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## *President's Message*

Dear Members,

Happy New Year to all of the members of the Glendale Bar Association!

As we get our year underway, I would like to extend a special note of appreciation to 2014 President Monica Molina for her tireless efforts to the Glendale Bar Association. We look forward to her continued roles as Editor-in-Chief of our monthly Newsletter and as an active member of the Board of Directors.

We will continue with the momentum which she brought to our organization. Our vision for 2015 includes growing our membership and providing excellent opportunities for both educational and professional growth. Several social events and networking lunches are available throughout the year to enhance our business relationships and practices.

Our monthly meetings provide a forum for lawyers to discuss current developments in the law and to hear highly qualified speakers present on a wide range of topics. The continuing legal education we provide is a great benefit to solo practitioners or those who practice in small firms. The presentation at

our first meeting of the year will include MCLE Ethics credit.

I am looking forward to a prosperous 2015.

Kindest regards,  
President Gary J. Nelson

### **CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS** *Save the Dates!*

- January 28, 2015-GBA President's Reception, Christie Parker Hale LLP, 655 North Central Avenue, Suite 2300, Glendale, California 91203-5:30 pm
- February 4, 2015-Networking Lunch, Chi Dynasty, 769 Americana Way, Glendale, California 91210-Noon
- February 11, 2015-CLE Ethics Credit Dinner Meeting-Barry Ross on "Avoiding Malpractice in Mediation." Christie Parker Hale LLP, 655 North Central Avenue, Suite 2300, Glendale, California 91203-5:30 pm
- February 19, 2015-Pasadena Bar Association in conjunction with the Glendale Bar Association presents "New Admittee Night, 6:00 pm, Venue TBA
- February 25, 2015- February Networking Lunch, Venue TBA
- February 26, 2015-Thirsty Thursday, Venue TBA, 5:30-7:30
- March 4, 2015-CLE Dinner Meeting-Los Angeles County Supervisor, Michael Antonovich, Oakmont Country Club




Please join us for the  
President's Reception



**GLENDALE BAR ASSOCIATION**  
*Serving Glendale, Burbank, Pasadena & Neighboring Communities*

**Welcome Reception for Incoming  
President Gary J. Nelson**



**The Offices of Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP**  
655 North Central Avenue, Suite 2300  
Glendale, CA 91203

**Wednesday, January 28, 2015  
5:30 pm**

Drinks & appetizers provided  
GBA members and those interested in joining  
the GBA are welcome.

Sponsored by:  
**CPH CHRISTIE PARKER HALE LLP**  
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**"Achieving  
favorable  
conclusions,  
clarifying problem  
areas ..."**



Barry Ross's impressive mediation skills and likeable personality have made him one of Southern California's most respected and sought-after mediators. Mr. Ross has successfully mediated over 2000 private and court ordered disputes since 1993 with an over 95% track record of resolution and thousands of highly satisfied parties and participants.

Mr. Ross is a Distinguished Fellow with the International Academy of Mediators, an honored Member, California Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, Member, Association of Attorney-Mediators, Member, Association for Conflict Resolution, Member, Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association, and a member of numerous mediation and arbitration panels.

The California State Bar recently named Mr. Ross as one of its 2013 Nominees for the California State Bar Real Property Person of the Year Award for his many notable contributions to the field. Based in Los Angeles, Mr. Ross's 40-plus years of experience in business, real estate, banking and finance, estate planning and probate litigation and legal practice, including state and federal trial advocacy and administrative proceedings, has made him a leader in the ADR field.

Mr. Ross has participated in advanced mediation training from the prestigious Pepperdine Law School's Straus Institute for Alternative Dispute Resolution and is a court appointed mediator and arbitrator. He earned his J.D. from Southwestern University School of Law, and his MBA in Accounting and Management from the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business. Mr.

**Criminal Law Is Not Black and White: Advice for Business Lawyers and their Clients**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2014  
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM**

Unfortunately for business clients, criminal law in the white collar arena is not black and white. Clients often in the normal course of business find themselves in the grey area, resulting in investigation and /or charges by state and federal law enforcement authorities, which can prove catastrophic to a client and his or her business.


