

# Palo Alto Area Bar Association

## Weekly News & Events

May 10, 2017

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"And it is no less true, that personal security and private property rest entirely upon the wisdom, the stability, and the integrity of the courts of justice."

*Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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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 18 - San Mateo County Law Library Foundation Spring Fundraiser**

The San Mateo County Law Library is celebrating 100 years of service to the community and legal profession! Unfortunately, the Law Library is in jeopardy. Its source of income, litigant filing fees, has dropped by almost 40% over the past 7 years, resulting in the lowest income since 1999, or 1972 when adjusted for inflation. This loss has resulted in substantial cuts to the Law Library's staff, hours of operation, and collection.

The Law Library needs your support! On behalf of the San Mateo County Law Library Foundation, we cordially invite you to the Foundation's 2017 Kick-Off Spring Fundraiser. Our Guest Speaker and Guest of Honor will be Joseph W. Cotchett of Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP.

This event marks the beginning to our 2017 campaign to restore the library's evening and weekend hours as well as to restore cancelled print and electronic legal materials. The event's sponsors are Barulich Dugoni Law Group, Inc.; Fox, Shjeflo, Hartley & Babu LLP; and the Law Offices of Galine, Frye & Fitting.

Come enjoy cocktails, refreshments, and hors d'oeuvres with your friends and colleagues and show your support for continued access to justice for all people for the next 100 years!

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### **May 23 - [Young Lawyers Section Happy Hour](#)**

Join the PAABA Young Lawyers Section for a no-host Happy Hour at Vino Locale! Loosen your tie, take off your suit jacket and get to know your fellow associates over a craft brew and appetizers. Sample the ahi tartare or bison meatballs along with a local Pinot Noir, or share a cheese plate and a tawny port. We'll gather on the intimate back patio if it's warm, or at the indoor bar if it isn't.

RSVP

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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.

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### **May 25 - [Silicon Valley In-House Counsel Summit](#)**

At this popular event hosted by the Legal Marketing Association Silicon Valley, senior general counsel from top tech companies in Silicon Valley will share insights about how lawyers and law firms can add value to the relationship between outside law firms and in-house counsel. A networking mixer will follow, featuring hors d'oeuvres, beer, & wine. Complimentary valet parking is provided for this event.

Our panelists include GCs from eBay, PayPal, and Tesla. The panel will be moderated by Nat Slavin, founder of Wicker Park Group. The Legal Marketing Association is the international authority for legal marketing, and the Bay Area is home to some of the most vibrant and valuable programs that LMA presents.

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### **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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## WEBINARS

- May 9 - Supervision: Responsibilities Regarding Nonlawyer Assistance (1 unit Ethics)
- May 17 - The Personal Contact Rule (1 unit Ethics)
- May 23 - The Truth, The Whole Truth and Nothing But the Truth The Ethical Imperative for Honesty in Law Practice (1 unit Ethics)
- May 27 - The 2017 Ethy Awards (2 units Ethics)

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Welcome, Members of the Palo Alto Financial Planning Forum*

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.

### *Legal Referral Panelists - Immigration, Family, and Landlord/Tenant*

PAABA's LRS is seeking more panelists for these panels. Please contact [lrs@paaba.org](mailto:lrs@paaba.org) if you practice in these areas and would like to join a referral panel.



### 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.

More information is available at [PAABA.org](#).

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