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As 2019 draws to a close, most of you will be in the midst of preparations for this festive season. This is a very special time of the year as it gives people a break from the hustle and bustle of our everyday working schedules. It provides many of us with some time to enjoy the company of family and friends that is all too often missing for the rest of the year. 2020, without a doubt, has been one of the most exciting years for me. Being elected as President is by far the highest honor of my professional career. While keeping with the spirit of this joyous time, it is equally important to take a few moments and remember those less fortunate who have suffered from this year’s round of fires and other tragedies that have been dealt to our beautiful State of California. Please keep these people in your thoughts, as we all know someone who has personally suffered losses from these tragic events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ARC Business Team for the tremendous efforts they put in day in and day out to make sure that our members are well looked after. Many of us do not see all the demands placed on the ARC Team, but their work is greatly appreciated.

To the CCA Executive Board members, I thank them for their dedication to the success of the CCA and for their tremendous input to the proper governance of our organization. I also wish to acknowledge the participation of our CCA committee members. They commit endless hours of volunteer time to make sure our members are provided with opportunities to continue learning, to network and socialize with other court professionals from all 58 California counties.

Lastly, to you the CCA Directors and general membership, I express my sincerest appreciation for your support of the CCA and the pride you demonstrate at being members of the CCA community. You are the source of the strength of CCA.

On behalf of the entire CCA Executive Board and myself, we hope this holiday season is an exceptionally good and safe one, and that the New Year brings you much health, happiness and prosperity.

Fondly,

Michelle Baldwin
Your 2019-2020 CCA President

Mission Statement

To Provide a Forum for Education and Best Practices in the Development of Court Professionals
“Leadership is a matter of how to be, not how to do. We spend most of our lives mastering how to do things, but in the end, it is the quality and character of the individuals that defend the performance of great leaders.”

Frances Hesselbein

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Happy Holidays CCA Members:

The holidays are a great time to double down on empathy. Good customer support professionals understand that most grumpy customers are simply having a bad day — it’s not personal. The holidays, however, are known for adding an extra layer of stress, and customer interactions are no exception. To provide the best support during this time, start by coming to each conversation with empathetic calm and focus on fast solutions. This time of year, customer service becomes more about action and resolution than warm fuzzies. This applies in every department in each of our 58 California Courts.

So, my wish this holiday and for the New Year, is that we take a deep breath, especially during times when it’s hard to do so, and that we celebrate what we have in common more often than heightening our differences. (That includes people we know well, the people our courts serve, and even complete strangers. There’s real power in the subtle message for us to see the commonality in each other, to be patient and forgiving, and to hold close family and friends.

I hope you all celebrate every day like a holiday, and that the New Year brings you good health, inspiration, and a mission to do as many small acts of kindness as you can squeeze in each day. Those are easy gifts to give that will continue to give in meaningful ways to the receiver.

Warmest Wishes,

Victoria

CCA RESOURCES PAGE

It is CCA’s goal to continue to grow and become a richer source of materials for California Court staff. CCA is pleased to make this informational site available to CCA members. This Member Resource webpage will provide consistent updates regarding resources that will come in handy to you on the job and when dealing with the public. It is so important to be able to have information at your fingertips that you can also share with your customers. If you have a resource you would like to add to this resource webpage, please email Victoria.borjesson@ventura.courts.ca.gov for consideration.

Trivia Question #6:

In 1968, a notable court executive was elected to a national committee.

1. What is the name of the person who was nominated?
2. When was his/her title at the time he/she was nominated?
3. What year(s) did he serve in that position?

The 1st member who emails me the correct answer will win a $25 Gift Card.

CORRECTION POLICY

We aim to get it right, but when we get it wrong, please let us know. We want to correct the record.

Contact Editor Victoria Borjesson to report any errors.
Snapshot—CCA - Leadership Makeup Class
Saturday, November 16, 2019
Folsom, California
By Juan Jaquez, CCA Director, Ventura County
On behalf of the CCA Executive Board and ARC Business Team, we are looking forward to seeing all of you at CCA’s New Laws Workshop in historic Sacramento, California on Friday, December 6, 2019. Our Legislation Committee Chairs ROB OFTRING and JODI LEVEQUE, and their committee have been hard at work tracking all of the legislation that will impact the California Courts in 2020.

