



# WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO

## January 2016 Newsletter

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Join Us At This Month's  
Luncheon:

### A Conversation with Judge DeAlba

Thursday,

January 28, 2016

Lucca Restaurant

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## President's Corner

By: Jennifer Hartman King

In my seventh year on the Board, I am extremely honored to serve as President of Women Lawyers of Sacramento (WLS), recognizing that I succeed to this position after many accomplished and inspiring women held it before me. I hope to rise to the occasion, and offer my relatively unique perspective to the role. Two years ago, I co-founded King Williams LLP, a boutique law firm specializing in environmental, regulatory, real estate and business law. Having started with only me and my co-founding partner, Brandon Williams, our firm quickly became a thriving mid-sized law firm with a client base that spans 48 states and three countries. Since the start, our team has been made up of mostly women (though, we adore our male colleagues and happily anticipate adding several more in the very near future!). Through this extraordinary experience, I have learned many lessons, but perhaps most importantly, I learned the true value of genuine teamwork. I am referring to the kind of teamwork that does not involve judgement, criticism or pettiness, but

the kind in which team members lift one another up and spur each other to go beyond themselves and achieve their greatest potential. I plan to bring this lesson to bear on my efforts to steward WLS through another exciting and successful year in 2016.

Our organization is fortunate to have an incredible roster of board members this year. I hope you will enjoy reviewing their brief biographies in this month's newsletter. These biographies, of course, only offer a snippet of information regarding these amazing women; so, I urge you to attend our events and get to know them! I anticipate that WLS will continue to thrive as one of the most active bar organizations in our legal community because of the hard work these women will contribute this year, and I am very grateful for their anticipated efforts.

The board and I kicked off our year with the December swearing in ceremony.

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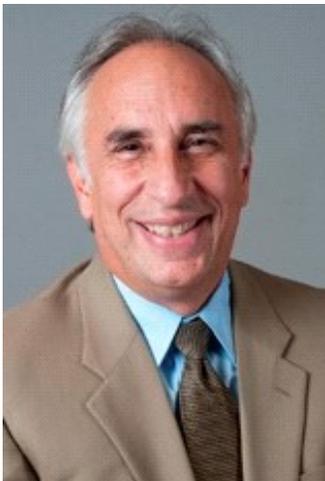


# WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO

## January Luncheon

### Featuring The Honorable Judge David De Alba

**TOPIC: A Commentary on Four Years of Service on the Judicial Council of California.**



Judge David De Alba was appointed to the Sacramento Superior Court in 2001. He recently finished serving a 4 year term on the Judicial Council. He will be joining WLS for the January Luncheon to discuss the Judicial Council's function, policy-making for the branch, committees and other general observations.

**WHEN:** January 28, 2016

**WHERE:** Lucca Restaurant and Bar, 1615 J Street, Sacramento, CA

**TIME:** 12:00-1:15 p.m.

**MENU:** Roasted Beet and Farro Salad with Chicken, Stuffed Sweet Peppers, Spaghetti & Meatballs or Roast beef sandwich.

**Each menu item comes with choice of soda or iced tea.**

**COST:** \$30.00 for current WLS members, past presidents of WLS, and judges; \$35.00 for all others, except law students, whose cost is \$25.00. Without advance reservation, it may not be possible to get the entrée of your choice.

**RSVP with menu choice online at [www.womenlawyers-sacramento.org](http://www.womenlawyers-sacramento.org)** (please use the Note function to identify name of attendee and menu choice) **or with confirmation of mailed check by January 28, 2016 to Kelly Babineau at [kbabineau@klblawoffice.net](mailto:kbabineau@klblawoffice.net).** Please mail your check, payable to WLS, with menu choice **for receipt by January 28, 2016** to WLS, Attn: Luncheon, P.O. Box 936, Sacramento, CA 95814. **Please indicate if you are a current WLS member, past president, or judge on the check.** WLS is charged for cancellations. Payments must be received in advance and are not refundable. Seating at the door is subject to availability.

**This Program does qualify for MCLE credits.**

Please bring any unused toiletries and women's personal items to the luncheon for donation to Maryhouse, a non-profit organization that helps homeless women and children.

