

If I'd Only Known Then,...

2017 MidYear/Retired Judges Conference



March 9-11, 2017 • Monterey Plaza Hotel

Conference Schedule: Thursday, March 9, 2017

11:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. Registration Desk Open

Lunch on own

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Two Concurrent Sessions

1) Assigned Judges' Tips

The first thing to do when you get the call you've been assigned to a courthouse. What you need in your "To Go Bag." How to find out about local sentencing practices and customs—blending in, vs. "sticking out" in foreign courthouses. Being on assignment in your own county compared to being a sitting judge there. What to do in unexpected or difficult situations. Questions may be submitted in advance by emailing info@caljudges.org.

- » Hon. Alfonso Fernandez, Santa Clara Superior Court (Ret.)
- » Hon. Andy Holmer, Nevada Superior Court (Ret.)
- » Hon. Donna A. Little, San Francisco Superior Court (Ret.)
- » Hon. Rebecca S. Riley, Ventura Superior Court (Ret.)
- » Hon. James D. Garbolino, Placer Superior Court (Ret.)

2) Courthouse Settlement Proceedings vs. Private Mediations

- » Hon. James Jackman, Orange Superior Court (Ret.), Private Commercial Mediator, Moderator
- » Hon. David Hays Brickner, Orange Superior Court (Ret.), Private Commercial Mediator
- » Hon. Helen Bendix, Los Angeles Superior Court

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Two Concurrent Sessions

3) From Here to Retirement – Part I: JRS2

This session will provide an overview of the key areas to address when you're considering retirement. Topics covered will include: 1) A review of the JRS retirement systems; 2) How to coordinate your other pensions with your JRS pension; 3) Social Security-issues to consider, such as when to elect benefits, the effect of the Windfall Elimination & Government Pension Offset provisions, and maximization strategies; 4) Medicare issues; 5) Health Insurance Issues to consider, and 6) How to coordinate your other assets with your pensions to create retirement income security. Come get your questions answered about these issues. Guests welcome to attend.

- » Hon. Kathleen M. White, Yolo Superior Court, Moderator
- » Howard Barto, CLU, David White & Associates
- » David Lucas, ChFC, David White & Associates
- » Jim Niehaus, President, California Public Pension Advisors
- » Robert Pepper, Social Security Administration

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4) Rothman IV

With the long anticipated fourth edition of Rothman's California Judicial Conduct Handbook set for early 2017, the authors will review the changes from the previous edition and answer any questions from the audience.

- » Hon. Richard Fybel, 4th District Appellate Court
- » Hon. David Rothman, Los Angeles Superior Court (Ret.)
- » Hon. Ronni MacLaren, Alameda Superior Court
- » Mark Jacobson, Judicial Council

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Two Concurrent Sessions

5) The Business of Mediation: Building Your Brand, Reputation and Profits

This session will explore how to make your mediation practice profitable, effective and enjoyable. Do you wish you had a road map along the journey from judicial officer to profitable mediation business success? Do you need practical tips for organizing, marketing, meeting client expectations, effective use of digital media, finding your niche, maintaining profitability, and building a respected reputation as a mediator? This program is not to be missed if you ever think "Show Me the Money!" Our dynamic speakers will share models, ideas, and strategies.

- » Lucie Barron, Founder and President, ADR Services, Inc.
- » Hon. Linda Boelhauf Quinn, San Diego Superior Court (Ret.), Private Commercial Mediator

6) From Here to Retirement – Part II: Questions About Retirement Finance and Healthcare Choices?

This workshop will focus on answering your questions about: 1) Which retirement settlement option you should choose when retiring from JRS; 2) How to coordinate Social Security benefits with your other retirement assets to maximize benefits; 3) When to apply for Medicare benefits; 4) How to coordinate your assets to provide for a secure retirement; and 5) Where to go for help in making retirement choices after the conference. Guests welcome to attend.

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Evening On Own

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8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. CJF Silent Auction Tables Open

Breakfast on Own

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Executive Board Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

7) QEVI Ethics Program

All experienced judicial officers must take the three-hour Qualifying Ethics core course as part of their Qualifying Ethics training requirement. The course has a set curriculum that covers a wide range of judicial ethics issues. The current cycle (QE6) is from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. This class is limited to the first 49 registrants, no exceptions and no onsite registration please.

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon Two Concurrent Sessions

8) Civil Law Update

An overview of the most important civil law cases of the year, with an emphasis on civil procedure. The presentation will focus on a handful of the top cases and briefly mention others. Attendees will receive materials summarizing these and scores of other cases decided in 2016 and early 2017.

