



Contra Costa County

BAR ASSOCIATION

PROUDLY PRESENTS

23RD ANNUAL

# MCLE SPECTACULAR!

Friday, November 17, 2017

Walnut Creek Marriott | 2355 N. Main Street

Breakfast Kickoff Speaker

**CYNTHIA MCGUINN**

Rouda, Feder, Tietjen & McGuinn  
President-Elect, American Board of Trial Advocates

Luncheon Keynote Speaker

**REP. ERIC SWALWELL**

U.S. Representative from  
California's 15th Congressional District

Afternoon Plenary Speaker

**JEENA CHO**

Author of *The Anxious Lawyer, An 8-week Guide to a Satisfying  
Law Practice through Mindfulness and Meditation*



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Kilpatrick Townsend &  
Stockton, LLP  
and  
CCCBA's Employment  
Law Section

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Register by **October 31, 2017**  
to take advantage of special pricing!

# CONCURRENT MORNING SEMINARS

9:45 – 11:45 am

## SEMINAR #1

**Dana L. Filkowski**  
Supervisor, Domestic Violence  
Prosecution Unit, Contra Costa  
County District Attorney's Office

**Terry R. Leoni**  
Leoni Law

## BE A HERO: FULLY, FAIRLY, AND KNOWLEDGEABLY LITIGATING MATTERS INVOLVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS

Co-sponsored by CCCBA and its Women's Section

**1 Hour Legal Ethics MCLE Credit and 1 Hour Elimination of Bias MCLE Credit**

Whether you practice employment, civil, criminal defense, or family law, you are going to cross paths with a survivor of domestic violence or sexual assault. The survivor may be your client, witness, or opposing party. Do you know how to protect your client? Are you aware of the ethical considerations with opposing parties? Do you know available services? Has your bias impacted effective advocacy? This seminar will utilize real-world scenarios, and is designed for all practitioners.

## SEMINAR #2

**Natasha Chee**  
Law Offices of Natasha S. Chee

**Mary Grace Guzman**  
Covington & Burling LLP

**Jeff Thayer**  
Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young LLP

## TRIALS 101: CIVIL PRETRIAL CASE MANAGEMENT

Co-sponsored by CCCBA and its Barristers/Young Attorneys and Litigation Sections

**1.5 Hours General and .50 Hours Legal Ethics MCLE Credit**

The panel will examine handling a case from inception to pretrial. The discussion will focus on filing and answering a complaint, propounding and responding to discovery, taking and defending depositions, and filing and opposing dispositive motions. Common ethical issues that may arise early in a case will also be reviewed. This aspect of the discussion will look at handling conflict considerations, informing prospective clients of statutes of limitations, interacting with opposing counsel and ethical considerations in motion practice.

## SEMINAR #3

**Justice Mark B. Simons**  
First District Court of Appeal, Division 5

**Gary A. Watt**  
Hanson Bridgett, LLP

**Don Willenburg**  
Gordon & Rees, LLP

## HEARSAY: HERESIES & HOW-TOS

Co-sponsored by CCCBA and its Appellate Section

**2 Hours Appellate Specialization MCLE Credit (Approval Pending)**

This distinguished and experienced panel will focus on how the hearsay ruling in the Supreme Court of California criminal case, *People v. Sanchez (2016) 63 Cal.4th 665*, will impact criminal and non-criminal cases alike. The panel will also review and discuss a variety of misunderstood hearsay rules and wrinkles.

## SEMINAR #4

**Hilary Bricken**  
Harris Bricken, LLP

**Robert Selna**  
Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP

**Christina Weed**  
Law Offices of Christina Weed, P.C.

**Bryan Wenter**  
Miller Starr Regalia

## DEVELOPMENTS IN CALIFORNIA CANNABIS LAW

Co-sponsored by CCCBA and its Real Estate Law and Tax Law Sections

**2 Hours General MCLE Credit**

Our attorney panel will offer a survey of various aspects of developments in California cannabis law. The discussion will focus on, among other things, recent changes in California law (with respect to cultivation, manufacturing, distribution and retail sales), a brief survey of several local regulatory frameworks (including implications for land use and zoning laws) and ongoing tensions between state and federal law.

## SEMINAR #5

**Mary P. Carey**  
Law Office of Mary P. Carey

**Daniel S. Harkins**  
Law Office of Daniel Harkins

**Michael J. Markowitz**  
Gagen, McCoy, McMahon, Koss,  
Markowitz & Fanucci, P.C.

## CHILDREN AND THE LAW: REPRESENTING CHILDREN IN FAMILY AND JUVENILE CASES

Co-sponsored by CCCBA and its Family Law, Criminal Law and Juvenile Law Sections

**2 Hours General MCLE Credit**

This program will present a nuts and bolts perspective on how to represent children in family law custody cases, juvenile dependency matters and delinquency cases. The panel will also discuss how to handle matters when a child is the victim. There will also be a discussion of the interactions of these areas of the law.