**Class covers:**

- Scenarios that can get a business client in trouble
- Types of criminal offenses inadvertently committed by clients
- What to do when your client is contacted by law enforcement

**1 hour general MCLE credit.**

Fees: \$25 for the class (non-refundable, payment reserves spot)  
Parking and lunch options will be available for your convenience for an additional fee during online registration.

**Presented by Manny Medrano**



Manny Medrano is an Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist and experienced trial attorney. He was a federal prosecutor for ten years at the L.A. U.S. Attorney's Office, where he tried 60 cases to verdict without losing a jury trial. Before founding Medrano & Carlton, he litigated complex business disputes and defended white collar crimes while an associate and Of Counsel at two large, prestigious firms. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

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Ross has served as Judge Pro Tem of the California Superior Court, where he is a regularly appointed mediator and settlement referee in civil cases.

Mr. Ross has been a business owner and a licensed Real Estate Broker for over 40 years. He is a nationally-published author, a sought-after lecturer and trainer on legal topics including alternative dispute resolution and he is an adjunct professor at several local colleges and universities.

Mr. Ross' expertise has been called upon at every stage of a dispute from inception through trial and includes mediating routine disputes and complex litigated cases.

His long list of satisfied mediation clients include major law firms, banks and lending institutions, government entities, real estate brokerages, real estate principals, community businesses, personal injury, probate and elder law parties, HOAs, associations, and insurance companies as well as the courts.

Come join the Glendale Bar Association for its February CLE lunch with Barry Ross' presentation on "Avoiding Malpractice in Arbitration/Mediation." Attendees will receive 1 hour of ethics continuing legal education credit. **The meeting will be held on February 11, 2015, at Christie, Parker, Hale, LLP, at noon.**

## Legal Incubator Program

UCLA Law—in partnership with Pepperdine and Southwestern Law Schools—is launching a legal incubator program to assist recent graduates establish and develop solo law practices to serve modest means residents in Los Angeles County. UCLA Law just received a one-year grant from the California State Bar's Commission on Access to Justice to support their endeavors.

1. Please help this program find talented new lawyers interested in solo practice.

If you know new attorneys (up to five years out of law school at UCLA, Pepperdine, or Southwestern) who are looking to start a solo

practice, please have them contact [gupta@law.ucla.edu](mailto:gupta@law.ucla.edu) for a program application. Selected participants will receive comprehensive training on effective solo practice management and mentorship from senior lawyers and judges on legal strategy.

2. Please help the program find a part-time Attorney Development Director.

If any Glendale Bar Association member is seeking a part-time position and has experience in solo practice, you are encouraged to apply. Job description can be found [HERE](#) and applications are due now.

3. Lastly, please help connect the program with any Glendale Bar Association member who is an experienced solo practitioner.

The program is looking for talented practitioners to train and mentor students. If any Glendale Bar Association member would like more information about the program or to get involved, please feel free to share this information with them.

## State Bar Updates

**Supreme Court Application for the State Bar Board of Trustees: Application deadline:**

**March 20, 2015** – The Supreme Court has approved the Trustees Nominating Committee's (TNC) 2015 process and timeline for the application and evaluation process for Supreme Court appointees to the State Bar Board of Trustees. In 2015, **one** Trustee position is available for appointment by the Court. Additional information may be found in the attachment.

The Bar's website has been updated with the application and other pertinent information which is accessible through the link below:



<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/AboutUs/BoardofTrustees/SupremeCourtAppointments.aspx>

### **American Bar Association**

**Become a Moot Court Judge:** The ABA Law Student Division seeks 120 lawyers and judges to serve as oral argument judges for the Division's regional **National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC) in San Francisco on February 26-28, 2015** at the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of California.

