NEWSLETTER

Join Us for the Foothills Bar Association's Annual Membership Drive

By Glen J. Honig, Esq., FBA President

The Foothills Bar Association will host its fun summer tradition, the Annual Membership Drive and Mixer, at Hooley's Irish Pub & Grill in the Grossmont Shopping Center on June 23, 2016 starting at 5:00 p.m. This is the perfect occasion to renew your membership for the 2016-17 term and to catch up with friends while enjoying the hosted appetizers and a beverage. For over 50 years, the Foothills Bar Association has been dedicated to fostering a close working relationship between the bench and bar in East County. While our organization is composed primarily of attorneys, judges and other professionals who live or work in East County, we also have many members outside of East County who take advantage of our membership benefits.

Some of the many reasons to join or renew your membership in the Foothills Bar Association include:

- Excellent monthly MCLE programs presented through the various sections, which are free to members.
- "Hard to Get" Seminar usually presented in January that provides three 1-hour credits in Legal Ethics, Recognition and Elimination of Bias, and Competence Issues for a reasonable fee.
- Subscription to the Foothills Bar Association's monthly Newsletter, which provides articles on topics of interest, Court news and updates on section MCLE programs and events. Submissions from members are encouraged.
- Networking opportunities, mixers and fun social events.
- Opportunities to expand your recognition in the legal community by writing articles of interest for the monthly newsletter and presenting seminars in your particular field of expertise.
- Inclusion in the FBA membership directory (on-line and printed versions).

Upcoming Events Calendar

June 9

Estate Planning and Probate Section 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Law Offices of Nancy Kaupp Ewin, Esq. 8166 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa

Topic: TBA Speaker: TBA

June 21

Family Law Section

12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

East County Court, Dept. 7 250 E. Main Street, El Cajon

Topic: The Untold Story ... The Hidden Impact of

Divorce on Children

Speaker: Cindy Grossman, LCSW

Executive Director of Kids' Turn San Diego

June 23

FBA Membership Drive and Mixer

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Grossmont Center, La Mesa

June 24

Criminal Law Section

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

East County Court Jury Lounge

250 E. Main Street, El Cajon

Topic: Veterans Pretrial Diversion Program

Speaker: Hon. Roger W. Krauel

July 4 – Independence Day State and Federal Courts Closed

July 12

Civil Litigation Section

12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

BJ's Restaurant, Grossmont Center, La

Mesa

Topic: Recent Developments in Tax Law Speaker: Mark Krasner, Esq., CPA

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- Opportunities to become active in the Foothills Bar Association, and chair a section committee in your field of expertise, or another area you would like to become more involved with in your practice of law.
- Invitation to the Annual Awards Dinner.
- Participation in the Annual Toy Drive to support local families.
- It costs only \$65 per year.

If you are not currently a member, I encourage you to join to take advantage of these benefits. If you have any questions regarding membership or about the Foothills Bar Association in general, please visit our website at www.foothillsbar.org or contact me at: HonigEsq@Gmail.com. See you at Hooley's on June 23 for the Membership Drive and bring a friend!

Civil Litigation Section MCLE Update

By Elizabeth Smith Chavez, Esq., section co-chair

On Tuesday, July 12, 2016, the Foothills Bar Association will present an informative MCLE on current tax law from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. at BJ's Restaurant in Grossmont Center, La Mesa. This program is designed to appeal to lawyers in a variety of practice areas, and to lawyers as citizens about to vote in an election.

Mark Krasner is a founding member of Blanchard, Krasner & French, and has over 30 years of experience as a CPA and attorney in a wide variety of matters and industries. His areas of practice include mergers and acquisitions, real estate, tax matters, family law, purchases and sales, litigation, licensing, franchising, corporate and partnership structuring and reorganizations, international trade, tax and estate planning.

Mr. Krasner's presentation will focus on recent tax law developments in the United States, and will include a discussion about tax policies and proposals arising from the 2016 presidential campaign. Topics to be discussed include:

- Tax plan proposals of the remaining presidential candidates, including a discussion about the federal estate tax, the possibility of a financial transaction tax, and the candidates' views on U.S. trade policies;
- Corporate tax inversions, the IRS's latest regulations, and a discussion about the regulations' impact on jobs and San Diego's biotech industry;
- Asset protection techniques, with a focus on the family limited partnership;
- Deductibility of delinquent spousal support stemming from the Tax Court's recent decision in <u>Iglicki v. C.I.R.</u>, and its application in California; and
- The odds of being audited by the IRS.

The seminar is free to members of the FBA and \$10.00 for nonmembers. The cost of your lunch will be whatever you choose from BJ's menu, although you are not obligated to order lunch. <u>Please RSVP</u> to Elizabeth Smith Chavez at <u>liz@smithchavezlaw.com</u>. This program has been approved for 1.0 hour of MCLE general credit by the State Bar of California.

El Cajon's Law Library Re-Visited

By Keith A. Jones, Esq.

Last year, the Foothills Bar Association received disheartening news that the law library at the El Cajon court house would close its doors due to decreased funding. Earlier this year, the San Diego Law Library announced its partnership with El Cajon's Public Library to bring law library access back to the East County.