## SEMINAR #6

**Donna Shestowsky, J.D., PhD**  
University of California, Davis  
School of Law

**Mark LeHocky**  
Judicate West

## SETTLING DISPUTES AND THE BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES: RESEARCH RESULTS AND SUCCESSFUL SETTLEMENT STRATEGIES

Co-sponsored by CCCBA and its Alternative Dispute Resolution and Litigation Sections

**2 Hours General MCLE Credit**

This program will first provide the findings of Professor Shestowsky's multi-court research on client preferences for different dispute resolution options, including negotiation, mediation, arbitration and trial. She will also summarize research findings on the criteria that litigants tend to use when evaluating their options. Professor Shestowsky and Mark LeHocky, who also teaches Mediation Advocacy, will then explore attorney handicapping errors, their practical implications and proven strategies to help clients best assess, manage and settle civil disputes.

## CONCURRENT AFTERNOON SEMINARS

1:45 – 3:45 pm

## SEMINAR #7

**Carol M. Langford**  
Law Office of Carol M. Langford,  
Lecturer, Boalt Hall

**Allen Blumenthal**  
State Bar of California, Office of the  
Chief Trial Counsel

## YOUR DUTIES UNDER THE NEW RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Co-sponsored by CCCBA

**2 Hours Legal Ethics MCLE Credit**

The California Rules of Professional Conduct have been revised and are awaiting approval by the Supreme Court of California. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about all the changes and revisions from those who actually helped with the rewrite! The speakers will focus on the attorney's duties under the new rules. Their goal will be to show you how to be an attorney of integrity and how to avoid any run-ins with the State Bar.

## SEMINAR #8

**Mercy L. Hall**  
Hall Law Firm, P.C.

**Kathryn S. Korn**  
Korn Law Group

**Terence M. Murphy**  
Law Office of Terence M. Murphy

## UNIQUE PROVISIONS IN ESTATE PLANNING: DRAFTING AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Co-sponsored by CCCBA and its Estate Planning and Probate Section

**2 Hours Estate Planning & Probate Specialization MCLE Credit**

This noteworthy panel is composed of estate plan drafters and litigators. They will address several common areas of concern that may be found in estate planning documents in the aftermath of implementing the wishes of the decedent, particularly if litigation arises from the probate and/or trust administration process. Both planners and litigators will come away with a more succinct understanding of addressing these issues, including implementation of life estates, special needs trusts, geriatric marriages, and use of referee hearings in trust, estate and conservatorship matters.

## SEMINAR #9

**Yen Chau**  
Archer Norris

**Margaret Grover**  
Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean LLP

**Richard N. Koss**  
Law Offices of Richard N. Koss

**Chris Mead**  
Cooper, White & Cooper LLP

**Jody Yudien**  
Yudien Law Firm

Moderator:  
**Marta Vanegas**  
Law Offices of John F. Martin

## FERRIS BUELLER'S 12 WEEKS OFF – LEAVE LAW FROM EVERY ANGLE

Co-sponsored by CCCBA and its Employment Law Section

**2 Hours General MCLE Credit**

This program will take you through the leave laws most likely to affect employees and employers in California. We will discuss the Family Medical Leave Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the California Family Rights Act, as well as California's pregnancy, sick, and domestic violence leaves. These similar and overlapping, but not identical, laws are challenging to navigate. Whether traversing these leaves is new to you, or if this will be a refresher course, this presentation will be packed with information and is not to be missed.

## SEMINAR #10

**Peggy J. Bristol**

Law Office of Peggy J. Bristol

**Thomas J. Kensok**

CCC Assistant District Attorney

**Ali Saidi**

CCC Deputy Public Defender

Moderator:

**Maura Dolan**

Los Angeles Times Judicial Affairs Reporter

*The panel will also include representatives from the CCC Sheriff's Department and the CCC Probation Department.*

## WHAT ATTORNEYS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF IMMIGRATION LAW AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN OUR LOCAL COURTS AND JAILS

Sponsored by CCCBA and its Criminal Law and Juvenile Law Sections

**2 Hours General MCLE Credit**

It's November 17, 2017 and My Client/My Witness/My Child/My Partner... Is Not a Citizen of the United States!