Sacramento is the capital of the State of California, the county seat for Sacramento County and the central city for the four-county Sacramento Metropolitan Area. Located at the confluence of the Sacramento River and the American River, it is affectionately known as the ‘River City’. Sacramento has a total incorporated area of 99.2 square miles, of which 97.2 square miles is land and 2 square miles is water. Sacramento has a rich and vibrant history which goes back to 1839 when John Sutter arrived on the shore near the confluence of the American and Sacramento River. Sutter’s Fort was established with the intent to develop an agricultural community, and the settlement began attracting businessmen looking for opportunities. When gold was discovered in the nearby foothills at a sawmill in 1848, the proximity to the river transformed the Sutter’s Fort community into a trading and mining epicenter of what was later called the ‘Gold Rush’.

A Piece of Old Town Sacramento

The Old Sacramento Waterfront, a 28-acre national registered landmark and state historic park, preserves an 1870 riverside scene, complete with sailing vessels, paddle wheelers, cobblestone streets, boardwalks and many other historic elements. Old Sacramento Waterfront is home to numerous special events throughout the year, including the world-renowned Sacramento Jazz Jubilee which attracts more than 300,000 visitors each Memorial Day Weekend.

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To connect with other CCA Directors throughout California Courts, click “connect” below (You will need to have the CCA login username and password for access).
CCA’s New Law Workshop is designed to help court professionals navigate the legislative changes by focusing on those bills that have an impact on trial courts. During the Workshop, the Legislation Committee members will summarize bills impacting administration, civil, criminal-traffic, family, juvenile, and probate, and then answer your implementation questions. The workshop was created to help court managers and supervisors identify and implement new laws in their court.

The workshop goals are to:

- Share the knowledge of the Legislation Committee in a casual and comfortable environment
- Promote uniform practices and procedures in the trial courts
- Resolve issues of mutual concern
- Promote cooperation

At the end of the workshop, participants should leave with thorough knowledge of the laws impacting their courts and what needs to be done when you get back to court.
HOW DOES A BILL BECOME A LAW?

1. EVERY LAW STARTS WITH AN IDEA

That idea can come from anyone, even you! Contact your elected officials to share your idea. If they want to try to make it a law, they will write a bill.

2. THE BILL IS INTRODUCED

A bill can start in either house of Congress when it's introduced by its primary sponsor, a Senator or a Representative. In the House of Representatives, bills are placed in a wooden box called "the hopper."

3. THE BILL GOES TO COMMITTEE

Representatives or Senators meet in a small group to research, talk about, and make changes to the bill. They vote to accept or reject the bill and its changes before sending it to:

- the House or Senate floor for debate or
- to a subcommittee for further research.

4. CONGRESS DEBATES AND VOTES

Members of the House or Senate can now debate the bill and propose changes or amendments before voting. If the majority vote for and pass the bill, it moves to the other house to go through a similar process of committees, debate, and voting. Both houses have to agree on the same version of the final bill before it goes to the President.

DID YOU KNOW?

The House uses an electronic voting system while the Senate typically votes by voice, saying "yay" or "nay."

5. PRESIDENTIAL ACTION

When the bill reaches the President, he or she can:

- **APPROVE and PASS**
  The President signs and approves the bill. The bill is law.

The President can also:

- **Veto**
  The President rejects the bill and returns it to Congress with the reasons for the veto. Congress can override the veto with 2/3 vote of those present in both the House and the Senate and the bill will become law.

- **Choose no action**
  The President can decide to do nothing. If Congress is in session, after 10 days of no answer from the President, the bill then automatically becomes law.

- **Pocket veto**
  If Congress adjourns (goes out of session) within the 10 day period after giving the President the bill, the President can choose not to sign it and the bill will not become law.

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CCA SPRING TRAINING DAY
Saturday, April 4, 2020
Ventura Beach, California

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There once was a one room courthouse that stood on a hill in the middle of a peaceful county where you’ve never been before. In this courthouse worked one judge, one courtroom clerk, one court reporter, and one deputy. Nobody else. Actually, worked is an awfully exaggerated term for what they did because no matters ever came before them. That’s why there were no calendar staff, research attorneys, filing clerks, appeals workers, probate staff, jury commissioner, records clerks, or anybody else I might have missed (but not really, because they weren’t there). There were no dates to be calendared, no cases to be researched, no papers to be filed, no decisions to be appealed, no conservatorships to be contested, no juries to be summoned, and no records to be put away.

