office of the Staff Judge Advocate has the combined duties of giving legal advice and support, as well as serving as prosecutors, defense attorneys, and Judges in the military justice system. Lt. Tatum also gave an overview of the different ways to become a member of the JAG Corps.

Questions were asked and answered about jurisdiction, representation, and how to determine whether to move forward with a case.

4. Fritz Javellana, Vice President, announced the wine tasting event at Sicilia Vineyards in Yuba City on Friday, April 21, 2023, at 5:15 p.m., and adjourned the meeting.