# December Luncheon Highlights

## Holiday Party

*By: Kelly Babineau, Co-Chair of the Programs Committee*

In December WLS celebrated the holiday season with a festive get-together at the monthly luncheon. While enjoying appetizers and champagne, members socialized with friends and colleagues. Rebecca Deitzen thanked the outgoing Board and highlighted the wonderful year that WLS enjoyed. Jennifer Hartman King welcomed the new Board and spoke of her vision for the next year. The Honorable Emily Vasquez, an enthusiastic supporter of WLS, joined the luncheon. As she has graciously done in past years, Judge Vasquez swore in the new Board and offered kind words of encouragement and support. A delightful time was had by all.



Swearing in of the 2016 Board by the Honorable Emily Vasquez



2015 Outgoing WLS President,  
Rebecca Dietzen



2016 Incoming WLS President,  
Jennifer Hartman King

## President's Corner (Continued from Page 1) By: Jennifer Hartman King

At that event, we said farewell and expressed heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful immediate Past President Rebecca Dietzen, and to a number of longtime, hard-working board members who have decided to step down (for now!). We will miss having them on the board, but we sincerely look forward to continuing our friendships with them and appreciate their continued support.

On January 9th, together with the Executive Committee, I led our annual board orientation. The Board is already hard at work and is gearing up to deliver the high caliber events for which WLS has become known. Our first event of the year is our January luncheon featuring The Honorable David De Alba. Judge De Alba recently finished serving a 4-year term on the Judicial Council. He will be joining WLS for the January luncheon to discuss the Judicial Council's function, policy-making for the branch, committees and other general observations. I hope you will join us!

Please also be sure to renew your WLS membership! Your participation is vital to our organization's ability to provide opportunities for leadership, networking, and mentorship to in our legal community, offer grants and awards to deserving individuals and charitable organizations, and track and impact legislation that affects women and children in our community. We are extremely thankful for your support. If you renewed on October 1, 2015, or later, your membership will be active through 2016.

I welcome your input as we embark on this year together. Thank you for being a valued part of our WLS community. My best wishes to you for a happy and successful 2016!



2016 WLS Board at the Board Orientation  
January 9, 2016

## Meet The 2016 WLS Board



**Suzanne M. Alves** is vice-chair of the Community and Public Relations Committee. She is an experienced civil litigator specializing in business and commercial disputes in the trial and appellate courts. Ms. Alves began her practice in the Bay Area but relocated to Sacramento in 2006, and has enjoyed great success in the State and Federal Courts of Northern California. In October of 2015, Ms. Alves opened her own firm, Alves Jacobson LLP, in Gold River, serving the Greater Sacramento community. Ms. Alves current practice focuses on advising and representing clients in business disputes, primarily internal within closely held entities, limited partnerships and limited liability companies. However, Ms. Alves continues to represent individuals in all manner of cases, including professional negligence, malicious prosecution, contract disputes, estate contests and defamation claims.



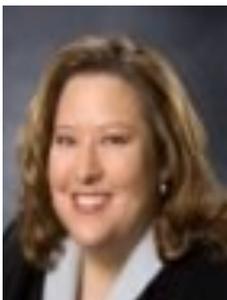
**Kelly Babineau** is co-chair of the Programs Committee. She has been practicing criminal defense since 1997. After practicing law as a public defender for over 10 years, she opened her own firm in 2009. She represents clients in state, federal and administrative proceedings. When not in trial, she enjoys cycling, hiking and yoga, but her passion is for food and wine and hopes to start a food blog sometime in the near future.



**Kristen Benadom** is the vice-chair of the Development Committee. She holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice and a B.B.A in Law & Public Policy from Gonzaga University and received her J.D. from the University Of San Diego School Of Law. Kristen oversees contract management for FolioDynamix, a wealth management platform provider. Her prior work experience includes legal and compliance management in the financial services and technology industries. After beginning her career in Colorado, she is excited to be back home in Sacramento and to rediscover all the sights and sounds (and tastes) of Northern California.



