

2023 CCCBA Committees

GENERAL OPERATIONS

EXECUTIVE

General operation of the Bar Association, including direction and supervision of Bar Executive Director; general coordination with CCCBA Sections; general coordination with CCCBA committees; liaison with State Bar Association(s); coordination with other county bar associations; Media/Public Relations matters; liaison with government agencies and public officials; financial management, including investments, preparation of revenue and expense budget; recommendations on dues with consultation of membership committee.

Chair: David Erb
Members: David Pearson
Sutter Selleck
Michael Pierson
Ericka McKenna

GOVERNANCE

Updates Bylaws and Board policies to ensure compliance with IRS and other legal requirements.

Chair: David Pearson
Members: Mike Pierson
David Ratner
Andrew Verriere
At-Large: Nick Casper
Gina Dashman
James Wu

AUDIT

Interviews and reviews qualifications and independence of Association's financial auditors. Selects Association's Independent Accountant and provides scope of work. Reviews adequacy of Association's internal control systems and provides oversight of integrity of financial statements and reports. Reports directly to Board of Directors at least annually.

Chair: Craig Nevin
Members: Ann Battin
Mike Pierson
At-Large: Christina Weed

PERSONNEL

Oversees staff personnel issues and policies for CCCBA
Chair: Terry Leoni

FINANCE

Oversees all financial matters for Association, including operating and capital budgets, borrowings and capital planning, material contracts and leases, business plan development and implementation, and facilities and equipment. Manages investments of the Association's funds in accordance with Board approved investment policies.

Chair: Mike Pierson
Members: Dorian Peters
Ericka McKenna
David Erb
David Pearson
Sutter Selleck
Dean Christopherson

NOMINATING

Nomination of slate of Board of Directors.

Chair: David Pearson
Members: Ashar Ahmed
Dawn Ceizler
Audrey Gee
Shahrad Milanfar
Robin Pearson
Andy Verriere

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Chair: Benisa Berry
Vice-Chair: *OPEN*
Members: See attachment for Membership & Subcommittees

BENCH / BAR ISSUES

BENCH/BAR LIAISON

Coordinate overall relationship between CCCBA and Contra Costa Superior Court and court administrator's office; Committee comprised of current Executive officers.

Chair: David Erb
Members: David Pearson
Sutter Selleck
Michael Pierson
Ericka McKenna

JUDICIAL BIAS COMMITTEE

Addresses issues of professional courtesy, bias and diversity;

Bench Reps: Judge Joni Hiramoto
Judge Terri Mockler
Bar Reps: Robin Pearson
Michael Pierson
Andrew Verriere
Qiana Washington

Conf. California Bar Associations (CCBA)

Chair: Ariel Lee
Members: Patanisha Pierson

JUDICIAL EVALUATION

Confidential evaluation of candidates for nomination to Superior Courts.

Chair: Mary Melgoza
Vice-Chair: Patrick Hurley

Committee members confidential

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

Editorial Board

Bi-monthly publication of the *Contra Costa Lawyer* magazine

Co-Editor: Alice Cheng
Co-Editor: Lorraine Walsh
Members: Kate Bieker, Court Exec. Officer
Corrine Bielejeski
Rachel Margolis Chapman
Ann Battin
Andrew Verriere
James Wu
Dorian Peters
Ariel Lee
Marta Vanegas

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Sutter Selleck
Members: Ariel Lee
Patanisha Davis Pierson
At Large: Natasha Chee
Steve Steinberg

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT, RETENTION & MEMBER SERVICES/SOCIAL

Membership recruitment and retention; member benefit programs & member services, social events/activities:

Chair: Marta Vanegas
Members: David Ratner
Ann Battin
Terry Leoni
Pa'tanisha Davis Pierson
At Large: OPEN

EDUCATION

Education series; member information series; online MCLE:

Co-Chairs: Dean Christopherson & Jonathan Lee
Members: Dorian Peters
At Large: Adam Carlson
Diane Camacho
Indy Colbath

REFERRAL

LAWYER REFERRAL & INFORMATION SERVICE

Oversee operation of the LRIS program.

Chair: Joe Wolch
Vice-Chair: Steve Steinberg
Members: Mike Pierson
Ariel Lee
Terry Leoni
At Large: Carolyn Cain
Bill Hickey
Kathryn Korn
John Kortum
Dan Pocklington
Misha Dunford

CCCBA PRO

Oversee member referral program.

Chair: David Pearson
At Large: Mika Domingo
James Wu
Cary McReynolds

ATTORNEY / CLIENT RELATIONS

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Address client grievances that don't involve fees.