#### **The rounds are scheduled as follows:**

Round 1: Thursday, February 26 (3:30pm-7:45pm)

Round 2: Friday, February 27 (3:30pm-7:45pm)

Round 3: Saturday, February 28 (8:30am-12:45pm)

Round 4: Saturday, February 28 (1:00pm-3:30pm)

Round 5: Saturday, February 28 (3:30pm-6:00pm)

### **CLE CREDIT INFORMATION**

The ABA Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition will apply for CLE credit in Illinois, California, and New York for all regional locations.

The ABA Law Student Division will send an email confirming judging assignments and provide a bench memorandum, the problem (record), and instructions on judging.

***Reviewing these materials is the only preparation required of competition judges.***

Visit NAAC Website for more information.

**California Commission on Access to Justice:** The Commission will have up to three additional vacancies this year and is hoping to

have a strong, diverse applicant pool for these important positions. As you know, the Commission does terrific work and being a member of it is interesting and rewarding. The attached flyer includes additional information about the work of the Commission as well as information about how to apply. **The application deadline is February 2, 2015.** Please share it with your networks and encourage terrific candidates to consider applying.

**Working Together to Advance Protections for Immigrant Consumers:** The Federal Trade Commission, the Los Angeles Department of Consumer Affairs and the State Bar of California invite you to attend a conference on Working Together to Advance Protections for Immigrant Consumers. The conference will bring together legal services lawyers, law enforcement attorneys, and consumer advocates from around Southern California.

The conference will be held February 9, 2015, from 9 am to 12:30 pm at the California State Bar's building at 845 South Figueroa, Second Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

The goal of the conference is to build relationships and explore ways we can better collaborate and share information and resources. It is a great opportunity to interact with others working on issues affecting immigrant consumers, such as notario fraud, work-at-home/job scams, and "affinity" scams.

The conference is free and open to the public. To register, please email your name and affiliation to [tsyta@ftc.gov](mailto:tsyta@ftc.gov).

### **California Bar Foundation**

**Diversity in the Public Interest-Bar Exam Scholarship.** This scholarship supports bar exam expenses for law students from diverse

**backgrounds who plan to pursue careers in the public interest sector.** The California Bar Foundation is pleased to introduce the scholarship. “Diversity” includes a broad array of backgrounds and life experiences, including students from groups or with skills or attributes that are underrepresented in the legal profession, and specifically including students from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

**Deadline: Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 4:30pm**

**Link to application:**  
<http://www.tfaforms.com/357498>

**More info:**  
<http://www.calbarfoundation.org/public-interest-scholarship.html>

### **Networking Lunches**

***Be ready to eat and network!** We look forward to seeing more of you! The GBA had its tenth monthly networking lunch on November 19<sup>th</sup>, at Trattoria Amice. There was no networking lunch in December due to the GBA holiday party. The holiday party was a big success—a winter wonderland at the Glendale Elk’s Lodge where GBA members feasted on tri-tip, salmon and scalloped potatoes. Members toasted 2014 with amazing Martinis and Whiskey Sours. Now, the association is ready to network once again over lunch and great food. What’s the best way to meet a group of attorneys to whom you can refer clients with confidence? Come to the monthly networking lunches! Meet your fellow GBA attorneys, learn about their practice areas, and get to know them. As an added bonus, if you want, the GBA will assign you to a small, 3-4 person group or “Troika,” which will allow you to form an even better relationship with your fellow members (Troikas change every month). Join us for the first networking lunch of 2015, on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Chi Dynasty located at 769 Americana Way, Glendale, CA 91210. Yes, folks, we are returning to Asia and its fine Chinese fare. Don’t forget to bring your business cards!*

### **WEBSITE UPDATES**

We will continually update our website with new, relevant information. Please ensure that your personal information is updated and accurate. Please contact our administrator, Faye Golden, with any updates. Submit information and a photo of yourself (in JPEG format) to Faye Golden, at [info@glendalebar.com](mailto:info@glendalebar.com).

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### **Past Events**

2015 GBA Board of Directors being sworn in



**City of Glendale Mayor,  
Zareh Sinanyan**

