

Palo Alto Area Bar Association

Weekly News & Events

February 8, 2017

NOTICE: MCLE Group 3 (Last names N -- Z)

Per the California State Bar, Group 3 members have a one-time grace period from Feb. 1 to midnight on March 1. This time extension is for both completing MCLE credit hours and reporting compliance. Attorneys will not be allowed to double-count CLE credits completed in February 2017 for the next reporting period that ends in 2020.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9 - Blockchain: Organizational and Legal Implications

Blockchain is a term that is getting increasing attention in the media. This discussion seeks to get beyond the hype and address three questions. First, what is “blockchain” and why do some people consider it revolutionary? Second, what are the strengths and limitations of this new technology to transform industries and operational processes? Third, why and how should lawyers care? Reza Dibadj will present.

1 unit MCLE credit

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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.

One unit MCLE credit

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Stay tuned... in March, PAABA will present MCLE and trainings on Ethics in Litigation, filing Habeas petitions, and pro bono assistance for immigrants.

WEBINARS

- **Feb 14 - Don't Be A Stupid Cupid: Avoiding Inappropriate Entanglements in the Practice of Law** (1 unit Ethics)
- **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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAIR A PAABA COMMITTEE!

PAABA is currently accepting applications for a co-chair for the Business Law Committee, and for co-Chairs of the ADR Committee. Prior committee experience is not required, but applicants must have a solid background in the relevant area of law and bring energy and enthusiasm to the role. To apply or to learn more about the positions, please contact info@paaba.org

WANTED: EMPLOYMENT, IMMIGRATION, & WORKERS COMP ATTORNEYS

PAABA's Lawyer Referral Service ("LRS") is seeking attorneys to join the **employment, workers compensation and immigration law** panels. Panel members will receive

referrals targeted to your practice area and are expected to provide a 30 minute consultation to callers. Spots on other panels are also available. Contact LRS at LRS@paaba.org or register [here](#).

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 sections [6200-6206](#)).

This process is administered by trained PAABA volunteers. Fee arbitration is voluntary for the client and mandatory for the attorney.

More information is available at PAABA.org

Need a mediator?

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

Parties pay a flat fee for the first 90 minutes of mediation, and the neutral's hourly rate thereafter.

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