YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Courtney E. Gengler, President

This month's meeting is on <u>MONDAY</u>, <u>October 15, 2018</u>, at 11:30. The Refuge Restaurant

1501 Butte House Road, Yuba City, CA 95993

Under California Rule of Court Rule 9.9.5, all active attorneys licensed in California must be refingerprinted. The State Bar is requiring attorneys to resubmit fingerprints by April 30, 2019.

From 11:30 to 1:30, we will have Capital Live Scan, a mobile fingerprinting company present at the meeting to fingerprint the attorneys. The cost of the fingerprinting is \$65 per person, which breaks down as follows: \$32 for DOJ fees, \$17 for FBI fees, and \$16 for the mobile service.

You will need to download and bring with you your prepopulated Live Scan form issued by the State Bar from your My State Bar Profile and a valid ID. The Live Scan technician will sign the bottom of the Live Scan form and provide a 10-digit ATI number assigned to your fingerprint impressions, all of which the DOJ and the FBI will receive. Attorneys must retain the ATI number as proof of submitting fingerprints to the Live Scan vendor. You may wish to visit this website for more information prior to the meeting: <u>http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/Attorney-Regulation/Fingerprinting-Rule-Requirements/For-In-State-Attorneys</u>.

We are finalizing the details of the substantive portion of our meeting. I will send out information as soon as I have it.

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

REMINDER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Our speaker is Digital Forensics and the topic is Ethical Duties and Electronically Stored Information.
- We are currently looking for someone to hold the office of Vice President. Please let us know if anyone is interested.
- If you have any announcements that you would like included in the Newsletter, please send an email to Secretary Melissa Poulos at <u>mpoulos@suttercourts.com</u>.
- We will be having our annual holiday party in December. Stay tuned for details.

2018 YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

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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 <u>Meeting Minutes</u> <u>September 18, 2018</u> The Refuge Restaurant

- 1. Courtney Gengler, President, began the meeting with welcoming remarks and announcements.
 - a. We are exploring the idea of moving our monthly meetings to a different day of the week and/or to a different location in the hope of increasing our attendance numbers. A survey link was sent to everyone on the email list on August 30, 2018. Please complete the short survey.
 - b. 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.
 - c. We are currently looking for someone to hold the office of Vice President. Please let us know if anyone is interested.
 - d. Minna Williams would like to sublease her office in the Miller Building at 500 Olive Street in Marysville. If anyone is interested, we have her email and phone number.
 - e. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, 2018. Speaker and topic TBA. We are looking into scheduling finger printing, and also having a substantive speaker. Our previously scheduled speaker, Digital Forensics, has been moved to our November 123, 2018 meeting.
- 2. Donald Miles, a Judge for the California State Bar was our presenter and the topic was, "How to Stay out of Trouble with the State Bar." Donald Miles grew up in Yuba City and graduated from

YCHS in 1967 and Yuba College in 1969. He attended UC Hastings School of Law and was admitted to the State Bar in 1974. Mr. Miles was appointed by the Governor as a Judge for the State Bar of California over 11 years ago.

Judge Miles provided a very informative overview of the Rules of Professional Conduct, including many of the changes that will be taking effect as of November 1, 2018. The changes to the Rules are significant and will necessitate some changes to how an attorney runs their practice. It was emphasized that attorneys have many affirmative obligations and they are expected to know the rules; ignorance is not a defense.

The following Easy Ways to Avoid State Bar Problems were discussed:

- 1. Don't ignore State Bar investigations
- 2. Communicate with your clients
- 3. Maintain current membership address
- 4. Satisfy MCLE requirements
- 5. Comply scrupulously with Client Trust Account requirements
- 6. Don't create fee issues
- 7. Properly handle termination of client relationship
- 8. Report sanctions/comply with court orders
- 9. Be honest with others
- 10. Practice competently
- 11. Read the Rules of Professional Responsibility

The PowerPoint slides were provided in a handout and are available upon request.

3. Melissa Poulos, secretary, thanked the speaker and adjourned the meeting.