

# Palo Alto Area Bar Association

## Weekly News & Events

April 26, 2017

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"The legal system can force open doors, and sometimes even knock down walls, but it cannot build bridges. That job belongs to you and me."

*Justice Thurgood Marshall*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **May 4 - Anticipating Deportation: Helping Undocumented Parents Plan for the Worst**

This free training led by experienced estate planning and immigration attorneys Jeffrey Nielsen and Gam Galindo will teach non-immigration counsel how to help undocumented parents plan for care of their children in the event of deportation. You will learn how to fill out the necessary Judicial Counsel forms to designate friends, family or neighbors as caregivers and/or guardians of children and to prepare Powers of Attorney to ensure that the designated caregiver has the ability to make decisions and obtain health care for the child in the event of a parent's deportation. We will discuss the pros and cons of each type of document, how and when they should be filed, and how to help parents in this situation with basic estate planning as a further means of protecting children who may be left behind.

One unit of general MCLE credit is provided. This is a brown-bag event.

Register by Email

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### **May 17 - Women Lawyers Round Table**

Join the PAABA Women Lawyers Section at [Rimon PC](#) for networking, socializing, and

discussion of current events over lunch. New admittees, those waiting for bar results, associated professionals and law students are also welcome to attend.

Register

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## **May 24 - Commercial Litigation Funding 101**

In this hour-long presentation by [Bentham IMF](#), Matthew Harrison and Priya Pai will explain the development of commercial litigation funding in the United States, as well as abroad. They will also discuss common issues raised by claimants and counsel about how litigation finance works and how to obtain it.

Lunch and 1 hour of MCLE credit are provided.

Register



## **May 25 - To Touch (or Not) the Plant: Corporate Formation, Licensing, Patent, and Compliance Issues Facing Cannabis Entrepreneurs**

Join us for this lively and informative panel presentation with leading cannabis attorneys Neda Shapourian, Kim Williams, Shabnam Malek and Graham Pechenik. This session will address corporate formation for recreational and medical cannabis businesses, common IP questions faced by cannabis client, regulatory and compliance issues related to touch-the-plant clients, and patent issues in the cannabis space.

Lunch and 1 hour of MCLE credit are provided.

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## **Celebrate Law Day on May 1**

President Dwight Eisenhower established the first [Law Day](#) in 1958 to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law. Law Day was subsequently codified (U.S. Code, Title 36, Section 113), and every president since then has issued a Law Day proclamation on May 1 to celebrate the nation's commitment to the rule of law.

The 2017 Law Day theme is "The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy." Refresh your memory about [significant 14th Amendment cases](#), read [past presidential proclamations](#) about Law Day, and take a moment on Monday May 1 to consider the impact of the 14th Amendment on American culture.

- April 25 - [Loose Lips Sink Partnerships \(and Clients Too\): The Ethical Way to Honor Client Confidentiality](#) (1 unit Ethics)
- April 29 - [The Ethy Awards](#) (2 units Ethics)
- May 4 - [Copywriting for Lawyers: How to Win Cases and Influence People](#) (1 unit MCLE)
- May 9 - [Supervision: Responsibilities Regarding Nonlawyer Assistance](#) (1 unit Ethics)

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Palo Alto Financial Planning Forum, Inc. Is Joining PAABA!*

PAABA is pleased to announce that effective July 1, 2017, the [Palo Alto Financial Planning Forum](#) will be joining PAABA as a new section. The Financial Planning Forum includes attorneys, accountants, financial planners, insurance professionals, investment counselors/managers, trust officers and other related professionals and provides educational and networking opportunities to Bay Area financial planning professionals.

### *Calling All Venues*

As our membership continues to expand out of the immediate Palo Alto environs, PAABA's sections and committees welcome opportunities to hold events in new spaces. If your firm would like to host a PAABA MCLE lunch, or if you have conference space available for roundtables or trainings, please notify [info@paaba.org](mailto:info@paaba.org) and we will add you to the list of venues.



### **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](http://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.

More information is available at [PAABA.org](http://PAABA.org).

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