

# Palo Alto Area Bar Association

## Newsletter

January 18, 2017

### REMINDER: MCLE Deadline is March 1!

For 2017 only, the California Bar has moved the MCLE reporting deadline to March 1. PAABA will be offering MCLE events through the end of February to meet your Ethics, Competence, and Elimination of Bias special credits, as well as numerous general credit presentations. Check PAABA's [MCLE page](#) frequently for new events.

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## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming Meetings and MCLE

January 20: Estates & Trusts Committee presents [“What the Heckerling Just Happened? Estate Planning Group Annual Update”](#) (1 unit MCLE credit)

February 3: [Neuroscience of Daily Stress \(and a Way to Deal With It\)](#) (1 unit MCLE credit – *Special Unit for Competence Issues*)

February 7: Women Lawyers Section presents [Women Lawyers Networking Lunch](#) (no MCLE credit)

February 9: [Blockchain: Organizational & Legal Implications](#) (1 unit MCLE credit)

February 16: Patent Committee presents [Copyright Traps: How to Identify and Stay Clear](#) (1 unit MCLE credit)

February 23: Intellectual Property Committee presents [Trademark Disputes: Fighting Over a Company's Brand Name](#) (1 unit MCLE credit)

### Upcoming Webinars

January 21: [The 2017 Ethy Awards](#) (2 hours of

Ethics)

January 26: [Fail Better](#) Efforts to Eliminate Bias in the Legal Profession (1 hour of Elimination of Bias)

February 7: [Legal Ethics Is No Laughing Matter](#) What Lawyer Jokes Say About Our Ethical Foibles (1 hour of Ethics)

February 14: [Don't Be A Stupid Cupid](#) Avoiding Inappropriate Entanglements in the Practice of Law (1 hour of Ethics)

February 21: [The Passion of the Barrister](#) An Ethical Lawyer is a Happy Lawyer (1 hour of Ethics)

February 25: [The 2017 Ethy Awards](#) (2 hours of Ethics)

February 28: [Attorney, Heal Thyself](#) The Detection, Treatment and Prevention of Substance Abuse (1 hour of Competency)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations and welcome to PAABA's new [Committee Chairs](#), Steven Swernofsky (Business Law Committee) and Rebecca Epstein (Litigation Committee)!

Rebecca will be co-chairing the Litigation Committee with Dave Tate. We are 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](mailto:info@paaba.org)

### Fee Arbitration Program

PAABA has a program for resolving fee disputes pursuant to the mandatory arbitration procedures under California Business & Professions Code sections [6200-6206](#). This process allows parties to take oaths, present testimony, cross-examine witnesses, and produce documentary evidence that they feel substantiate their position regarding the fees and/or costs, and is administered by trained PAABA volunteers. Fee arbitration is **voluntary for the client** and **mandatory for the attorney**, unless the client has agreed in writing to arbitration of all disputes concerning fees, costs, or both. The subject matter of the arbitration is limited to issues of attorney fees and costs; the arbitrator may hear evidence, but will not issue an award, based upon any claims for affirmative relief against the attorney for damages or for claims based on alleged malpractice or professional misconduct.

More information is available at <https://www.paaba.org/fee->

[arbitration/](#)

## PAABA Lawyer Referral Service Panels

The LRS sponsored by the Palo Alto Area Bar Association seeks employment, workers compensation and immigration attorneys. Spots on other panels are also available. Would you like to join an LRS panel and receive referrals targeted to your practice area? – Register [here](#).

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