**Kristin Blocher** returns to the Board as co-chair of the Judicial/Other Appointments Committee. Kristin's areas of practice include civil litigation and transactional business law with an emphasis in intellectual property, trusts and estates, real estate transactions, and employment. She received her bachelor's degree from Westmont College and her law degree from McGeorge School of Law. Out of the office, she enjoys playing with her dog, running, snowboarding, cooking, researching and indulging her passion for wine.



**Melissa Borrelli** is vice-chair of the Career Advancement and Retention Committee. She is happy to continue to be involved with the WLS Board for a seventh year. She is a graduate of UC Davis for both her B.S. and J.D. She also earned an LL.M. in Health Law at Loyola University, Chicago School of Law. She works as a Senior Attorney and Manager of Compliance at Western Health Advantage, a local health plan. She is also a newly elected member of the Board of the California Society for Healthcare Attorneys. She is happily married with two children.



**Kim Buchholz** is co-chair of the Career Advancement and Retention Committee. Kim grew up in Folsom and received her undergraduate degree from UC Santa Barbara. She graduated from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 2007. After law school, Kim worked in the Sacramento County Public Defender's Office and then for McGeorge as a staff attorney. Kim directed the Victims of Crime Resource Center and currently conducts mental health proceedings as a hearing officer. Additionally, she practices estate planning as principal of the Law Offices of Kimberly Buchholz. Kim lives in Land Park with her husband, daughter, son and dog.



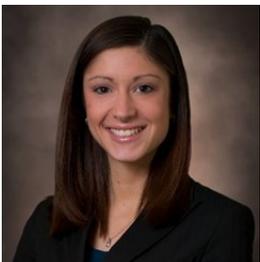
**Christina E. Cortino** is co-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee, and has been a member of WLS since 2009. Christina is an Associate Attorney with King Williams LLP, and provides environmental compliance advice and litigation defense to national and multinational clients. Outside of the office, Christina enjoys playing piano, painting, hiking with her rescued German Shepherd, Tasha, and horseback riding with friends.



**Carmen-Nicole Cox** is co-chair of the Membership Committee. She is Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary in the administration of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., and actively engaged in efforts to diversify the pipeline into the legal profession. This is Carmen's fourth year as a proud member of the WLS Board.



**Kresta Daly**, vice-chair of the Programs Committee, is a partner at Barth Daly, LLP. For nearly 15 years, Kresta has defended individuals, corporations, corporate executives, public officials and others in a wide range of federal and state criminal investigations and prosecutions. She lives on a small farm outside of Winters with her husband and their son. She serves on the American Bar Association Commission on Immigration Advisory Task Force as well as the California State Bar Commission on Access to Justice.



**Aminah Famili** is vice-chair of the Newsletter Committee. Aminah is a six-year associate at King Williams LLP. Her practice focuses environmental litigation, enforcement defense and regulatory compliance counseling. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, hiking, running, and exploring new restaurants.



**Sonia Fernandes**, Vice President, is Assistant Chief Counsel at the California Department of Managed Health Care, Division of Plan Surveys. She directs the investigatory functions of the Division of Plan Surveys, which evaluates and promotes health plan regulatory compliance and quality improvement as related to health care delivery systems, and serves as legal advisor to the Deputy Director. Sonia, a graduate of University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, is also a board member of the South Asian Bar Association of Sacramento, and an advisory board of My Sister's House. She is also a charter member of the Sacramento Metropolitan Lions Club, and co-chair of her club's Lions Student Speaker Contest. In her spare time, Sonia enjoys travelling with her husband and four-year old daughter.



**Lauren Foust Sorokolit** is co-chair of the Legislation and Bar Delegations Committee. She practices healthcare law as Associate General Counsel with Molina Healthcare. Prior to joining Molina Healthcare, she litigated medical malpractice and business dispute lawsuits. Outside of work, she is a mentor through the C. K. McClatchy Law and Public Policy Academy. She enjoys spending time with her dogs (Sarge and Lucy), cats (Ginsburg and Ziggy), husband, and friends.



