



2008 Calendar of Events

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming NCBA events. Locations to be announced via the newsletter and website (www.nevadacountybar.com) unless otherwise noted.

- Aug 4** **New Court Clerk Hours Begin**
Public Counters Close at 4 p.m.

- Aug 24** **Bill Schultz Golf Fundraiser**

- Aug 27** **ADR Meeting Noon**
at Kane's in Grass Valley

- Sept 1** **Legal Holiday**

Save the Date

**Associate Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye,
Third District Court of Appeal-
Guest Speaker
Law Day Dinner: October 2, 2008**

In Remembrance of Jan Harley *See Page Two*

Next MCLE Luncheon
ETHICS UNITS
September 24, 2008

Where: Stonehouse Restaurant
107 Sacramento Street
Nevada City

When: Sept 24, 2008
11:15 a.m. Executive Committee
12:00 General Membership

Price: \$26 ea. Members with RSVP
\$30 ea. No RSVP

Program includes 1 hour of **ETHICS MCLE Credit:**
Mr. Korman on Legal Ethics in the

Legal Profession

- see enclosed article -

Attendees should email jifordlaw@yahoo.com with their meal choice before **Fri. Sept. 19, 2008** in order to receive advance pricing. *Menu choices to follow*

CHANGE IN PUBLIC COUNTER AND TELEPHONE HOURS FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEVADA COUNTY

NEVADA CITY – The Superior Court of California, County of Nevada announces a change in public counter and telephone hours. Beginning on August 4, 2008, the court clerk's offices will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A drop box will be provided for filings and payments delivered after 4pm. Filings received before 5pm will be filed on the date delivered.

This change applies only to court clerk's offices at the Nevada City courthouse (201 Church Street, Nevada City) and the Truckee Branch Court (10075 Levon Avenue, Truckee).

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President's Report:

With the smoke cleared (literally) and the heart of summer upon us, I hope this message finds you preparing for, in the midst of, or newly refreshed from a great vacation.

Our recent CLE on the legal aspects of the foreclosure crisis, with the complex legal and tax implications it presents, has caused me to reflect not upon only upon foreclosures, but also the wider changes that may come as a result of the dwindling sources of energy.

One such adjustment that seems likely is the ³re-localization² of our routines, as the costs of travel and goods from afar escalate. I have been left to ponder how, if our lives become more localized, and greater emphasis is placed on our more immediate communities and their affairs, how fortunate we are to already be in a community that others would love to travel to and spend time in.

For me this applies not only to life in the community at large, but the legal community as well. Having worked in the large city firm, and been general counsel for a billion dollar Development Company, I have experienced the "excitement" of the big city practice and all its attributes. From my perspective those benefits pale in comparison to the rewarding experience of practicing where collegiality and camaraderie amongst bar members is the rule rather than the exception, and where interaction with other attorneys is characterized by not only by professionalism and courtesy but often friendship and good humor.

Our recent CLE reminded me of this, which was not exactly what I anticipated would be its lesson, but which seemed a worthwhile one nonetheless.

Hope to see you all at our next entertaining power point presentation CLE with *William Korman from Boston Massachusetts on September 24th, 2008 at the Stonehouse.*

Debra Sitzberger
NCBA President.

Please mark your calendar for these events, as the Executive Committee would like to see a great turn out for these speakers;

- **September 24th Stonehouse—Lunch CLE Korman on Ethics**
- **October 2nd Miners Foundry--Dinner**

Mr. Korman has been invited to speak for our Sept. 24 MCLE Lunch. He has presented at the Louisiana Criminal Defense Lawyers annual conference in New Orleans and was invited to address the Orlando Public Defenders annual conference. Since then he has spoken before a number of state and local bar associations and his presentation was reportedly very well received.

I believe that this funny and poignant sixty minute power-point presentation regarding ethics and our profession is relevant throughout the country; even here in Nevada County!



In Remembrance of Jan Harley

Janet ("Jan") Harley, who was then Janet Minch, joined the Nevada County Bar in 1980. Since that time she practiced as a family law attorney, mediator, minor's attorney, special master and settlement attorney. She was also co-founder of the Nevada County Collaborative Divorce Practice Group.

Jan was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 10, 1945 and attended Temple University, San Jose State University and taught school for a number of years. She subsequently graduated from McGeorge Law School.

Jan died on July 12, 2008. Besides her friends and family, she will be greatly missed by all of the attorneys and those who work in and with the court. She was devoted to and will be missed by her clients. Jan was well respected for her knowledge of family law, her reasonable approach to her cases, and her unshakable sense of humor. It was said about Jan was that she never heard a joke that she could successfully retell, however she was always quick to see the humor in any given situation.

She is survived by her husband David Harley, her mother, her children, stepchildren and grandchildren, in-laws and "out-laws", other family and many friends.

Her family, friends and colleagues will be invited to her memorial service that will be held

***Saturday, August 16, 2008
4:00 p.m.
Grass Valley Veterans Building
All are Welcome***

***Donations to:
Cancer Aide Thrift Shop,
317 S. Auburn,
Grass Valley, CA 95945 273-2365***

Section Notes

Criminal Law Section:

The criminal defense group is meeting on **2nd TUESDAY of the month** at 5:30 p.m. at the Stonehouse Restaurant (If you would like to receive the group's e-mail notices, call Anita at 265-8508). The meetings are kept to about one hour max, so as many as possible can attend.

Taking on the system can be lonely work - so come by and get support from your peers!

There are kudos each month for individual successes, and contributions to criminal defense - if you have a nomination, tell Steve or Anna at 265-8508. - Steve Munkelt

Family Law Section:

Kathy Hrepich Director of DCSS will meet with us :
July 17 at 12:00
for the Family Law Meeting in the Mediation Room of Department 3.