There were no attorneys in the county where this courthouse stood. How could this be, you ask? They simply were not necessary.

There was no crime. Bars were walking distance from every house, so nobody ever drove drunk. Everybody was satisfied with what they had, so they weren’t inclined to steal. They were too happy to need illegal drugs or drink too much, and were too content to ever commit acts of violence.

There were no divorces or neglected children. The county had the best marriage and family counselors in the world. Nobody committed domestic violence since everyone was too content to commit any acts of violence. Nobody had a spouse or parent who abused drugs, alcohol, or people and nobody committed adultery because they were happy with whom they were with. Kids were happy and taken care of so there was no need for delinquency or dependency courts.

No civil lawsuits were filed either. All the doctors in the county were competent, alert, and attentive. They never operated on the wrong leg or misdiagnosed an ailment. None of them had the slightest inclination to go into the expert witness business either. All of the citizens who drove were conscientious and wonderful drivers. They never sped, ran stop signs, made illegal turns or talked on cell phones as they drove. As a result, they never had accidents. If they had, nothing probably would have happened, because everyone was extremely polite and too forgiving to file a lawsuit. If somebody were to slip and fall on an aisle in a store they were likely to say something like, “It’s my own fault. I should have noticed that there were banana peels strewn wall to wall with motor oil poured on top of them.”

Nobody contested wills or argued over the estates of deceased relatives. And if someone in a family needed care, the family took care of them without hesitation. All families got along so well and took care of each other so well that there was never a need to bring a matter to probate court.

It was awful. There was nothing to do in the one room courthouse. The only reason the judge, the clerk, the reporter, and the deputy still had jobs was just in case a celebrity moved into the county. It also gave the local children a place where they could go on fieldtrips.
One Christmas, the staff decided to draw names from a hat to buy a gift for one other staff member. They couldn’t afford much because the county refused to give more than minimum wage to a staff that didn’t have any official work. The judge chose the clerk’s name, the clerk chose the reporter, the reporter chose the deputy, and the deputy chose the judge. They each knew what would be the perfect gift for the person they chose, but they all would have a hard time affording it because of the measly wage they made. They were resourceful, though, so they managed it.

On the day that they exchanged gifts, the clerk was the first to open hers. “This is wonderful,” said the clerk. “You knew how I always wanted fresh ink for my file stamp. That’s so very kind.”

“Apply some to your file stamp,” said the staff. The clerk blushed. “I can’t,” she said, “I sold my stamp so I could give the reporter her gift. But I will always be proud to display this bottle on my desk.” With that, she handed the reporter her gift.

When the reporter opened the gift, she gasped. “Real court reporter paper for my machine!” she said. “That’s the most wonderful gift ever. I will cherish it forever, but unfortunately, I had to sell my machine to buy the deputy his gift.” She handed the deputy his gift.

When the deputy opened his gift he almost cried. “I finally have bullets! This is wonderful!” At that moment, the staff noticed that the deputy’s gun wasn’t in his holster. He noticed them noticing this and said, “I had to sell my gun to buy you your gift, Judge, but I shall always be thankful for these bullets.” He handed the judge the last gift.

“Look at this,” said the judge. He laughed heartily as he displayed the pedestal for him to bang his gavel on. “This is the most wonderful gift I have ever received! But, guess what?”

The court staff guessed. The judge had sold his gavel so he could buy ink for his clerk’s file stamp. The entire staff laughed with joy at the sacrifices they had each made for each other and they loved the items they received more than the ones they had parted with. It was their best Christmas ever.

“Here is a short story that is my gift to you during the holiday season. No courtroom staff were injured during the writing of this story.”

Bob

About the Author...

Bob Gutierrez is a retired Courtroom Clerk from Santa Clara County. Bob worked at Santa Clara for 27 years. Since Bob retired in April, 2019, he continues and enjoys writing; creating humorous music videos for his YouTube channel, The Music Moron; playing guitar; running; hiking; and making his wife, Beverly, groan at his terrible jokes. His lap also serves as a bed for his two cats. Bob has written several articles for the Minute Book during his 27 years, and we are so fortunate that he continues to share his gift of writing with all of us!
That one time a prisoner sued himself.

