

# Palo Alto Area Bar Association

## Weekly News & Events

February 15, 2017

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **February 16 - [Copyright Traps: How to Identify and Stay Clear](#)**

Copyright law can present issues for companies who may innocently use pictures, text, music, or source code from the Internet without realizing that any of these things may be subject to Federal copyright protection. Other hidden issues arising from copyright concerns may stem from the hiring of independent contractors to write code or produce artwork, logos, music or text - and using certain favored phrases (such as "work for hire") which may present employment law issues. This presentation will provide an overview of copyright law, and will identify a few of the traps for the unwary.

One unit MCLE credit

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### **February 23 - [Trademark Litigation 101: Fighting Disputes over a Company's Brand Name](#)**

Mark Punzalan, Esq. will discuss the basics of trademark disputes and litigation. The discussion will begin with an introductory summary of federal trademark laws and the United States Patent and Trademark Office's trademark registration process, then detail the many issues regarding trademark infringement, including the "likelihood of confusion" analysis between two trademarks, defenses to trademark infringement, and available damages

for trademark infringement.

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### **March 1 - Asylum for Families and Unaccompanied Children Training**

Thousands of families and unaccompanied children are fleeing violence in Mexico, Central America and South America. Fearing for their safety, they have sought refuge in the United States even as the current Administration has sought to curb protections for refugees. Many have asked for asylum at the border. Many have been released from immigration custody and placed in removal proceedings in immigration courts in San Francisco and other cities.

This hour and a half training will cover the basics of asylum law and removal defense. We provide training materials and share essential resources for any pro bono attorney taking on these cases.

1.5 units MCLE credit

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### **March 9 - Legal Ethics Update: 2017**

Legal ethics attorney John Steele will discuss recent ethics opinions and appellate decisions that affect the law governing our behavior as lawyers. This not-to-be-missed discussion will also include analysis of the draft ethics rules for California that are currently under consideration.

One Unit MCLE credit in Ethics

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### **March 14 - Women Lawyers Networking Lunch**

Join the PAABA Women Lawyers Section for networking, socializing, and discussion of current events over lunch. New admittees, those waiting for bar results, and law students are welcome to attend.

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## WEBINARS

- Feb 21 - [The Passion of the Barrister: An Ethical Lawyer is a Happy](#)

[Lawyer](#) (1 unit Ethics)

- Feb 25 - [The 2017 Ethy Awards](#) (2 units Ethics)
- Feb 28 - [Attorney, Heal Thyself](#) (1 unit Competency)
- March 7 - [Thou Shalt Not Lie, Cheat & Steal: The Ten Commandments of Legal Ethics](#) (1 unit Ethics)
- March 13 - [Yelp, I've Fallen for Social Media and I Can't LinkedOut: The Ethical Pitfalls of Social Media](#) (1 unit Ethics)

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Calling All Civil Rights Attorneys*

PAABA is currently accepting applications for Chairs for a new **Civil Rights Committee**.

Prior committee experience is not required, but applicants must have a solid background in civil rights and bring energy and enthusiasm to the role. To apply or to learn more about the position, please contact [info@paaba.org](mailto:info@paaba.org)

### *Have An Announcement or Article You'd Like To Share?*

Members are invited to post announcements, short to mid-length articles (approx. 1000 words), book reviews, or event debriefs at PAABA.org. Email a Word document with your copy to [info@paaba.org](mailto:info@paaba.org) for consideration.

### *Event Debrief: Representing Human Trafficking Survivors*

PAABA members attended this training and learned about human trafficking and how to assist survivors through the application process for a T visa. Volunteers are invited to follow up with presenters for pro bono opportunities. [Read more.](#)

### *Event Debrief: The Neuroscience of Daily Stress*

Dr. Joe Neary returned to PAABA to discuss the formation of neural pathways, how they are impacted by chronic stress, and the long-term health benefits of meditation and mindfulness. [Read more.](#)

### *NOTICE: PAABA has moved!*

PAABA is now located at 407 S. California Street, Suite 3, Palo Alto, CA 94306.



### **Fee dispute with a client?**

PAABA provides a program for resolving fee disputes pursuant to California mandatory arbitration procedures (B&P Code



### **Need a mediator?**

PAABA offers a panel of experienced, trained mediators in family, estate, employment, personal injury, business, small claims, and

sections [6200-6206](#)).

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real estate matters.

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