- » Hon. Curtis E.A. Karnow, San Francisco Superior Court
- » Hon. Theodore C. Zayner, Santa Clara Superior Court

9) National Association of Women Judges Outreach/Informed Voter Project
NAWJ President, Judge Diana Becton of the Contra Costa Superior Court and a representative of the Foundation For Democracy and Justice will present a step-by-step teaching guide on how to use Informed Voters Project and Foundation for Democracy and Justice materials and resources for civic educational programming. The session will engage participants in a hands-on presentation to combat civic illiteracy and strengthen public understanding of the judicial branch.

- » Hon. Diana Becton, Contra Costa Superior Court

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Conference Luncheon

Internationally-known, pre-eminent trial lawyer, Mr. Girardi has won a number of seven-figure trial awards and settlements. He is a past president of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, a past national president of the American Board of Trial Advocates and has been listed every year since its inception on the list of Top 100 Lawyers in California by the Daily Journal. His weekly radio show, "Champions of Justice," is heard throughout the state.

- » Guest Speaker: Thomas Girardi, Esq., Los Angeles

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Two Concurrent Sessions

10) Criminal Law Update – Part I

Hot topics from the California Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal. A comprehensive review and analysis of recent cases.

- » Hon. Kyle Brodie, San Bernardino Superior Court

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11) Settling Tough Family Law Cases, Evidentiary Issues and Family Law Update
Judge Goldberg, Family Law Settlement Judge for Los Angeles County, will share his "Family Law Settlement 'Bible,'" being a compendium of means of settling contentious, difficult family cases (aren't they all?!); the latest cases and statutes in the field will also be reviewed and discussed.

- » Hon. Hank Goldberg, Los Angeles Superior Court
- » Hon. Maureen Hallahan, San Diego Superior Court

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Two Concurrent Sessions

12) Evidence Revisited

This session will take you on an interactive tour of the most important evidence decisions of the past year, including a riveting reenactment of the trial court proceedings in *People v. Sanchez* (2016) 63 Cal.4th 665, involving the admissibility of prosecution expert's statements concerning defendant's gang membership, in the face of hearsay and Crawford "confrontation" objections. This session will also offer a summary on the admissibility of electronic evidence, from social media posts to cell phone videos and beyond.

- » Hon. Gregory H. Ward, Santa Clara Superior Court (Ret.)
- » Hon. L. Jackson Lucky, IV, Riverside Superior Court
- » Hon. Samantha Jessner, Los Angeles Superior Court
- » Hon. Anthony Mohr, Los Angeles Superior Court

13) New Case Law and Tricky Questions Involving CCP Sections 170.6 & 170.3
Judicial Disqualification Through Peremptory or for Cause Challenges: A comprehensive presentation of ethical and statutory responsibilities regarding judicial disqualification under both CCP sections 170.3 and 170.6. The course will include the application of these rules to scenarios commonly faced by judicial officers.

- » Hon. James R. Dabney, Los Angeles Superior Court
- » D. Brett Bianco, Esq., Los Angeles Superior Court

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. California Judges Foundation Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Two Concurrent Sessions

14) Legal Issues with Marijuana Legalization and Prop 64 – NHTSA

Recreational marijuana will bring lots of new issues and challenges to the courtroom. How do we adjudicate DUI-drug cases? What about jury attitude now that 56% of Californians voted for full recreational use? What happens to drug sniffing dogs? Will more juveniles use marijuana now? These and many other questions will be explored in this session

- » Hon. Peggy Hora, National Judicial College, Alameda Superior Court (Ret.)

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15) "If I'd Only Known Then, . . .": A Roundtable for New and Experienced Judges

Listen in as experienced judges share with new and experienced (not so new) judicial officers their 20-20 hindsight on lessons learned, discussing your questions and sharing insights or best practices on challenging courtroom issues: working with court administrators, clerks and other court staff; keeping jurors from googling; deciding whether to allow cameras in the courtroom; what to do (and not to do) if your rulings come under public attack; and many other ideas that they did not teach you at Judicial College. Registrants are encouraged to submit questions in advance about their court dilemmas through online registration and at the conference as early as possible before the session.

