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CJA MONTEREY MIDYEAR/RETIRED CONFERENCE RECAP



Last week CJA welcomed over 230 judicial officers and guests to Monterey for our annual Midyear/Retired Conference that celebrates the legacy of a career on the bench combined with the challenges of current judicial life. The capacity sessions featured retirement and pension planning, qualifying ethics training, criminal, civil and evidence breakouts, updates on legislation in Sacramento as well as numerous special guest speakers with plenty of time for reconnecting with friends old and new. The event also served as a catalyst for California's diverse judicial community with meetings of the California Latino Judges, the Asian American Judges and the African American judges. The week was a tremendous success thanks to the conference co-chairs, Judge Kathy White (Yolo Superior Court) and Judge Brian Van Camp (Sacramento Superior Court, Ret.) and the dedicated members of the planning committee. CJA's commitment to on-going, in-person conferences and education was on full display and set the stage for the much anticipated 2017 Annual Conference in San Francisco, October 6-8 - so be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend!



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Of the nearly 2,700 bills introduced, just over 300 of those have been identified as of interest to CJA. Our legislative policy committees are reviewing and reporting on those bills, and making recommendations for amendments, positions, and providing input to the legislature on a wide range of matters. Budget hearings are ongoing and CJA continues its budget advocacy for CJA.

Additionally, two of CJA's sponsored bills, AB 430 (Irwin/Low, regarding compensation for judicial officers performing marriages on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday) and AB 740 (Reyes, regarding oaths and affirmations) are anticipated to be heard Tuesday or thereafter in their first policy committee hearings.

ROTHMAN UPDATE AND DISTRIBUTION

One of the sessions at the Midyear/Retired Conference featured the authors (absent Judge Rothman) of the long anticipated Fourth Edition of *Rothman's California Judicial Conduct Handbook*, Justice Richard Fybel, Judge Ronni B. MacLaren (Alameda) and Attorney Mark Jacobson of the Judicial Council with each sharing the process and the monumental task of updating and revising the seminal work of Judge David Rothman's Ethics treatise. With all chapters expected to be final by the end of March, the task of indexing remains the last piece before our publishing partners at Thomson/Reuters and The Rutter Group can start the presses! Distributed free of charge to every active Judicial Officer in California, every retired member of CJA and every Judge sitting on assignment, "The Book" is the undisputed ethics resource for the California Judiciary and serves as a model for other states and countries around the world. You can expect your new copy to arrive this summer, courtesy of the CJA and the California Judges Foundation (CJF).

5-MINUTE REFRESHER ON DISQUALIFICATION & DISCLOSURE

By Barbara A. Kronlund, Superior Court, San Joaquin County
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One of the most common areas of inquiry on the Ethics Hotline concerns disqualification and disclosure (D & D) questions. It seems to be an area where our own dilemmas are much more perplexing to analyze than our colleagues' issues. Feel free to call the CJA Ethics Hotline anytime for assistance: (866) 432-1252.

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WASHINGTON DC CJF APRIL 2018 TRIP

The California Judges Foundation (CJF) has been a proud supporter of judicial ethics education, public information about the courts and judicial education, and community outreach projects throughout California. Building on that important mission, CJF is pleased to announce the 2018 trip to Washington D.C.! Scheduled for April 28 through May 5, mark your calendars and plan to join judicial colleagues and guests on a week-long celebration of the nation's capital with first class hotel accommodations, most meals, numerous tours and bus transportation and all at the very best time of year to visit Washington! Proceeds from this trip will be directed towards Civics Education projects throughout California! Don't miss this exciting opportunity to explore one of America's great cities all for a worthy cause. Details and registration information

will be announced before Memorial Day and space is limited! For more information, email Stan Bissey at sbissey@caljudges.org.



In closing, we are always looking to hear from you about how CJA can best serve your needs as the voice of the judiciary. If you have any questions or comments about CJA issues please reply to this email and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you for your membership and continued support of CJA, and please feel free to share this email with any colleagues that may be interested in joining CJA.