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## President's Message

Our CLE program offerings continue to be a great strength for our organization. They provide our members with required training in a range of substantive and ethical areas which our members have specifically identified as of interest to them. We have assembled a diverse group of program presenters representing high-quality, larger and smaller law firms in our region and also representing non-law firm presenters from other organizations and partners. We also have spent time on membership outreach and networking efforts. For example, we have scheduled an upcoming mixer event to be held at the trendy Wine Cave in Montrose, and we have been exploring, with one of our non-law firm partners, the possibility of scheduling a baseball or basketball playoff game for our members. More than in some other areas, though, the level of outreach and networking efforts in which we engage, and the success of these efforts, depend upon all of you. If you are interested in outreach and networking events, and if you have ideas as to kinds of events

you might like to see us create, let us know. We are also in the process of scheduling a Trivia Night Part II. The first Trivia Night at Glendale's "The Famous" was really fun. GBA members challenged other groups in various categories such as entertainment, science, geography and oddities such as ice cream brands. We are challenging the Pasadena Bar Association and arranging a "Who Knows More" Showdown. Please come and join the fun and use these opportunities to network. Thanks to all of you for your support and for your efforts to make our organization a strong one. Your input has been valuable and appreciated. Best wishes to everyone for a great GBA summer with many GBA activities to come. Let's continue striving towards a level that is substantially greater than many other organizations. And we continue to offer these programs and events at a reasonable cost to our members—while maintaining, and in fact strengthening, the positive financial performance of the organization.

Best wishes,  
**Monica R. Molina**

## CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS-Save the Dates!

- Sam Fernandez, In House Counsel for the Los Angeles Dodgers-MCLE @The Smokehouse-TONIGHT-Wednesday, May 7, 2014 "The Business of Baseball-A GC's Perspective"
- May Mixer @ Wine Cave, Thursday May 15, 2014, 5:30-7:30 pm
- May Networking Lunch Wednesday, May 28, 2014-Damon's Steakhouse
- Michael Garcia, City Attorney for the City of Glendale MCLE-Notte Lune (Lunch)-Wednesday, June 4, 2014, "Legal Issues Facing the City"
- July 2, 2014, Annual GBA Summer Barbeque @ Casa Kimbell-6:00-8:00 pm
- July 10, 2014, Susan Schwartz, Deputy District Attorney, City of Glendale-ETHICS MCLE –Notte Luna (Dinner)-"Public Corruption in the City of Glendale-Prosecution of Mayor John Drayman"
- August 6, 2014-Paul Kiesel-MCLE-(Lunch)-Venue TBA



**Glendale Bar Association Member Stephen C. Pasarow Receives Recognition from the American College of Trial Lawyers**

**Knapp, Peterson & Clarke Attorney, Steve Pasarow, Receives Special Recognition**

Steve Pasarow has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America. The induction ceremony at which Steve became a Fellow took place on March 9, 2014

during the 2014 Spring Meeting of the College in La Quinta, CA.

Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada.

Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only and only after careful

investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have

mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct,

professionalism, civility and collegiality. Lawyers much have a minimum of fifteen years trial experience before they can be considered for

Fellowship. Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any

state or province. There are currently approximately 5,789 members in the United States and Canada, including

active Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Judicial Fellows (those who ascended to the bench after their induction) and Honorary Fellows. The College strives to improve and elevate the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the trial profession. Qualified lawyers are called to Fellowship in the College from all branches of trial practice. They are carefully selected from among those who customarily represent plaintiffs in civil cases and those who customarily represent defendants, those who prosecute individuals accused of crime and those who defend them. The College is thus able to speak with a balanced voice on important issues affecting the legal profession and the administrative of justice.

The Glendale Bar Association congratulates Steve and wishes him continued success in his very accomplished legal career!

## State Bar Updates

**Nominations sought for the 2014 Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award:** The California Commission on Access to Justice is seeking nominations of California judges for the 2014 Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award. The deadline is **May 30**. The Aranda award recognizes one California trial judge, appellate court justice or commissioner for his or her efforts to improve access to the judicial system. Recipients have demonstrated a long-term commitment to equal access to the courts and have done significant work in improving access to the courts for low and moderate income Californians. The nomination form and additional information is available online. Contact Frank Monti, 415-538-2141, for questions or further information.