Judge Dowling and Commissioner Thomsen will be attending to update the Family Law Section on recent matters that have occurred or may be relevant in the future. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions, as this has been requested by several members of the Bar. Please email or fax any additional questions you may have for Judge Dowling or Commissioner Thomsen to Chuck Eckerman at your earliest convenience so that they may be passed on ahead of time. We hope all will plan to attend this important meeting.

ADR Section:

Kane's in Grass Valley (parking in back).
August 27, Noon, at Kane's in Grass Valley (parking in back).

In June we enjoyed a very entertaining and instructive discussion of the assumptions and biases that influence decision-making about risks, options and bargaining. Delving into these aspects of human nature, we also brain-stormed about what a mediator might do to mitigate their effects and help disputing parties reach agreement.

Join us in August when we will explore these topics further and begin planning our MCLE program for January 2009 to share some of these ideas and practical antidotes with the general membership.

Contact Rosemary Metrailler: rmetrailler@metrailler.com
[\(530\)265-3062](tel:5302653062)

Gold Country Estate Planning Council:

The GOLD COUNTRY ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL Will resume meetings in September. GCEPC meets monthly at 11:45 am-1:15 pm, every first Wednesday. The luncheon meetings are held at the Trolley Junction Café (at the Northern Queen Inn) in Nevada City.

All are welcome! Please call Terry Brown at 273-1323 to RSVP - Or check out the website:

www.estateplanningcouncil.net.

Are you Smarter Than A Sixth Grader?

The Nevada County Bar Association has sponsored a team –

Now we need the players!

Friday October 24, 2008

6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge Grass Valley

NCBA needs 6 attorneys to answer in quiz show style 6th Grade subject matter multiple choice questions

The team can bid on a “7th Grade Expert” provided by participating schools to help out.

Proceeds benefit:

*Gold Country Community Center
High Noon Senior Nutrition Program and
Participating Schools*

Contact: Helen Cavanaugh Stauts at
hstauts@nevadacountycourts.com

If you are interested in representing NCBA and taking on other community teams – challenge your friends in other professions

(We have a professional reputation to maintain!)

Treasurer's Report

The Association's account balance is \$10,525 as of July 1, 2008. During the first half of 2008, income was roughly \$11,715; received membership dues were \$6,675; and CLE and the Annual Dinner brought in approximately \$3500. Since the Treasurer's May report, NCBA has collected \$40 in for the Law Library.

Donations for the year amount to \$9000, and additional donations will be made to the law library.

Operating expenses from January 1, 2008, through the end of June stand at \$3,976, and include fund raising expenses, postage and printing, website hosting, bank service charges and office supplies.

There are 132 paid memberships, and 2 paid associate memberships.

Check Out the Library...

Our workers compensation cases are up to date thanks to a wonderful donation from a local bar member! Thank you. Remember, as you change practice or clean out your books – the Nevada County Law Library is a charitable donation.

The Lawyer Referral Service

If you are seeking case referrals, to perform pro bono legal work, or both, you are encouraged to join the Lawyer Referral Service panel – now accepting applications in both Nevada and Placer Counties.

The non-profit corporation under which LRS operates has officially changed its name from Nevada County Legal Assistance, Inc. to Northern California Lawyer Access, Inc. The new LRS website (NorCalLawyer.org) is now in operation, and contains information about the program . You may find out more about LRS, and download an application for panel membership, on the new website or by visiting the Nevada County Bar Assn. website, nevadacountybar.com. On the NCBA website, click on "Lawyer Referral Service" on the left-hand side of the welcome screen, and follow the links.

For additional information, please contact Matthew Crider, Attorney Retention and Recruitment Chair, at 530-272-3037, or matthew_crider@criderlaw.net.

Peter Bronson,

LRS Public Relations Committee Chair

Our fee arbitration rule changes have been approved and are posted on the NCBA website.

Justice to Join us for the 50th Anniversary of Law Day:

We are honored that ***Tani Cantil-Sakauye Associate Justice, Third District Court of Appeal*** has agreed to come to Nevada City on October 2, 2008 to deliver the Keynote speech for our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Law Day. This event will be held again at the Miners Foundry.

Comings & Goings:

NCBA executive committee member [Peter Bronson](#) has announced the opening of the Law Offices of Peter C. Bronson, a Professional Corporation. Peter was formerly resident partner in the Sacramento office of Kelly Lytton & Vann, which has now closed; his new firm will continue in the same location. Peter's practice will continue to emphasize the representation of creditors and other non-debtor parties in bankruptcy cases, workouts and other insolvency proceedings throughout California; and business litigation in state, federal and appellate courts. Peter's contact information:

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- *Have you moved, added an associate, etc?*
- *Let us know & we'll put it in the newsletter!*

CRC

Conflict Resolution Center of Nevada County

Community Based Non Profit:

- Mediation
- Counseling
- Training in Mediation
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Accepting volunteer mediators and low to no cost referrals

530-477-6717

Dispute? Resolution !

Judge Albert P. Dover (ret)
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al@adrwithdover.com

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COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT

Legal Services of Northern California currently rents 3
rooms in Office #210 at Sutton Way, Grass Valley
(Brunswick Plaza across from Rite-Aide Pharmacy).
1 ½ of these rooms are available for sublet, beginning
August 1, 2008.

Monthly rent is approximately \$375. (includes utilities).

If interested, please call office managers Candy Fall
(823-7560) and/or Bob Lobell (274-3554)

Nevada City Branch
Department I: Judge Heidelberg
Department II: Judge McManus
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SAVE THE DATE!

***Associate Justice, Tani Cantil-Sakauye,
Third District Court of Appeal***

to deliver the Keynote speech for our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Law Day.

This event will be held at the Miner's Foundry in Nevada City on
October 2, 2008.