**Shelley Ganaway** is vice-chair of the Membership Committee. She is a Supervising Attorney Advisor with the Social Security Administration. Her areas of expertise include issues of disability (pre and post entitlement) and Administrative Law. She is an Executive Committee member of the Schwartz-Levi Inn of Court. She enjoys spending time with her husband and three kids (ages 13, 6, & 2). They enjoy cooking together, traveling, reading, playing board games, and attending gymnastics/dance. She is looking forward to continuing to serve on the WLS Board.



**Kim Garner**, Treasurer, is Of Counsel at Law Offices of Pamela Jones and has recently started an estate planning and trust litigation practice. Her background is in a wide array of civil litigation matters and brings that knowledge and experience to her trust litigation practice. She has been recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Northern California. Kim received her B.A. in Sociology from University of California, Berkeley and her J.D. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Kim also serves on the Board of Directors for the McGeorge Alumni Association as Vice President. In her spare time, she enjoys wine, cooking and spending time with her husband and 1 year old daughter.



**Jessica Graves**, is vice-chair of Programs. She has been solely practicing criminal defense since 2002. She left the Public Defenders in 2012 to work with her mom and sister at The Law Offices of Wing & Parisi. In her spare time, she loves to watch her kids play sports, travel and catch up on some reading.



**Amy Halloran** is vice--chair of the Grants & Awards Committee. She has been an estate, trust, and tax planning attorney for over 13 years and is currently an attorney at Williams & Associates. She lives in the Arden Park area with her husband and two daughters,. They spend falls on the soccer field, summers with the swim team, and the in-between time bike riding, traveling, and hanging-out with their extended family and friends.



**Vanessa Hunter** is vice-chair of the Grants and Awards Committee. This is her second year serving on the board and she is excited for the opportunity to become more involved in the leadership of WLS. Vanessa is an associate at the Pollara Law Group where her practice focuses on medical malpractice defense and administrative law. Vanessa received her B.A. in English from California State University, Sacramento and her J.D. from McGeorge School of Law. Vanessa enjoys spending her free time with her husband, three wonderful dogs, and one very ornery cat.



**Heather Johnston** is co-chair of the Membership Committee. This is her third year on the WLS Board. She is a shareholder at Trainor Fairbrook, a boutique real estate law firm. Ms. Johnston's practice focuses on transactional real estate matters. Ms. Johnston was one of five real estate attorneys in the country selected to be a 2015-2017 fellow for the American Bar Association, Real Property, Trust and Estate Section. She is a graduate of McGeorge School of Law (J.D., with distinction) and U.C. San Diego (B.S.).



**Jennifer Hartman King** is honored to serve as President of WLS in her seventh year on the board. Jennifer is the Managing Partner and one of the Founding Partners of the law firm King Williams LLP, a mid-sized boutique specializing in environmental, real estate and business law. Jennifer's practice focuses on environmental and administrative law, including complex multi-party litigation, regulatory advice counsel, administrative enforcement defense, and transactional matters. She is a former Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary to Governor Gray Davis and the busy mother of three young boys (ages 10, 7 & 4). In her spare time, Jennifer enjoys participating in extreme fitness programs, practicing Tae Kwon Do, traveling and various outdoor activities. Jennifer received her Bachelor of Arts degree from UC Davis and her law degree from UCLA.



**Katie Konz** returns this year as vice-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee. Katie is an associate at Downey Brand LLP. Her practice focuses on general civil litigation and appellate work. In her spare time, Katie enjoys spending time with her three dogs, snowboarding, hiking, reading, and eating.



**Louinda V. Lacey** is co-chair of the Legislation and Bar Delegations Committee. She grew up in South Africa and, after moving to Sacramento in 2001, received her undergraduate degree from CSU Sacramento. She graduated from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 2010. In 2015, she launched her own practice committed to providing high-quality regulatory, administrative enforcement, civil litigation, and appellate freelance support services to busy solo practitioners, law firms, and in-house counsel. She has extensive experience in environmental law (water, land use, air, food & beverage, and hazardous substances); construction and real estate law; administrative enforcement defense; and torts. Louinda also serves on the California Women Lawyers' Board of Governors as the District 2 Governor.