A panel of distinguished experts will discuss the current status of sanctuary, travel ban and immigration laws and their intersection with local practice. A must see for any lawyer with a non-citizen witness or client in our local court system.

## SEMINAR #11

**Heidi Coad-Hermelin**

Hermelin Law Firm

**Ann M. Dalsin**

Dalsin Law, LLP

**David S. Pearson**

Law Office of David S. Pearson

**Chris Schneider**

Dorband & Schneider, LLP

## GOING SOLO: A GUIDE TO OPENING YOUR OWN LAW FIRM!

Co-sponsored by CCCBA and its Solo Practice and Small Firm Section

**1 Hour of Legal Ethics MCLE Credit and 1 Hour of General MCLE Credit**

Do you want to start your own firm and work for yourself? Are you currently a solo or running a small practice? *Going Solo* is a comprehensive overview of issues, tips and tricks to starting and managing your own practice. Drawing from the decades of collective experience of the panel members, you will learn what works and what fails. Even if you are not currently looking to blaze your own trail, this program is full of information useful to firms and practitioners in all practice areas and of all experience levels.

## SEMINAR #12

**Eugenia Garrett-Wackowski,**

**Babak Kusha,**

**Mark Mathison,**

**Gwen Peterson,**

**Joseph Snyder (Moderator)**

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

**Maneesh Gupta**

IP Counsel, Proteus

**Timothy Joyce**

Patent Counsel, Bayer U.S.

**Wouter Roorda**

Vice President,

Nano Precision Medical, Inc

## WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR NEW PRODUCT - PUTTING THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY STRATEGIES IN PLACE

Co-sponsored by CCCBA and its Intellectual Property Section

**2 Hours General MCLE Credit**

It is estimated that two thirds of the value of technology businesses in the US is due to intangible or intellectual property, but most businesses do not do enough to protect these assets. Intellectual property issues arise when new products are introduced to market. Understanding IP requirements including trademarks, patent and trade secret strategies to eliminate timing issues and protect your intellectual property is imperative for continued business value, stability and growth. The panelists will give expert advice for new products and share their experiences.

## SEMINAR #13

Moderator:

**Hon. Marshall Whitley, Ret.**

ADR Services, Inc.

**Philip M. Andersen**

Philip M. Andersen & Associates

**Audrey Gee**

Brown, Gee & Wenger, LLP

**Ronald K. Mullin**

Mullin Law Firm

**Lee C. Pearce**

Law Office of Lee C. Pearce

## SOLVE BEFORE YOU SUE – PATHWAYS TO EARLY DISPOSITION THROUGH MEDIATION

Sponsored by CCCBA and its Alternative Dispute Resolution and Family Law Sections

**2 Hours General MCLE Credit**

Courts and contracts of all types encourage parties in conflict to attempt to resolve them without, and certainly before, resorting to litigation or even arbitration. A panel of litigators and mediators across practice areas, including personal injury/casualty, family law, probate/trusts and real estate/commercial will discuss pathways to early disposition using pre-litigation mediation and provide practical tips on how to accomplish this efficiently and cost effectively.

# REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 17, 2017 MCLE SPECTACULAR

Please complete the registration form below, or visit [www.cccba.org](http://www.cccba.org) to download an interactive PDF which you will need to print after completing. Complete one form for each attendee. Return this completed form via **Email, Fax, or US Mail** to: Anne K. Wolf, CCCBA | [awolf@cccba.org](mailto:awolf@cccba.org) | Fax: (925) 686-9867 | 2300 Clayton Road, Suite 520, Concord, CA 94520

**TO ENJOY SPECIAL PRICING, REGISTER BY OCTOBER 31**  
 Day of Event Registration – Full-Day Package: \$350 members • \$450 non-members

