YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

November 2026
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Omar Figueroa, Interim President

Mental Health Diversion

Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at noon
Sutter County Superior Court, Jury Assembly Room
1175 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City, CA 95993

This presentation on Mental Health Diversion under California Penal Code 1001.35, et seq. is designed with everyone in mind. There will be introductory level information for those not familiar with the statutes, and there will be some challenging questions for those that are well versed in mental health diversion. This is a constantly evolving area of law, and you will leave with an understanding of eligibility, suitability, excluded offenses, and changes heading our way on January 1, 2027.

The Honorable John K. Hinely is a Superior Court Judge in Sutter County. His current assignment includes Juvenile Justice, Criminal, and the Superior Court Appellate Division.

Prior to his current position, Judge Hinely served as a Court Commissioner for the counties of Colusa, Glenn, Plumas, and Tehama. Judge Hinely heard child support matters, unlawful detainers, small claims, family law matters, as well as traffic.

Before his appointment as Commissioner, Judge Hinely was an attorney both in private practice and for the State of California.

Judge Hinely is a member of the C.J.A. Ethics Committee; the Juvenile Law, and Criminal Law, Curriculum Committees; QE-9 faculty; and regularly lectures on ethics and professional responsibility throughout the state.

This meeting qualifies for 0.5 hours of MCLE.

A pizza lunch will be **$5** per person.

Please RSVP to mpoulos@suttercourts.com by 4:00 pm on Thursday, November 12, 2026.

2027 YSBA BOARD ELECTIONS

Please consider joining the YSBA Board of Directors!

We will be having elections for the 2027 YSBA Board at the November meeting. All positions are open. If anyone is interested or has any questions about the positions and duties, contact Omar or Melissa for more information.

REMINDER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will not have a regular meeting in December, but we will be having our annual Holiday Party. Stay tuned for more details.
- Sutter and Yuba Counties are part of the newly formed Unity Bar. The Inaugural Event is being held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Butte Creek Country Club in Chico. See the attached invitation for RSVP information and more.
- Mock trial activities: A number of local schools have expressed an interest in participating in mock trial activities during the upcoming school year. The schools include Sutter High, River Valley High School, Lindhurst High, Faith Christian High School, Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts, St. Isidore's Catholic School, and Live Oak Middle School. Volunteers are needed to support these students and programs. Anyone interested can reach out to Judge Santana or Judge Javellana.
- 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.

2026 YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Andrew Bartlett	Omar Figueroa	Sydney Johnson	Amanda Pedrett
Gurleen Bassi	Anthony Galyean	Sharn Kaur	Donna Peter
Janet Bender	Courtney Gengler	Amy Lee	Melissa Poulos
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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.

Yuba Sutter Bar Association
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2026, 12:00 pm
Carlito's Mexican Restaurant, 885 Richland Road, Yuba City, CA

1. Interim President, Omar Figueroa called the meeting to order.

2. Omar Figueroa made announcements:
    - Our next meeting will be on November 17, 2026, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Sutter County Courthouse. Judge Hinely will be presenting on Mental Health Diversion.
    - We will plan for the annual holiday party in December. More details to come.
    - Beginning next year, we will have to start charging more for lunch here at Carlito's. They have already raised the price for their taco bar, and the bar association was already supplementing the lunch prices.
    - Board Elections for 2027: At the November meeting, we will elect officers for the 2027 year. Please consider it. If you have any questions about duties, time commitment, etc., feel free to reach out to Melissa or Omar.

3. Updates from Department of Child Support Services: Colusa, Sutter, Yolo & Yuba Counties

    Anne Glanzer – Lead Child Support Attorney, CSY Regional Child Support Agency
    Anna Lucido – Child Support Attorney III, CSY Regional Child Support Agency
    Patricia Bartlett – Director/Attorney, Yuba County Local Child Support Agency

    The presenters provided information about what the agency does, where they get their information, enforcement tools, and more. Questions were asked and answered. The PowerPoint presentation will be provided by email to the attendees.

4. Omar thanked the presenters and attendees and ended the meeting.