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# YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

April 2019

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Courtney E. Gengler, President

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**Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.**

**The Refuge Restaurant**

1501 Butte House Road, Yuba City, CA 95993

This month's MCLE presentation, Civility Matters, will be provided by the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). The presentation is a panel consisting of a Judge, two attorneys and two mediators, who will be discussing real situations that confront lawyers. Our panelists are:

- The Honorable Debra L. Givens, Presiding Judge of the Yuba County Superior Court
- Carolee Kilduff, Esq., Angelo, Kilday & Kilduff as Plaintiff's/Defense Counsel
- David L. Perrault, Esq., Mediator, Judicate West, Sacramento as Defense Counsel
- Letty Litchfield, Esq., Law Offices of Letty Litchfield, Moderator
- Bruce A. Kilday, Esq., Angelo, Kilday & Kilduff, Moderator

This presentation qualifies for **1.0 hours of MCLE Ethics**.

More information about the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA):

1. ABOTA is a National invitation only organization of plaintiff and defense attorneys throughout the country. The qualifications for membership are a minimum of 10 civil jury trials to verdict and a reputation for civility in the practice of law.
2. The Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA is one of the largest and oldest chapters in the country and is committed to the National objective of increasing diversity in its Chapter.
3. ABOTA serves a unique place in the legal community both here in the Sacramento Valley and Nationally. They give back to the community by promoting the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment right to a civil jury trial and the independence of the judiciary through Civics Education programs and Save Our Jury Initiatives. They partner with other like-minded organizations to achieve these goals.
4. Becoming a member of ABOTA provides a way for diverse individuals to network with other skilled civil trial lawyers. Being a member of ABOTA provides National recognition of one's skills as a civil trial lawyer. It also is a way to become involved in professional development and civic education.

See the attached flyer for more information.

Lunch will be served at 11:45 so that the presentation can begin at noon.

**Please RSVP by 4:00 p.m. on Friday April 19, 2019**  
to Secretary Melissa Poulos, [mpoulos@suttercourts.com](mailto:mpoulos@suttercourts.com), (530) 822-3368.

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## REMINDER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, May 21, 2019**. Speaker and topic to be announced.
  - Bar Association Membership dues for 2019 are \$50.00 and are now due.
  - The 2019 Board is: Courtney Gengler, President; Jessica Hiller, Treasurer; and, Melissa Poulos, Secretary. We are still looking for a Vice President, so if anyone is interested, please let us know.
  - 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](mailto:mpoulos@suttercourts.com).
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## 2019 YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Greg Boller	Courtney Gengler	Jean Jordan	Melissa Poulos
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Laura Ferree	Amanda Hopper	Jana McClung	James Vasquez
Anthony Galyean	Ilene Jacobs	Deborah Micheli	

It is not too late to join! Just send in your dues of \$50.00 or bring them with you to the meeting.

### Yuba Sutter Bar Association

#### Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019

#### The Refuge Restaurant

1. Courtney Gengler, President, began the meeting with welcoming remarks and announcements.
  - a. Our next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, April 23, 2019**. Please note the date. Our program will be the Sacramento Valley Chapter of ABOTA (American Board of Trial Advocates) Civility Matters Program. The program has a panel that includes a Superior Court judge, two attorneys and two moderators. Yuba County Superior Court Presiding Judge Givens has agreed to act as our judge on the panel. We will send out a flyer with more information.
  - b. Scholarship applications are now available through the local high schools, Yuba College, and also on our website. Applications are due April 2, 2019.

- c. Bar Association Membership dues for 2019 are \$50.00 and are now due. We discussed at our last meeting increasing membership and meeting attendance. We posted a link in the newsletter to the article entitled, "The Case for Bar Associations: Why They Matter," by Adrienne B. Koch. Read it, share it. Please let us know names and contact information of any local attorneys who should be added to our contact list.
  - d. The Yuba County District Attorney's office is recruiting for either a Deputy District Attorney I/II or III. See the flyers included in the email for more information.
  - e. Sutter County Notice Regarding Calendar Changes: Effective immediately, the calendar sessions for restraining order requests are being modified, as follows: Courtroom 1 – Domestic Violence without children, harassment, elder abuse, and workplace violence requests will be heard on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.; Courtroom 2 – domestic violence with children requests will be heard on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. This schedule change is being made in part to facilitate the use of court-funded court reporters in restraining order matters.
2. Elections for the 2019 YSBA Board: The current three board members (Courtney Gengler – president, Jessica Hiller – treasurer, and Melissa Poulos – secretary) are willing to remain in those offices for 2019.

Hearing no opposition or nominations, the 2019 YSBA Board is:  
President: Courtney Gengler  
Treasurer: Jessica Hiller  
Secretary: Melissa Poulos
  3. The MCLE presentation was provided by Donya Thompson, the Deputy Chief of the Juvenile Unit at Sutter County Probation, Sarah Roberts with Sutter County Probation, and Meagan Hammond with Sutter County Probation. The presentation was an overview of Probation's juvenile programs, including services provided and how changes over the past 11 years have resulted in a huge reduction of juveniles in the system. The current case-load is only 40 juveniles, and no juveniles in Camp Singer.

The juvenile programs offered by Sutter County Probation include: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Seeking Safety, Functional Family Therapy, G.R.E.A.T., Parent Project, and Forward Thinking.

The speakers also provided information on their new mentoring program, including that they are in need of mentors, particularly male mentors.
  4. Courtney Gengler, President, thanked the speakers and adjourned the meeting.