**Alanna Lungren** is co-chair of the Membership Committee. She is a Deputy District Attorney at the Sacramento County District Attorney's office. Alanna received her B.A. in Anthropology and Gender Studies from the University of Notre Dame, and her J.D. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Outside of work, Alanna enjoys riding horses with her husband, family and friends, playing with her dogs, skiing and training for triathlons.



**Kelly Pope**, Secretary, is a partner with Downey Brand LLP, where she is a member of the firm's business litigation and bankruptcy law practices. Her litigation experience is vast and includes matters involving contract disputes, real property disputes, fraud, professional negligence, the Unfair Competition Law, and constitutional interpretation. She also represents public agencies and property owners in eminent domain matters, as well as secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 7, 11, and 13 cases. In her spare time, Kelly enjoys reading, hiking, and exploring Sacramento's many fun activities with her husband and three young children.



**Tara Rojas** is a co-chair on the Grants & Awards Committee. She is the head of the Family Law Department at Goyette & Associates, Inc. where she handles the full range of domestic relations matters, including dissolution of marriage, child custody, support, domestic violence, pre-marital/post-nuptial agreements, and property division. She earned her bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's and her law degree from Pacific McGeorge. In her spare time, Tara enjoys spending time with family and friends.



**Meghan Covert Russell** is serving her fifth year on the WLS Board, this year as the co-chair of the Newsletter Committee. She has previously served on Grants & Awards and Programs Committees. Meghan is an education attorney and recently helped open the northern California branch of Parker & Covert, here in Sacramento. She is also an advisory committee member for the McClatchy Law & Public Policy Academy. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and their toddler, traveling, and baking.



**Kristine Scribner** is co-chair of the Programs Committee. Kristine is an attorney with Porter | Scott and practices public entity and civil rights law. She is native of the Sacramento area and obtained her bachelor's degree from U.C. Davis and graduated from McGeorge School of Law with a concentration in intellectual property. Kristine enjoys spending time with friends and family, frequenting local wineries and traveling.



**Latika Sharma**, co-chair of the Newsletter Committee, is a senior attorney with the California Department of Managed Health Care, Office of Legal Services, where she works on variety of legal issues in health care. Latika, a graduate of University of California Davis, School of Law, also serves as the Co-President of the South Asian Bar Association and as a board member of the ABAS Law Foundation, My Sister's House, and OrFan International. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, hiking, reading, and mentoring her little sib through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.



**Theresa A. Stein** is vice-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee. In past years, she has served as co-chair of both the Development and Membership Committees. Theresa is a Senior Attorney at the California Department of Health Care Services, where her areas of expertise include health care legislation and Medicaid State Plans. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, cycling, surfing, and acrylic painting.



**Roxanne Strohmeier**, a vice-chair of the Legislation and Bar Delegations Committee, is in her third year at UC Davis School of Law. At UC Davis, she is the Managing Productions Editor for the Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy, a board member of the King Hall Women's Law Association and Law Students for Reproductive Justice, and a member of the Trial Practice Honors Board. Before attending law school, Roxanne worked as a Program Development Consultant for the California Department of Public Health. She received her B.A. from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and her Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine.



**Alissa J. Strong** is serving a sixth year on the WLS board as a vice-chair of the Newsletter Committee for 2016. In previous years she has served on the Programs and Membership Committees. She has been an attorney for eight years; her practice focuses on civil litigation, professional liability defense, bad faith insurance defense and business litigation. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, cooking and playing piano.



**Jackie Limbo Sueyres** is vice-chair of the Legislation and Bar Delegation Committee. This is Jackie's second year on the board and she is excited to be a part of this organization. Jackie is an associate at Tiza Serrano-Thompson and Associates where she practices insurance defense litigation. She previously spent time in the Sacramento and Santa Barbara Public Defenders offices. Jackie is also a board member for PINC, a local philanthropic organization. In her spare time, Jackie teaches classes at the Dailey Method in downtown Sacramento and enjoys spending time with her new husband and 2 dogs.