Chair: Malcolm Sher

COMMUNITY SERVICE/PRO BONO

FOOD-FROM-THE-BAR

Coordinate annual food drive with Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano; plan kick-off event.

Chair: Dan Birkhaeuser
Members: Joshua Bevit
Terry Everett
Barbara Jewell
Geoffrey Steele
Lisa Roberts

PRO BONO

Promote volunteer involvement in pro bono activities through local legal services organizations, court-sponsored pro per assistance programs, and CCCBA's free legal workshops.

Chair: Ray Robinson
Members: Mike Pierson
At Large: Connstance Holdaway
Samantha Sepehr
Judge Jennifer Lee
Craig Nevin

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Raise and disseminate money to organizations that provide legal services and legal education to members of the Contra Costa Community through the BAR FUND, administered by the East Bay Community Foundation.

Chair: Larry Cook
Members: Patanisha Davis Pierson
Mike Pierson
At Large: Audrey Gee
Candice Stoddard

DEI Committee & Subcommittees 2023

DEI Committee Chair: Benisa Berry; Vice Chair: OPEN

Members: Sue Bajwa

Diana Becton
Tanya Brown
Vanessa Candelaria
Natasha Chee
Patanisha Davis Pierson
Mika Domingo
Julie Ann Giammona
Mikee Gildea
Stuart Gilliam
Rebecca Jones
Sharmeela Kawos
Dave Larsen
Jonathan Lee
Rachel Leonard
Renee Livingston
Jenn Navalle
Mona Nia
Robin Pearson
Dorian Peters
Mike Pierson
Dorothy Chou Proudfoot
David Ratner
Judge Benjamin Reyes
Lisa Roberts
Ingrid Rodriguez
Maria Schopp
Alexandra Saddik
Leo Spanos
Heidi Taylor
Kristen Thall Peters
Cammila Valerio
Marjorie Wallace
Qiana Washington
James Wu

DEI Subcommittees

Diversity Award checklist – Review Diversity Award checklist applications in early December each year, determine if more information is needed, determine recipient firm award levels. January-February - Review, update and refine checklist for next year.

Members: Kristen Thall Peters (chair), Renee Livingston, Maria Schopp, Lisa Roberts, Rebecca Jones, Dorothy Chou Proudfoot, Cammila Valerio, Vanessa Candelaria

Lunar New Year – Plan annual Lunar New Year dinner/event that takes place in February

Members: James Wu (Chair), Mika Domingo, Maria Schopp, Judge Ben Reyes, Vanessa Candelaria

Port Chicago Task Force – work to exonerate the Port Chicago 50 and raise awareness of this history and current efforts

Members: Jonathan Lee (Chair), Heidi Taylor, Michael Pierson, Rebecca Jones (and many community members)

Racial Reconciliation Forum - Plan annual Racial Reconciliation Forum

Members: Chair - Open, Leo Spanos, Patanisha Davis Pierson, Julie Ann Giammona, Tanya Brown, Qiana Washington, Kristen Thall Peters, Judge Ben Reyes

DEI Townhall – Plan DEI townhall programs (2-3 per year)

Members: Benisa Berry (chair), Patanisha Davis Pierson, Jonathan Lee, Heidi Taylor, Mike Pierson, Sue Bajwa, Maria Schopp, Dorothy Chou Proudfoot, Qiana Washington

Intersectionality program:

Members: Natasha Chee, Dorothy Chou Proudfoot, Mika Domingo, Jeff Thayer

Juneteenth – Plan annual Juneteenth program – incorporated into Townhall cttee because no one signed up to run this subcommittee. Event canceled due to lack of event registrations.

Members: ???

Disability Rights – Plan programs and events that educate firms and employers about the corrosive nature of ableism. Help to dismantle access barriers in the practice of law for

individuals with disabilities whether obvious or non-obvious by improving access to CCCBA-sponsored events and programs.

Members: Julie Ann Giammona (chair), Cammila Valerio, David Ratner, Marjorie Wallace, Sharmeela Kawos, Stuart Gillam, Alexandra Saddick, Cammila Valerio

Communications – DEI Powerpoint, DEI on website, outreach to MBC bars

Members: Natasha Chee (chair), Vanessa Candelaria

DEI Statements – identify issues to make public statements on and how to most effectively do so.

Members: Mona Nia (chair), Benisa Berry, Diana Becton, Leo Spanos, David Ratner, Cammila Valerio, Mikee Gildea