## YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

January 2018

Courtney E. Gengler, President

This month's meeting is on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 12:00 noon.

The Refuge Restaurant 1501 Butte House Road, Yuba City, CA 95993

The MCLE presentation will be provided by Ashley Bargenquast from Tully & Weiss, Attorneys at Law in Martinez, CA. Ms. Bargenquast will be speaking about the criminal implications of Prop 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, which legalized recreational use of marijuana beginning January 1, 2018. The presentation will begin at 12:30 and will qualify for 0.5 hours of MCLE credits.

Ashley Bargenquast is a graduate of the University of California, Davis, both from the undergraduate campus and King Hall, School of Law. While at King Hall, Ms. Bargenquast co-founded the Drug Policy Reform Committee of UC Davis's National Lawyers Guild branch. Ms. Bargenquast is a longtime supporter of medicinal cannabis and has been an active advocate since 2013. After volunteering at an Americans for Safe Access summit, Ashley began work in the medical cannabis industry as a legal researcher and writer for Robert Raich and James Anthony.

Both during and after her academic career at King Hall, Ms. Bargenquast worked for the Law Offices of James Anthony as a Compliance Associate and member of the application writing team. Her experience there included regulatory and application work for the state of Nevada, California, and Hawaii.

She joined her current firm, Tully & Weiss, Attorneys at Law, at about the same time that AB 266, AB 243, and SB 643, collectively the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA) was passed into law. She has worked closely with collectives and cooperatives as MMRSA was amended into the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA), Proposition 64 the Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) passed, AUMA and MCRSA were consolidated into the Medicinal and Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), and regulations regarding the emerging cannabis industry were created and adopted.

In addition to working closely with cannabis entrepreneurs on operating lawfully and safely, she also regularly represents clients in criminal cases, both in and out of the cannabis arena. In Spring of 2017, Ms. Bargenquast, along with Attorneys Tully and Schram, also from Tully & Weiss, represented a medical cannabis advocate father and his two sons in jury trial in Shasta County. From speaking and working with local jurisdictions on drafting their own ordinances, to defending patients' rights in the courtroom, Ms. Bargenquast works to educate individuals inside and outside of the criminal justice system on the reality of medicinal and adult use cannabis in California today.

Please RSVP for the January meeting by <u>Thursday, January 11, 2018</u> to Secretary Melissa Poulos, <u>mpoulos@suttercourts.com</u>, (530) 822-3368.

## **REMINDER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Our February meeting will be held on February 20, 2018, at noon at the Refuge Restaurant. Stay tuned for more information.
- The 2018 Board of the Yuba Sutter Bar Association is:

Courtney E. Gengler, President Charles S. Poulos, Interim Vice President Melissa J. Poulos, Secretary Jessica Hiller, Treasurer

- YSBA member dues are \$50.00 for the year and are now due. Please send your check, payable to the Yuba Sutter Bar Association, to YSBA, P.O. Box 204, Marysville, CA 95901, or bring it to the meeting.
- If you have any announcements that you would like included in the New sletter, please send an email to Secretary Melissa Poulos at <u>mpoulos@suttercourts.com</u>.

## Yuba Sutter Bar Association <u>Meeting Minutes</u> <u>November 14, 2017</u> <u>The Refuge Restaurant</u>

- 1. Charles Poulos, President, began the meeting with welcoming remarks and announcements.
  - a. New Board Elections: Courtney Gengler, current Vice President, has agreed to step up to President, Melissa Poulos has agreed to remain Secretary, and Jessica Hiller has agreed to remain Treasurer. No one was nominated for Vice President. Chuck Poulos has agreed to stay on as Vice President in the interim.
  - b. The December meeting is a holiday party. The date has changed to December 7, 2017 at Carlito's Mexican Restaurant at 885 Richland Road in Yuba City. We will be sharing space with the Estate Planning Professionals group.
- 2. The speaker, llene Jacobs, a Director of Litigation, Advocacy & Training for CRLA Inc., provided a brief history of CRLA, including that the Marysville office was one of the original offices more than 50 years ago. The Depot in Marysville opened in 1988 in response to the City of Marysville pushing people out of the river bottoms. More programs, shelters, and assistance were needed to create decent, affordable housing.

Yuba County created the 14 Forward Program, which is a temporary homeless shelter program that provides opportunities for people to gain resources for self-sufficiency and permanent housing. Attorney Brant Bordsen added that there are success stories coming out of the program.

Rather than passing anti-homeless ordinances, we need to be looking at creative solutions to develop decent affordable housing and jobs.

A question was asked about the impact of the Cascade fire on the availability of housing. There is no doubt that there is an impact because of the combination of the loss of housing, loss of wages, and many people being underinsured. The emergency response to the situation was good, but now there are ongoing problems such as toxic homes and toxic air.

3. Charles Poulos, President, thanked the speaker and adjourned the meeting.