**Katherine Underwood**, co-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee, is a Deputy City Attorney with the City of Sacramento. She is a member of the Litigation Section, which handles lawsuits involving the City and/or its staff and provides pre-litigation and risk management advice to City departments on an as-needed basis. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Prior to attending law school, Katherine worked as a paralegal in Silicon Valley, California and Washington, D.C. When she isn't working, Katherine and her partner, Anthony, enjoy working on their 1920's home and indulging in their love of food and wine.



**Allison Callaghan Walsh** is vice-chair of the Career Advancement and Retention Committee. She is a third-year associate at Nossaman LLP, where she focuses on employment litigation. Allison is a graduate of U.C. Davis School of Law and Claremont McKenna College, and is a native of the Greater Sacramento area. In her spare time, she enjoying traveling, outdoor adventuring, and spending time with her husband, family, and friends.

## 2016 Liaisons with the Board

### JUDICIAL LIAISON



**Justice Hoch** joined the California Court of Appeal in January 2011. She previously served as the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary. Born and raised in California, she is a graduate of Stanford University and received her law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. After law school, she worked in private practice, and then began her 23-year career in state public service. She worked on labor law issues at two state boards before joining the California Attorney General's Office. Next, she was appointed as Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, and then appointed as Legal Affairs Secretary.

### PAST-PRESIDENT LIAISON

Jamie Errecart

# Announcements & Other News



*Save the Date!*  
**KING HALL  
 WOMEN'S LAW  
 ASSOCIATION**

*5th Annual*  
**WOMEN'S  
 LAW  
 MIXER**

*Details?*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016**  
**5:30P.M. - 7:30P.M.**

IL FORNAIO: 400 CAPITOL MALL; SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

The King Hall Women's Law Association is pleased to announce its 5th Annual Women's Law Mixer will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. Please save the date for this wonderful opportunity for King Hall law students, faculty, alumni, as well as local gender equality advocates to meet and connect.

All are welcome!

Appetizers and refreshments will be provided.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**2015 Luncheon Schedule**

**Lucca Restaurant and Bar,**  
**1615 J Street, Sacramento**

- January 28
- February 25
- March 24
- April 28
- May 26
- June 23
- July 28
- August 25
- September 22
- October 27
- November 17
- December 15



*Questions?*

For more information, please contact Roxanne Strohmeier at [rstrohmeier@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rstrohmeier@ucdavis.edu).

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**WLS Accepts & Publishes Readers' Announcements**

If you have an announcement to share with the WLS members, please email the Newsletter Co-Chairs, Meghan Covert Russell at [mrussell@parkercovert.com](mailto:mrussell@parkercovert.com) and Latika Sharma at [Latika.Sharma@DMHC.CA.GOV](mailto:Latika.Sharma@DMHC.CA.GOV). We will endeavor to publish your announcement in an upcoming edition of the WLS Newsletter (space permitting). The submission deadline for each issue is the 1st of that month. Please attach any digital photos or art that you would like to accompany your post.

# Announcements Continued...

## McLAREN COACHING

In 2015, McLaren Coaching began conducting 6-session book study series. In each series, we study two chapters from the book Coaching for Attorneys, McLaren & Finelli. (<http://www.mclarencoaching.com/coaching-for-attorneys/>) The series' have been very well-received and well-attended.

Starting January 19, 2016, we will be studying **values-based living for lawyers** (chapter 5) and **self-maintenance - also for lawyers**. (chapter 6).

1. **Values.** A topic most people never consciously consider. But you have values. Do you know what they are? How do you know if you are honoring them? What would happen if you knew your values and you lived and practiced in alignment with them? You might get more of the right things done. You might feel better about your choices. You might be more productive and have more energy.

**You will leave this class with a list of your values, definitions and a plan to live your values-based life as a lawyer.**

2. **Self-Maintenance.** This topic covers self-care, in a comprehensive manner. In this chapter we will look at why lawyers need to take care of themselves, but also how – how do we care for ourselves? How do we not? What are the insidious ways that, even if we recognize the need for balance, we throw ourselves out of balance? We will look at physical maintenance, emotional maintenance and mental maintenance. As with a vehicle, what is needed to keep the lawyer running in top shape? What are the prices we pay when we are not operating in top shape? There will be **self-awareness exercises to help you see where you are and are not caring for yourself**, as well as a plethora of **examples and ideas and practices to better care for yourself** – both from the book and from your fellow classmates.