“This one is kind of confusing. A little while ago, a prisoner in Virginia who was in jail for breaking and entering and larceny, sued himself. He claimed that he committed those crimes because he was drunk, and that getting drunk violated his religious beliefs. He wanted to sue himself for his bad behavior in the sum of $5 million. But since he was in prison and a ward of the state, he obviously didn’t have $5 million. So he asked the state to pay him that $5 million.

Unsurprisingly, the suit was dismissed as frivolous, and Judge Rebecca Beach Smith actually called the lawsuit ridiculous.

LAWYER: And you check your radar unit frequently?
Officer: Yes, I do.
LAWYER: And was your radar unit functioning correctly at the time you had the plaintiff on radar?
Officer: Yes, it was malfunctioning correctly.
Happy Holidays from the CCA Communication Committee

As always, our main goal is to provide 4 issues of the Minute Book to you, our members, on a timely basis that is filled with useful information that we hope provides value to you in the course of your work.

- CCA’s quarterly online publication *The Minute Book* is delivered each quarter to CCA’s membership via electronic delivery. As a member benefit, *The Minute Book* serves to inform our members about current activities, announcements about CCA events, updates regarding committee work and so much more.

- Our social media activity has been over the top! We have increased CCA’s online presence by 150% - check it out!

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to this success! We simply cannot do this without our members! Spread the word!

See you in

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The Benefits of Networking

Do YOU know the way to CCA?

“...the first time the three of us met was to host a Sacramento/Solano CCA Convention Training Day. Since we work in different Courts, we started to network. The California Court Association is an excellent resource for networking with likewise professionals. Building personal relationships and the bridge between counties and courts, one member at a time.

Do you know the way to CCA?”

Deanna Simas (Solano County)

Deanna Simas (Solano), Lizette Sweezer (Sacramento) and Cathy Loughridge (Solano)

Why is networking is important to your success?

Experts agree that the most connected people are often the most successful. When you invest in your relationships - professional and personal - it can pay you back in dividends throughout the course of your career. Networking will help you develop and improve your skill set, stay on top of the latest trends in your industry, keep a pulse on the job market, meet prospective mentors, and gain access to the necessary resources that will foster your career development.

Click HERE to see upcoming CCA training events!
San Joaquin Superior Court Update! Twenty-two foster children expand 17 SJ County families on National Adoption Day
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#Alameda Superior Court update The Superior Court of Alameda County is home to what’s known as a “reentry court,” one of a number of collaborative, or problem-solving, courts, that are changing the way criminal justice is administered.
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Hollywood Courthouse!!! It’s the premiere of the Hollywood Courthouse grand reopening - the only dedicated Mental Health courthouse in CA!
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Los Angeles Superior Court Update: Four generations of relatives, including two generations of adoptive children, gather today for adoption of 2-year-old Alice with Judge Tony L. Richardson, presiding.
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State would expand juvenile courts, halls to 18- and 19-year-olds under proposal
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OCSC Initiates New Online Traffic Correspondence Service
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Chief Justice Update: Meeting the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court - Hon. Tani Cantil-Sayauke
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Governor Newsom Nominates First African-American Woman to Serve on First District Court of Appeal Published: Nov 19, 2019
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San Mateo Superior Court gets grant for DUI program
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Ventura Superior Court Update! Ventura County families gain new members in tear-filled adoption courtroom
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Santa Clarita Courthouse Update! New Santa Clarita Courthouse Reprioritized As 'Immediate Need' By State
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Trending: National: NY Courts officially add transgender, nonbinary & other gender options to jury documents NY Court documents are going to include additional gender options.
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San Francisco Superior Court gives second chance to veterans who have trouble fitting into society
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Santa Clara Superior Court Update! 2019 Educators Day At The Court: Court and Community Working Together
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Uber's Self-Driving Car Didn't Know Pedestrians Could Jaywalk
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DMV Breach - Customers' Data Accessed to Other Agencies
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#Riverside Superior Court Update: Riverside County Families Formally Adopt Over 50 Children for National Adoption Day
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#Orange County Superior Court Update: Operation Mobile Justice Teams up with Orange County Superior Court
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#NEW LAWS UPDATE! Governor Newsom Signs Bill Banning Facial Recognition Technology In Police Body Cameras AB 1215 will be in force for three years, pending further legislation
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#Kern Superior Court - Update = Kern County Superior Court judges make history
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ALAMEDA – ANNOUNCES NEW JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 18, 2019
Posted November 21st, 2019
The Superior Court of Alameda County announces new judicial assignments that will take effect on Monday, January 6, 2020. The complete list is being circulated with this press release and is also available on the Court’s web site at http://View Article.