No, the volumes of court decisions, statutes and legal treatises aren't lining the bookshelves. Rather, four computer stations are placed near the main reference desk that provide access to LexisAdvance, CEB OnLaw, and HeinOnline. A legal reference librarian is scheduled to offer assistance on the first and third Mondays each month between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The work stations are available whenever the El Cajon library is open, although whether one of the four computers will be available when you need one is not guaranteed.

I recently had the opportunity to use the law library's new set-up. The four computers are easy to find, placed quite conspicuously in front of the reference desk. No patrons were using them which translated to great access and availability. Plus the library has plenty of free parking and no security checkpoint.

We've been using on-line research for years, so finding what I needed took just a few minutes of pointing and clicking. Well, actually more pointing and clicking since I had to open a new page for each section of the particular treatise I used, regardless of whether the section consisted of two lines or fifty lines. It sure made me miss the old fashion way of reading through the pages that contained multiple sections or the other electronic sources that utilize scrolling through the materials.

Yes, the law library work station is easy to use. Yes, it was readily accessible in the middle of a business day, and is available even during hours when the former East County Law Library was closed. Yes, I found the answers to my legal inquiries.

On the other hand, they are not private which raised concerns about protecting the attorney work product privilege. The work stations are placed on the major traffic line through the library almost within reach of the reference desk. Patrons waiting for assistance stood behind me and people approached the vicinity from all directions. Any of them could have glanced over my shoulder to observe my research or my notes. The stations in the law library at the court house sat against the wall or away from traffic patterns, providing more privacy.

Privacy concerns also exist when printing research results. A print request is transmitted electronically across the main room to another desk near the library's main entrance to be printed and to sit until retrieved. I would have needed to leave the work station (and probably close any research trail for confidentiality protections), cross the library, and purchase the copies that may have been viewed by others before landing in my hands.

I asked the reference librarian whether physical law materials would eventually be placed on the shelves. He responded with a shrug, informing me that the books had been shipped downtown for cataloging and that he doesn't know where they could be placed in the El Cajon branch without removing other library materials.

Law Week 2016 – Thank You, Volunteers

On May 2, 2016, the Foothills Bar Association again partnered with the San Diego Law Library for Law Week recognition and community service at the El Cajon Public Library. Several FBA members and other volunteers donated their time and expertise to assist the public through presentations and individual consultations on various legal topics.

Andrea Schneider, Esq. and Ryan Mullinax of Allergic to Handcuffs Bail Bonds discussed criminal law issues; Genevieve Suzuki, Esq. discussed general civil matters and civil harassment orders; Rachael Callahan, Esq. spoke on landlord/tenant matters and the eviction process; Garrison Klueck, CFLS, Glen Honig, Esq. and Mark Schlissel, FCS Consultant, discussed family law and FCS; and Holly Carnes, Esq. discussed probate, trusts and estate planning.

We truly appreciate the time and effort of these volunteers in continuing the FBA's community service tradition.



Foothills Bar Association Notice of Board Meeting:

The Foothills Bar Association Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on June 23, 2016 at Hooley's Irish Pub, in Grossmont Center, La Mesa, prior to the membership drive and mixer. The meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. If you want your voice to be heard in policy discussion and upcoming events planning or would simply like to learn more about the organization, your attendance is welcome.

Notices

Looking for Speakers for Future FBA Civil Litigation Section Meetings:

If you have a litigation topic you would like to present at an upcoming Civil Litigation Section MCLE meeting, please contact Section Co-Chairs Mark Raftery at mark@markrafterylaw.com or Elizabeth Smith-Chavez at liz@smithchavezlaw.com.

The Family Court needs settlement conference judges. Please volunteer and share your expertise. Contact Kelly Fabros at 619-456-4065 or <u>Kelly.Fabros@SDCourt.CA.Gov</u>.

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FOOTHILLS BAR ASSOCIATION EAST COUNTY ATTORNEY MIXER 2016 Membership Drive

Thursday, June 23, 2016, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

at Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill



Please join the Foothills Bar Association at Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Located at 5500 Grossmont Center Drive #277, La Mesa, CA 91942
Thursday, June 23, 2016, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm







ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGE AND HORS D'OEUVRES SHARE A GOOD TIME WITH YOUR FELLOW BAR MEMBERS & JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH THE FBA



You are cordially invited to a FREE MCLE seminar presented by the

FOOTHILLS BAR ASSOCIATION CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

Friday, June 24th, 2016 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

LOCATION:

East County Courthouse – Jury Lounge Ground Floor 250 East Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020

TOPIC:

"Veteran's Pretrial Diversion Program"

California Penal Code §1001.80, which went into effect in January 2015, authorizes a defendant who was or is a member of the U.S. Military to take part in "pretrial diversion" on misdemeanors. Successful completion results in dismissal without conviction if certain requirements are met. In this program, Judge Krauel will discuss the Diversion Program requirements and procedures, and attorney Jude Litzenberger will discuss ways of meeting those requirements. As San Diego has a large military community, this program will be beneficial to all criminal law practitioners.

SPEAKERS:

Hon. Roger W. Krauel Jude Litzenberger, Esq.

COSTS:

Free to all attorneys courtesy of the Foothills Bar Association

This presentation qualifies for one unit (1.0 credit hour) toward California Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE). For questions, please contact Daniel Cohen, Esq., CohenCohenlaw@Gmail.com, or Glen Honig, Esq. at HonigEsq@Gmail.com

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