**The outcome in studying both of these chapters is of course BALANCE. When you live your values, and when you learn all the ways you can, and need to (based on your own personal needs) take care of your physical/mental/emotional self, you will come into a greater level of balance – balancing your career life and personal life, bringing all of your life into a place where everything supports everything else and you are not feeling that one part of your life gets all of the attention to the exclusion of the rest.**

### Logistics:

We will meet on Tuesday nights from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We will likely be downtown in the same vicinity as before - Capital Mall, but that is still TBD. We will start January 19 and so the date are as follows:

**Jan. 19      Feb. 2      Feb. 16      March 1      March 15      March 29**

The **price** is \$300 for the full series.

Please email back your interest. It will be **\$150 to reserve your spot and the first 10 people who sign up will get a free 1/2 hour coaching call with me.**

**Cami McLaren**

916-747-3660

[www.McLarenCoaching.com](http://www.McLarenCoaching.com)

# Announcements Continued...



Maralee Eriksen is pleased to announce the opening of her new office. Ms. Eriksen's practice focuses on defense of individuals charged with driving under the influence. She also handles related administrative hearings before the Department of Motor Vehicles and other licensing agencies. With her prior experience as a prosecutor and long-time trial lawyer, she can help clients navigate the criminal justice system. Referrals of clients, friends and loved ones are welcome. More information is available on her website, [www.meriksen.com](http://www.meriksen.com). Ms. Eriksen may also be contacted by telephone or email below.

## **Maralee Eriksen** **Attorney at Law**

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**ARE YOU A MEMBER OF WLS?  
HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR  
WLS MEMBERSHIP?**

**Please remember to return  
your membership application/  
renewal form (located at the  
end of this newsletter) and pay-  
ment to WLS.**

# Announcements Continued..



CRIMINAL LAW SECTION  
The State Bar of California

## 2015-2016 COMPETITION FOR STUDENT PAPERS IN CRIMINAL LAW AND/OR CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

The Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of California is pleased to announce its Seventh Annual Competition for Student Papers in Criminal Law and/or Criminal Procedure. This is a nationwide competition; while the focus is on California law, past winners have included students attending schools across the country.

### PRIZES

#### GRAND PRIZE

- ◇ \$1500 cash prize
- ◇ The Grand Prize –winning paper will be published in the Criminal Law Journal, the official quarterly publication of the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of California
- ◇ One-year student membership in the Criminal Law Section

#### THREE HONORABLE MENTION PRIZES:

- ◇ \$500 cash prize
- ◇ Each of the papers awarded Honorable Mention status will be published in the Criminal Law Journal, the official quarterly publication of the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar of California
- ◇ One-year student membership in the Criminal Law Section

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration, the paper must be written solely by a student enrolled in law school at the time the author submits a paper to this Competition.

### CONTEST RULES

The paper must pertain to criminal law and/or to criminal procedure, with a particular focus on contemporary issues of concern in the State of California. The paper should be original and scholarly. It should be appropriately and carefully annotated to reflect the authorities that support the author's opinions and findings, and upon which the author otherwise relies.

Papers should be between 1,500 and 4,500 words in length, including any citations, and should follow the citation style of *The Blue Book: A Uniform System of Citation*. Papers that have previously been published in a book, journal, magazine, or newspaper are not eligible.

Papers submitted to the Competition must be in Word format and sent by e-mail attachment to each of the Criminal Law Journal co-editors:

Anne Perry (anne.perry2@usdoj.gov) ; Lani Biafore (lanibiafore@gmail.com); Decio Rangel (decio@deciorangellaw.com).

Papers submitted to the 2015-2016 Criminal Law Section Student Paper Competition must be e-mailed no later than midnight, **February 29, 2016**. Submissions must be accompanied by an e-mail cover letter verifying the author's current law school enrollment and authorizing the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar to publish the paper in the Criminal Law Journal.

### JUDGING

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