ALAMEDA – ANNOUNCES NEW JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2020
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ALAMEDA – WELCOMES NEW ACTING PRESIDING JUDGE AND ACTING ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE
Posted November 21st, 2019
The Superior Court of Alameda County congratulates Presiding Judge Wynne S. Carvill on his upcoming retirement after 16 years of service to the Court. Effective November 22, 2019, … View Article.

LOS ANGELES – FAMILY LAW DIVISION ANNOUNCES CHANGE TO JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS
Posted November 21st, 2019
The Family Law Division will implement the following change to courtroom operations at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, 90012: • View Article.

MENDOCINO – JUDGE JOHN BEHNKE TO RETIRE
Posted October 17th, 2019
Superior Court Judge John Behnke has announced that he will not seek reelection to a fourth term as judge of the Superior Court of California for the County of Mendocino. He plans on retiring from full time judging at the end of the year. View Article.

MONTEREY – SUPERIOR COURT LAUNCHES COUNTYWIDE PILOT TEXT REMINDER SYSTEM
Posted November 21st, 2019
Monterey County Superior Court is pleased to announce the pilot of a countywide “Automated Hearing Text Reminder Program.” The Automated Text Hearing Reminder Program was created in partnership with the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). View Article.

MONTEREY – SUPERIOR COURT PRESIDING JUDGE ANNOUNCES JUDICIAL LEADERSHIP FOR 2020
Posted November 21st, 2019
Monterey Superior Court Presiding Judge Lydia M. Villarreal is pleased to announce that the Honorable Pamela L. Butler has been elected by the bench to serve as Monterey County Superior Court’s Assistant Presiding Judge and will commence her term effective January 1, 2020. View Article.
I (Kim Pedersen) am pleased to announce that earlier today Judge Russell L. Hom was elected by the Judges of the Sacramento Superior Court as the next Presiding Judge. Judge Hom’s term will commence on January 1, 2020 and will continue through December 31, 2021. View Article

I (Kim Pedersen) am pleased to announce that Judge Michael G. Bowman was elected by the Judges of the Sacramento Superior Court as the next Assistant Presiding Judge. View Article

The Superior Court of San Bernardino County is pleased to announce the opening of a new Self-Help Resource Center at the Rancho Cucamonga Courthouse located at 8303 Haven Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga, room 0010 starting on Monday, October 7, 2019. View Article

The Superior Court of San Bernardino County is pleased to announce that it will be expanding services provided to the Big Bear and Needles communities beginning in December 2019. View Article

In an effort to bring together key Juvenile Justice systems stakeholders and community based organizations, the Santa Clara Superior Court hosted the Youth Justice & Public Safety Summit on Friday, September 6, 2019, where attendees engaged in an examination of current issues and a meaningful dialogue about youth justice and public safety. View Article

Location and Use of Drop Box of Tuolumne County Superior Court Tuolumne County Superior Court provides two drop box locations. View Article

The Bankruptcy Courtroom in Modesto, California will be temporarily closed for construction from January 1, 2020 through May 30, 2020. … View Article
DMV Updates

Disabled Person Parking Placard Enforcement Catches 109 Abusers in October (November 7, 2019)

DMV Eureka Field Office Opening at Bayshore Mall (November 19, 2019)

Davis is First DMV Field Office to Accept Credit Card Payments (September 25, 2019)

DMV RESOURCES:
- History of DMV
- Publications
- Reports
- AB 60 Information
- Autonomous Vehicles in California

Written REMINDER?
Fraudulent Use of a DISABLED PARKING PLACARD Is Against the Law
- Misdemeanor Citation
- DLS assessment
- Fine of $238–$1,463
- Note on Driver Record

REPORT: placard.misuse@dmv.ca.gov

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