FULL-DAY PACKAGE – 8 CREDITS	FEE	AFTER OCT 31	TOTAL
Includes breakfast, lunch, and plenary sessions along with a choice of one morning and one afternoon seminar <b>PLUS</b> a free legal ethics self-study MCLE article, all seminar materials on a flash drive, and a copy of "The Anxious Lawyer."  Your Morning Seminar choice: # _____ Your Afternoon Seminar choice: # _____ Your Lunch Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Steak <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	<b>Full-Day Package:</b> CCCBA & ACBA Members <b>\$275</b>   Non-Members <b>\$375</b>	CCCBA & ACBA Members <b>\$325</b>   Non-Members <b>\$425</b>	
INDIVIDUAL SEMINARS & SESSIONS	FEE	AFTER OCT 31	TOTAL
<b>CHOOSE ONE - AM SEMINARS 9:45 - 11:45 AM – 2 CREDITS</b>	<b>Individual Seminars:</b> CCCBA & ACBA Members <b>\$80</b>   Non-Members <b>\$100</b>	CCCBA & ACBA Members <b>\$90</b>   Non-Members <b>\$110</b>	
#1 Litigating with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors			
#2 Trials 101: Civil Pretrial Case Management			
#3 Hearsay: Heresies & How-Tos			
#4 Developments In California Cannabis Law			
#5 Representing Children in Family & Juvenile Cases			
#6 Settling Disputes with the Behavioral Sciences			
<b>CHOOSE ONE - PM SEMINARS 1:45 - 3:45 PM – 2 CREDITS</b>			
#7 Your Duties Under the New Rules of Professional Conduct			
#8 Unique Provisions in Estate Planning: Drafting & Applications			
#9 Ferris Bueller's 12 Weeks Off – Leave Law from Every Angle			
#10 Current Immigration Law and Its Local Implementation			
#11 Going Solo: A Guide to Opening Your Own Firm			
#12 Ways To Protect Your New Product – IP Strategies			
#13 Solve Before You Sue			
<b>Breakfast Kickoff Only</b> (1 General Credit)	Members <b>\$60</b>   Non-Members <b>\$70</b>	Members <b>\$65</b>   Non-Members <b>\$75</b>	
<b>Luncheon Keynote Only</b> (1 General Credit) <input type="checkbox"/> Steak <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	Members <b>\$70</b>   Non-Members <b>\$95</b>	Members <b>\$75</b>   Non-Members <b>\$100</b>	
<b>Afternoon Plenary Only</b> (1 Competence Credit) <i>Includes Book!</i>	Members <b>\$55</b>   Non-Members <b>\$65</b>	Members <b>\$65</b>   Non-Members <b>\$75</b>	
<b>NEW COCKTAIL RECEPTION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> For Sure <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe <input type="checkbox"/> Sorry, No	No Charge		

**PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH ATTENDEE:**

TOTAL \$

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  ACBA Member  
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You will receive an email confirmation. **Please note:** Event materials will be **not** available at the event. Materials will only be available online and on the flash drive.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Check Enclosed

Cancellations **must** be received by **November 10** or registrants will be subject to full charge. Substitutions of attendees permitted at any time.

For further information, contact Anne K. Wolf at (925) 370-2540 | [awolf@cccba.org](mailto:awolf@cccba.org) | Fax (925) 686-9867

*The Contra Costa County Bar Association certifies that the activities listed herein have been approved for the hours of MCLE credit, as indicated, by the State Bar of California MCLE Provider #393.*

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## SCHEDULE

8:00 am

**REGISTRATION OPENS**

8:30 - 9:30 am

**BREAKFAST KICKOFF**

9:45 - 11:45 am

**CONCURRENT MORNING SEMINARS**

- Choose from 6 Seminars

12 - 1:30 pm

**LUNCHEON KEYNOTE**

1:45 - 3:45 pm

**CONCURRENT AFTERNOON SEMINARS**

- Choose from 7 Seminars

4:00 - 5:00 pm

**AFTERNOON PLENARY**

5:15- 6:30 pm

**COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

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## SIGN UP FOR THE FULL DAY

...and as a BONUS you will receive a FREE flash drive fully loaded with:

- A FREE Self-Study Article for 1 Legal Ethics MCLE credit
- The Materials for ALL 16 Programs

PLUS a copy of

*"The Anxious Lawyer"*

BONUS

## BREAKFAST KICKOFF

**CYNTHIA MCGUINN**

Rouda, Feder, Tietjen & McGuinn

President-Elect, American Board of Trial Advocates

**Ask Not What the Law Can Do For You...**

1 Hour General MCLE credit

## LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

**REP. ERIC SWALWELL**

U.S. Representative from California's 15th Congressional District

**Using Prosecutorial Skills in the Trump-Russia Investigation**

1 Hour General MCLE credit

## AFTERNOON PLENARY

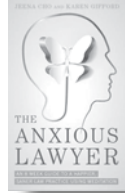
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*Law Practice through Mindfulness and Meditation*

**Key to Competence: Be Mindful of Your Mental, Emotional, and Physical Well-Being**

1 Hour Competence MCLE credit



**Author Signing Event!** Jeena Cho will sign copies of her book immediately following the Plenary Session. All who sign up for the full day program will receive a complimentary copy. Additional copies of *"The Anxious Lawyer"* will be available for purchase.

## NEW! COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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## PARKING

The Walnut Creek Marriott is extending a special all-day valet parking rate of \$8 for its on-site spots. Additional free and fee parking available nearby.