### **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

Location: State Bar San Francisco Office, 180 Howard St.

Committee Meetings: Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Board Meeting: Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

**Proposed Amendment to calculation of proportional MCLE requirements:** This agenda item requests a 45-day public comment period for a proposed amendment to the calculation of proportional MCLE requirements due for attorneys who were not on Active status and not otherwise exempt for the full 36 months of their MCLE compliance period. The current formula for calculating a proportional requirement, as provided on the State Bar's website as a "Proportional Requirement Table", automatically eliminates the usual one hour of required "Elimination of Bias" credit and the one hour of required "Prevention, Detection and Treatment of Substance Abuse or Mental Illness" credit in cases where less than the full 25-hour MCLE requirement applies. The proposed amendment would keep these required hours intact within every member's requirement, regardless of the pro-rated total number of hours due.

**Requesting Authorization to send Attachment A to US News & World Report:** The Council on Access & Fairness (COAF) initiated dialogue in 2008 with U.S. News & World Report (U.S. News) to encourage the addition of diversity as a factor in the overall law school rankings. After various opportunities for additional dialogue, U.S. News has responded that it has no plans to consider including diversity as a factor in its rankings. COAF asks the Stakeholder Relations Committee to recommend that the full Board of Trustees authorize COAF to send the attached letter to U.S. News. The letter summarizes the dialogue and U.S. News' final decision on diversity. Following the sending of this letter, COAF will re-focus its efforts to address the barriers to law school admissions for diverse students.

**MCLE Providers Audit Program Policies:** Before the policies and procedures are finalized, however, Board of Trustees' action on two policy issues is being sought. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt policies that would permit MCLE auditors to receive personal MCLE credit for programs they attend on behalf of the State Bar of California and as a general Board policy, Board of Trustees members not participate as auditors.

## Lawyer Referral Program

The Glendale Bar Association (GBA) lawyer referral services is a lawyer nonprofit referral service certified by the State Bar of California serving Glendale, Burbank, Pasadena and neighboring communities in Los Angeles. To become a member of the GBA LRS, please contact any of the current board members

## Networking Lunches

*Be ready to eat and network!*

*We look forward to seeing more of you!*

*The GBA had its third monthly networking lunch on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, where members discussed the topic of communications between co-workers (offensive v. complimentary). 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 fourth lunch of the year on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Damon's Steakhouse (Backroom).*

*Restaurant is located at 317 North Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91203. Don't forget to bring your business cards!*

## NATIONAL LAW DAY

*GBA Attorney Members Needed*

*For a Panel to Address Local High Schools*

*When: May 21, 2014*

*Time: TBA*

*Location: Glendale High School*

*Why: Panelist to be paired up with civic teachers from the local high school to discuss with the students that are going off to college the good, the bad, and the ugly about being a lawyer.*

*Interested in being a panelist?*

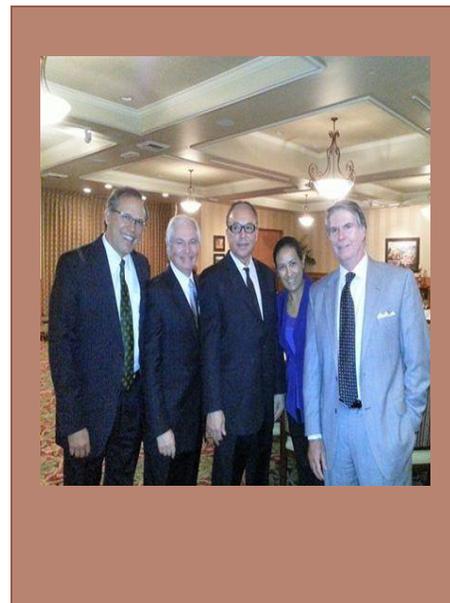
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## Past Events

**Manny Medrano, Barry Ross, Monica Molina and Rob Brugge join Honorable S. James Otero at another spectacular CLE event at the Oakmont.**



Special thanks to Judge Otero for an informative presentation on the state of Federal Court and what judges really want to see from attorneys.

Please submit information you wish to share with colleagues and with the public— information such as members' individual charitable efforts, news about your own cases, and updates and/or viewpoints regarding significant current legal issues. The Board will consider all submissions for inclusion in GBA publications.