
YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

December 2023

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Courtney E. Gengler, President

**Thank you to those of you who attended the Holiday Party on December 13!
Good times, good food, and good company.**

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

As we approach the end of 2023, our executive board would like to thank our members, partners, and supporters for making this year a resounding success. Our legal community has experienced various changes throughout this past year; most notably, the retirement of the Honorable Sarah Heckman, as well as the appointment of two new Judges to Sutter County: the Honorable John Hinely and the Honorable Jesse Santana. But despite these changes, our collective efforts have allowed us to continue upholding the purpose of our Association – to maintain the honor and dignity of the legal profession, to promote the due administration of justice, to cultivate social relationships, as well as to promote the continuing education for public and charitable purposes.

Our board is particularly honored by this year's support of our youth in their pursuit of personal growth and higher education. Through the Donald Huckins Memorial Scholarship, our Association awarded a total of **\$14,500.00** to nine deserving high school seniors as they enter the next chapter of their young lives. We also supported the *Allianace for Hispanic Advancement* during their annual scholarship banquet by providing them with the guest speaker for the event, who graciously agreed to match the scholarships awarded to ten deserving high school seniors in a truly memorable moment for those in attendance. And lastly, we supported the newly established Lindhurst High School Mock Trial Team by holding an exhibition at the Sutter County Courthouse to allow these students to showcase their talents for our local community.

This year, our board has also made significant efforts to strengthen the relationships amongst our members by hosting informal lunch meetings, having our first wine tasting social event at *Sicilia Vineyards*, and throwing a holiday party after a hiatus. We are very excited to host similar social events in the future and look forward to additional interactions outside of a professional setting.

Lastly, our board is incredibly proud of our members for supporting the community and numerous charitable causes throughout the year. Thank you for representing the legal profession with honor and respect.

Special thanks to the following guest speakers who provided us with helpful information related to their respective areas or expertise, or shared about themselves as they serve our community:

Jennifer Dupre, *Sutter County District Attorney*

Lt. Christopher Tatum, *Beale Air Force Base Staff Judge Advocate Office*

Tahmina Morrow, *Yuba County Chief Deputy County Counsel*

Sergio Garcia, *California's first undocumented immigrant admitted to the State Bar*

Dr. Rahn Minagawa, *Expert in Adolescent Development*

Dr. Phuong Luu, *Sutter-Yuba Bi-County Health Officer*

Honorable John Hinely, *Sutter County Superior Court*

Honorable Jesse Santana, *Sutter County Superior Court*

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	Ambrose Jordan	Kelly Smith
Penelope Changaris	Courtney Gengler	Taylor Kayatta	Tamara Squires
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Nicholas Deal	John Guth	Landon Little	Chris Tatum
Jennifer Dupré	Stephanie Hansel	Deborah Micheli	Navpreet Thandi
Ron Erickson	Jared Hastey	Amanda Pedrett	Doug Tibbitts
Aaron Esparza	Tom Hill	Melissa Poulos	

Membership dues for the Yuba Sutter Bar Association are **\$100** 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.

Please remember to pay your annual YSBA dues! These funds pay for our operating costs, including the P.O. Box, our tax preparation, our website, our MCLE provider fees, and they supplement our lunch costs. Without these fees, we cannot operate.

A special thank you to Ambrose Jordan, the first to pay his dues for 2024!

REMINDER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our next regular meeting will be in January. Details TBA. Elections for the 2024 YSBA Board will be held at the January meeting. Please consider joining the Board to help keep this organization going.
- All of our newsletters and events are posted on our website: www.yubasutterbar.org, as well as our Fee Arbitration program information, and a page for employment opportunities.
- We are now accepting YSBA Member Dues for 2024. Please send a check in the amount of **\$100.00** payable to YSBA, to P.O. Box 204, Marysville, CA 95901, or bring it with you to the next meeting. Please note: our dues increased this year due to increasing operating costs and lunch meeting costs.

Yuba Sutter Bar Association
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2023
Cool Hand Luke's, 1669 Colusa Highway, Yuba City, CA

1. Courtney Gengler, President, began the meeting with welcoming remarks and announcements.
Announcements:
 - a. It is important that we receive RSVPs so that we can provide the restaurant with an accurate number so that we have enough food and enough table settings.
 - b. The Holiday Party is on Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Justin's Kitchen. We will look into changing the date so that it doesn't conflict with the Rotary Holiday Party, also scheduled for December 14. YSBA will provide appetizers. Attendees will have to pay for their own alcoholic beverages.

Local photographer, Natalie Syverson, has offered to provide professional headshots at her studio (which is a few doors down from Justin's Kitchen) on the date of the holiday party with no studio fees/monetary obligation, which will be available for purchase.
 - c. Our next regular meeting will be in January. Details TBA
 - d. We are now accepting annual dues for 2024. Our dues are used to pay for: P.O. Box, website, accountant for tax preparation, MCLE provider renewal fees, and supplementing our lunch meetings.
 - e. YSBA Board election for 2024. If anyone is interested in being on the YSBA Board, for any of the positions, please contact one of the current board members. We will hold an election in January or February.
 - f. If you have any ideas or suggestions for speakers and/or topics, please let us know.
2. Courtney invited all attendees to briefly introduce themselves. She then presented our guest speakers, newly appointed Sutter County Superior Court Judges, John Hinely and Jesse Santana and invited the first guest speaker, Judge Hinely, to introduce himself. Judge Hinely spoke about his background, experience, and interests. Then, Jesse Santana introduced himself, and provided his background, experience, and interests. Mr. Santana invited all to the swearing in ceremony, Friday, November 17, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Courtroom 2.
3. Courtney thanked the speakers and attendees and adjourned the meeting.