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# YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

June 2023

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Courtney E. Gengler, President

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SPECIAL EVENT: June 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.  
Boyd Hall: 1895 Lassen Blvd., Yuba City, CA 95993

### **Attorney Sergio Garcia, California's first DREAMer to be admitted to the State Bar.**

The Alliance for Hispanic Advancement (AHA) is a local non-profit organization that promotes the quality of life for minorities within our local community. They will be having their Annual Scholarship Banquet this year on **June 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** at Boyd Hall in Yuba City. The Yuba Sutter Bar Association is providing their Guest Speaker for the event, Attorney Sergio Garcia. In appreciation, AHA is inviting members of our bar association to attend the event, where complimentary dinner will be provided courtesy of *El Zarape*. One hour of MCLE will be offered.

Mr. Garcia graduated from Cal Northern School of Law in 2009 and passed the California Bar Exam that year. However, Mr. Garcia was denied admission to the state bar due to his status as an undocumented immigrant. After a lengthy battle, Mr. Garcia's case made national news when the California Supreme Court, in a matter of first impression, ruled that Mr. Garcia could be admitted to the state bar and be eligible to practice law. (*In re Garcia (2014) 58 Cal.4th 440*). Since then, Mr. Garcia has maintained a successful personal injury practice and has created the Sergio C. Garcia Foundation dedicated to assisting students in pursuing higher education.

Seating is limited, so if you are interested in attending the event, **please RSVP to [fritzgerald.javellana@gmail.com](mailto:fritzgerald.javellana@gmail.com) by June 5, 2023.**

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### **Next Regular Meeting: August 15, 2023 at noon** **Adolescent Brain Development and Juvenile Transfers to Adult Court**

Dr. Rahn Minagawa, a renowned expert in child and adolescent development and adolescent brain development, will speak about juvenile transfers to adult court in criminal proceedings.

Dr. Minagawa earned his doctorate degree in psychology from the University of Southern California in 1983 after completing an internship at the UCLA Medical Center. He then entered military service where he attained the rank of Commander and served as the Head of the Child and Adolescent Psychology Division at the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in child and adolescent psychology in San Francisco through the Comprehensive Child Crisis Services while in the Navy. After leaving the service, Dr. Minagawa became a Senior Scientist for the Henry M. Jackson Foundation and participated in research at the Naval Health Research Center with a focus on reducing high risk behaviors in military personnel. He has specialized training in the areas of trauma, substance abuse, gang involved youth, child and adolescent development, and adolescent brain development. He has been an invited presenter for the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, the Judicial Council of California, numerous public defender's offices throughout the State of California, and the San Diego County Juvenile Probation Department.

## DONALD HUCKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Yuba Sutter Bar Association awarded \$14,500.00 to nine deserving recipients this year and presented certificates at their high school award ceremonies over the last two weeks. Eight students from the individual local high schools were awarded \$1,500.00 and one overall winner was awarded \$2,500.00. On hand to present the awards on behalf of our association were:

**Nicholas Deal**

**Tony Galyean**

**Fritzgerald Javellana**

**Sydney Johnson**

**Deborah Micheli**

**Sukhraj Pamma**

**Tamara Squires**

**Geoffrey Wander**

Thank you to all of you who presented the awards at the ceremonies!

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## LAW DAY

The Sutter County Board of Supervisors recently issued a proclamation recognizing May 1, 2023 as National Law Day in Sutter County. According to the American Bar Association, Law Day is the national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law and provides an opportunity to recognize those who work to protect our liberties, strive to achieve justice, and contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share.



Congratulations to Public Defender **Douglas Tibbitts** who was especially recognized for his years of hard work and dedication to the legal profession!

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## REMINDER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are taking a break from our regular lunch meetings for the summer months of June and July.
- Our next regular meeting will be **August 15, 2023**. Our speaker will be **Dr. Rahn Minagawa**, a renowned expert in child and adolescent development and adolescent brain development, to talk about juvenile transfers to adult court in criminal proceedings.
- Check out the updated website: [www.yubasutterbar.org](http://www.yubasutterbar.org). All of our newsletters are posted here, as well as an events calendar, our Fee Arbitration program information, and a page for employment opportunities.
- 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.
- 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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## 2023 YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Brant Bordsen	Anthony Galyean	Fritzgerald Javellana	Mindi Reid
Eleanor Bordsen	Noel Garcia	Sydney Johnson	Nicole Rosser
Amy Byrne	Tom Geddes	Taylor Kayatta	Kelly Smith
Penelope Changaris	Courtney Gengler	David Lane	Tamara Squires
David Collins	Robert Gengler	Philippa Lauben	Kimberly Steffenson
Maria Davari	Jennifer Granger	Landon Little	Jacquelyn Stenson
Nicholas Deal	John Guth	Deborah Micheli	Chris Tatum
Jennifer Dupré	Stephanie Hansel	Amanda Pedrett	Navpreet Thandi
Ron Erickson	Jared Haste	Melissa Poulos	Doug Tibbitts
Aaron Esparza	Tom Hill		

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.

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### Yuba Sutter Bar Association Meeting Minutes

We did not have a regular meeting in May. However, it was nice seeing those of you who met us at the Olive Garden for our social lunch on May 16!