

Mission & Goals

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

The goals of the Women's Section are:

- ◆ To further the interests of women in the legal profession and the judiciary;
- ◆ To stimulate interest in and encourage discussions regarding legal and social issues of concern to women;
- ◆ To promote a spirit of mutual support, cooperation, and service, and to foster social contacts among the members of the Women's Section;
- ◆ To offer scholarships and support to deserving law students who have shown leadership potential, achieved academic success, and helped to advance women's issues;
- ◆ To promote diversity, equity, and inclusion; and
- ◆ To extend our network of contacts and support of women's interests through affiliation with California Women Lawyers.

The Women's Section offers frequent networking opportunities for its members, 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, CCCBA Membership Director, via email at jcomages@cccba.org.



**Contra Costa County
Bar Association**

Women's Section

2022 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER



J. Jasmine Jenkins, Livingston Law Firm

Before embarking on a career in the law, I worked for Contra Costa County Social Services. More than 20 years in social services taught me the invaluable skills of listening through cooperative conversation and interpersonal communication. These skills serve me well as a new attorney because I can quickly understand the motivation and goals of my clients and can effectively develop and communicate a resolution strategy to meet these goals.

I consider myself a lifelong student and I have a deep thirst for knowledge. As an East Bay native, I am invested in my community and committed to serving its citizens. I strive to live up to the words of the great Ruth Bader Ginsburg, "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

I am happiest when reading a good book (often sci-fi and fantasy), listening to great music (anything from classical to punk rock), or spending time with my family watching movies, playing board games, cooking, camping, and going for hikes. I can play the violin and used to belong to the "Antioch Strolling Strings." I like wine, but really appreciate a good beer.

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UPCOMING SECTION EVENTS

In person Happy Hour: Join us at Del Cielo Brewing Company in Martinez on Thursday, April 14th, 4:30pm – 6:30pm.

To RSVP: please email the section at cccbawomenssection@gmail.com.

The RSVP is only to give us a general headcount. If you find, at the last minute, that you're free and haven't emailed, please come!

This is a no host Happy Hour!

In Person Woman's Section Power Lunch: Join us Wednesday, May 18th 11:30am – 1:30pm at Urban Plates in Pleasant Hill.

Please register online through the event calendar at cccba.org

SAVE THE DATES:

Annual Luncheon: June 23rd, 2022

Family Day: August 21st, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Contra Costa County Bar Association Woman's section regularly donates to various causes related to women's issues. In November 2021, we were able to donate \$500.34 to Bay Area Crisis Nursery.

BACN's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing supportive services to families. All of their services are free, voluntary, and confidential. They provide short-term residential care and emergency childcare services to give parents time to focus on resolving a crisis or stressful situation. Knowing their children are safe, parents can make better use of other services to mitigate issues causing stress in the family. BACN also provides a Respite Care program allowing monthly respite support to families.

The Woman's section along with the the Wellness Committee encourage CCCBA members to make taking care of themselves a priority. See new wellness challenges every two weeks at <https://www.cccbba.org/member-center/wellness-challenge/> There are also local hiking opportunities.

FEEDBACK

- Do you have event ideas you would like the Women's Section to host?
- Would you like to submit an article for publication or share a community service opportunity with your fellow members?
- Have any information and/or general feedback about the Women's Section you would like to share?

Please email us at cccbawomenssection@gmail.com.