

Mission & Goals

The Women's Section has been a strong presence in CCCBA for over 25 years and welcomes men and women practicing in all areas of the law who work or live in Contra Costa County.

The goal of the section is to further the advancement of women in the legal profession and the judiciary. To do so, the Section offers frequent networking opportunities, such as "Power Lunches" and happy hours, MCLE classes with notable and relevant speakers, and fundraising and community events, such as the Honorable Patricia Herron and Honorable Ellen James Scholarship, and an annual Awards Dinner.

For membership information, please contact Jennifer Comages, Membership Director for the Contra Costa County Bar Association via email at jcomages@cccba.org.

Women's Section

Contra Costa County Bar Association

SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Spring 2020 Women's Section Newsletter! Thank you for taking time to learn about our upcoming events, awards, and members!

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

We love to celebrate the accomplishments of our members!



▪ **Congratulations to the Hon. Anita L. Santos**

After being nominated by the CCCBA Women's Section Board, the Honorable Anita Santos was selected by California Women Lawyers (CWL) as the 2020 Rose Bird Memorial Award honoree for her contributions to the legal community and her leadership on critical issues that directly impact our democracy. CWL gives this award to judges

who are courageous and compassionate, exhibit brilliance and excellence, demonstrate a devotion to public service, and inspire the women lawyers of California.

Jurists across the Northern California courts have received the award, including inaugural recipient Hon. Joyce Kennard (Ret.), Hon. Claudia Wilken, and Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye.

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In celebration of Judge Santos' achievements, the Women's Section will be hosting a reception on July 17, 2020 from 5PM – 7PM. (See Event Details on page 7.)

Congratulations to Judge Santos!

WINE AUCTION & SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The CCCBA Women's Section's Annual Wine Tasting and Auction to benefit the Honorable Patricia Herron and the Honorable Ellen James Scholarship Fund is coming up on **May 14, 2020, from 5:15 pm - 7:30 pm at Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Round Hill Road, Alamo.**

We would love for you and others from your firm to join us at the event.

The Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to law students who have demonstrated excellence in academics, women's issues and a commitment to Contra Costa County. Past recipients include law students who have worked with the Contra Costa District Attorney's office helping victims of violent crimes against women, developed after school programs for school-aged children, been active community board members in various organizations and have worked nationally and internationally to promote healthcare and economic opportunities for the underprivileged – in large part while also attending law school. They deserve the recognition and support our scholarship provides and much more.

We will be recognizing our sponsors both in the Contra Costa Lawyer as well as at the benefit itself. Because the scholarships are funded primarily through generous contributions by firms and individuals, we are asking for your help to sponsor us at an amount that you and your firm feel comfortable. See pledge form on next page, which you may return via fax, email or mail to Patanisha Davis (her information is on the pledge form).

PLEDGE TO SUPPORT

**The CCCBA Women's Section & The Honorable Patricia Herron and Honorable Ellen
James Scholarship Fund for 2020**

**2020 Wine Tasting & Silent Auction
May 14, 2020, 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Round Hill Country Club**

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Please make checks payable to the CCCBA. Please send to: Patanisha Davis, Key Counsel P.C.,
3440 Hillcrest Ave., Suite 100, Antioch, CA 94531 or pat@keycounselpc.com. For those paying
with a credit/debit card, contact Anne K. Wolf at (925) 370-2540.

*Pledge form and pledge funds must be received by March 20, 2020 for recognition in the
Contra Costa Lawyer May Online Edition and by April 14, 2020 for recognition in the Wine
Tasting and Silent Auction program.



BOARD MEMBER FEATURE

- Introducing our new 2020 President of the Women's Section - Rachel H. Leonard. Rachel has over thirteen years of litigation experience and specializes in defending clients in all aspects of premises liability and medical malpractice litigation representing retail businesses, hospitals and other healthcare providers. Rachel's experience includes representing mechanical contractors, flooring and ship decking contractors, car manufacturers, and product manufacturers in asbestos litigation, as well as handling all aspects of auto accident insurance defense cases. Rachel formerly served as a prosecutor for the Contra Costa District Attorney's office where she personally tried numerous criminal jury trials to verdict. In addition to her trial experience, Rachel has considerable experience in law and motion practice, including targeted and successful motions for summary judgment, depositions, discovery, oral argument, settlement conferences, mediations, and arbitrations.
- In her free time Rachel enjoys spending time with her family, including her husband (Matt) and two children (Tyler, 9 and Danielle, 6). She loves to ski, run, kickbox, and read.

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February 4, 2020

Hello -

It was a pleasure to be your presenter at the MCLE Spectacular hosted by the Contra Costa County Bar Association. It is my great hope that this new year is already bringing you joy and property since we have met. I want to acknowledge the important work that you do and the impact that you have in our communities. As an attorney, you have a tremendous responsibility and great deal of work in practicing law.

For over 25 years, Aiming High has the privilege of working with thousands and thousands of people, just like you, and empowering them to uncover what they don't know, that they don't know and they don't even know that they don't know it - better known as blind spots or hidden beliefs. It is blind spots or hidden beliefs that stand between us and the things we say we want to do.

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I am extending a special invitation for you to join me at the upcoming next Game Changer Basic Workshop, April 30, 2020 – May 3, 2020 in Concord, California. It is a great way for you to support yourself in soaring within this new year.

Please register using www.aiminghighinc.com or e-mail me at sylvia@aiminghighinc.com.

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UPCOMING SECTION EVENTS

First Power Lunch of the Year

Come join us at the First Power Lunch of the Year. It will be held at Urban Plate in Pleasant Hill on April 14 from 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM. We look forward to continuing the tradition of socializing and networking together with our members.

Women's Section Annual Wine Auction & Scholarship Fundraiser

Save the date for the Women's Section Annual Wine Auction & Fundraiser. This exciting and worthwhile event will be held on May 14th from 5:15pm to 7:30pm at the Round Hill Country Club in Alamo.

June Happy Hour

Come join us for Happy Hour at Lazy Dog in Concord on June 9 from 5 PM – 7 PM. This is a new venue for us. Thanks for everyone who showed up at the last happy hour in February 2020. (Picture on left.)

We look forward to continuing the tradition of socializing and networking together with our members. Dogs are welcome at this venue.

Annual Women's Section Luncheon

Save the date for the Women's Section June Summer Lunch. It will be on June 25, 2020 from 11:45am to 1:15pm. Location: TBA.



Reception Honoring Judge Santos, 2020 Rose Bird Memorial Award Recipient

Please join us for an evening reception in honor of Judge Santos on July 17, 2020 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Hub Conference Center at 2121 North California Boulevard, Walnut Creek. At the reception, Judge Santos will be presented with the award while her friends and colleagues gather to honor her many achievements and contributions. Special thanks to our host sponsor, Brown, Gee & Wenger, LLP.

We are in need of several event sponsors for this event. To be a recognized sponsor, a minimum donation of \$150 is requested, although any donation amount is welcome.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Ariel Brownell Lee at: Ariel@BrownellLegal.com.

ODDS & ENDS



Wine glasses for sale! The Women's Section is selling our signature stemless wine glasses for the low price of \$5 each! All proceeds go to our scholarship fund. Contact us at cccbawomenssection@gmail.com to place your order today!



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FEEDBACK

This newsletter will be issued quarterly instead of monthly moving forward. We hope that this will allow us to deliver better content to you.

Please send event ideas or any information and feedback about the Section to us at cccbawomenssection@gmail.com.

We hope you have enjoyed the Spring 2020 Women's Section Newsletter!