
YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

August 2025
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Courtney E. Gengler, President

Legislative Update with Assembly Member James Gallagher

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Location: Carlito's Mexican Restaurant, 885 Richland Road, Yuba City

Assembly Member James Gallagher will present the Yuba Sutter Bar Association with a legislative update, with time for questions at the end.

James Gallagher has represented California's Third Assembly District since 2014. Before joining the Assembly, he served on the Sutter County Board of Supervisors for six years. James earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at UC Berkeley before completed an Assembly Fellowship in Sacramento and a law degree at UC Davis, where he graduated at the top of his class. He advocates for small businesses and farmers in his law practice and is a partner in his family's farming operation.

MCLE: This meeting qualifies for 0.5 hours of MCLE

Lunch is \$20.

Please RSVP to mpoulos@suttercourts.com, by 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, August 7, 2025.**

REMINDER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our September meeting will be about free legal services in Yuba and Sutter Counties. Stay tuned for more information.
- If anybody has any ideas for meeting topics and speakers, please let us know!
- All of our newsletters and events are posted on our website: www.yubasutterbar.org, as well as our Fee Arbitration program information.

2025 YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Janet Bender	Courtney Gengler	Deborah Micheli	Nicole Rosser
Brant Bordsen	Robert Gengler	Tahmina Morrow	Ami Scarfe
Eleanor Bordsen	John Guth	Monica O'Neil	Kelly Smith
Ryan Burreesch	Stephanie Hansel	Sukhraj Pamma	Tamara Sowles
Amy Byrne	Jared Hastey	Amanda Pedrett	Kim Steffenson
Joe Carrico	Tom Hill	Donna Peter	Michael Trezza
Judge Chandler	Sydney Johnson	Melissa Poulos	Bill Vanasek
Penelope Changaris	Cameron King	Andrew Ramos	James Vasquez
Omar Figueroa	David Lane	Mindi Reid	Corina Yetter
Anthony Galyean	Landon Little		

Membership dues for 2025 are \$100. 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.

Yuba Sutter Bar Association

Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2025

Carlito's Mexican Restaurant, 885 Richland Road, Yuba City, CA 95991

1. Omar Figueroa called the meeting to order.
2. Omar Figueroa made the following announcements:
 - We are now accepting annual dues for 2025. \$100 per member.
 - We will take our regular summer break for June and July and come back with a legislative update from Assemblymember James Gallagher on August 12.
 - The Celebration of Life for Chester Morris, past president of YSBA and attorney at Rich, Fuidge from 1961 until his retirement in 2015, will be on Friday, June 6, 2025, from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. at Peach Tree County Club.
 - Sutter Superior Court is accepting applications for 2025/2026 Grand Jury Members. Applications are located on the court's website.
 - This year, YSBA is awarding \$31,000 in Scholarships to students from nine local high schools. Eleven students are receiving \$2,500 and one student is receiving the "All-School" award of \$3,500.

We want to thank the members who have, or who will be soon, presenting these scholarships at the high school awards ceremonies: Omar Figueroa, Corina Yetter, Sydney Johnson, Judge Javellana, Mindi Reid, and Sukh Pamma.

3. New Superior Court Judges in Colusa and Sutter Counties

Omar Figueroa introduced Judge Luke Steidlmayer, Colusa County, and Judge Fritzgerald Javellana, Sutter County. Questions were asked and discussed regarding topics such as the differences between being appointed and being elected, professionalism, avoiding an appearance of impropriety, and conflicts and other difficulties of being a judge in a small town.

Judge Brendan Farrell joined the meeting and was introduced by Judge Javellana. Questions were asked and discussed regarding the workload and serving as the Presiding Judge.