- » Hon. Emilie Elias, Los Angeles Superior Court (Ret.)
- » Hon. Brenda Harbin-Forte, Alameda County Superior Court
- » Hon. Edward F. Lee, Santa Clara Superior Court
- » Hon. Dean T. Stout, Inyo Superior Court
- » Hon. David S. Wesley, Los Angeles Superior Court

5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Response to Criticism Committee Meeting

- » Hon. Jim Mize, Chair

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

Evening on Own

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7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open

7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CJB Silent Auction Tables Open

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Judicial Section of the California Association of Black Lawyers Meeting

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. The Bench Editorial Board Meeting

- » Hon. Kathy Mader, Editor

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. General Session

16) CJA Legislative Update

- » Michael Belote, Esq., California Advocates, Inc.
- » Lexi Howard, Esq., California Advocates, Inc.

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Break

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Two Concurrent Sessions

17) Psychiatric Disorders and Substance Abuse: Insight into Individuals Without Insight

Experts in the evaluation and treatment of mental health conditions will provide an overview of psychiatric and substance use disorders: How the illnesses present and what they consider in developing comprehensive treatment plans. Their professional wisdom and experience will give you guidance in crafting your next order.

- » Anthony Cozzolino, M.D.
- » Mark Stanford, Ph.D.

18) Criminal Law II: The Voters Did It Again – Two New Sentencing Propositions Enacted

Last November the voters passed two sentencing initiatives, one of which deals with marijuana and the other with parole eligibility. Proposition 64 legalized the personal use and cultivation of marijuana, reduced the punishment for most marijuana offenses, and created a unique re-sentencing provision. Proposition 57, sponsored by the Governor, dramatically reduces the parole eligibility period for many persons committed to state prison, shifts power to award custody credits to CDCR, and turns back the clock on the transfer of juvenile offenses to adult court. The panel will discuss the twists and turns of these interesting new laws – highlighting some of the many issues that will need to be resolved by the courts.

- » Hon. Tricia A. Bigelow, 2nd District Appellate Court
- » Hon. J. Richard Couzens, Placer Superior Court (Ret.)

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

Conference Schedule: Saturday, March 11 (cont.)

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Two Concurrent Sessions

19) Animal Cruelty Cases in the California Courts

You will learn about the link between animal cruelty and other violent crimes. You will learn the most common animal cruelty crimes along with the elements of these crimes. There will be a discussion of the jury instructions which at this time are only in caljic. You will also learn about sentencing and case dispositions for these crimes. There are mandatory sentencing guidelines under the statute as well as prioritization with certain crimes. Overall, you will learn why these cases are important and how to handle these cases.

- » Kimberly Abourezk, Los Angeles District Attorney's Office
- » Debbie Knaan, Prosecutor; Head of Animal Cruelty Division, Los Angeles District Attorney's Office

20) PTSD Basics: Enhancing your Interactions with Those Affected

Increase your ability to recognize potential Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and facilitate full participation in the legal process of those affected. Better appreciate the heterogeneity of the disorder, the avoidance of triggers and reminders, and discuss legally-relevant aspects of the disorder, including memory problems and paradoxical reactions. Articulate the importance of standardized testing and consideration of diagnostic validity, especially in cases with potential secondary gain or implicit bias. Emphasis will be on teaching you how to efficiently keep abreast of the evolving science in diagnosis and treatment of this important disorder.

- » Christopher M. Weaver, Ph.D., Director, Forensic Psychology Program

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. CJA Luncheon

- » Hon. Todd Bottke, Tehama Superior Court

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. California Latino Judges Association Meeting

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Plenary Session

21) The Neuroscience of Judicial Decision-Making: Defining the Challenges and Implementing Solutions

In this interactive course participants will explore emerging research in neuroscience that explains how we assess and react to court users, attorneys, justice partners and jurors. Brain imaging and decision-making studies will be used to explain how we determine veracity, intelligence, threat, and competence in a diverse society. The course will pinpoint the areas where discretion is utilized by judges and where cases can be affected by unconscious processes and subtleties. The session will include exercises, tools and specific strategies for increasing impartiality in decision-making. Research in neuroscience and will be used to show how unconscious processes can be changed. The participants will explore new methods for reaching the goal of impartial decision-making in the courts. The course will identify ways to increase fairness guided by science.

- » Kimberly Pampillon, Esq.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. California Asian-Pacific American Judges Association Meeting

End of Conference

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The California Judges Foundation (CJF) is sponsoring the 9th ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION during the 2017 CJA Midyear/Retired Conference. We hope you will join us in continuing to support the programs and goals of CJF by donating items to the SILENT AUCTION.

Funds raised from this event will be used to continue support of educational programs and projects of the California Judges Foundation, including distribution of and updates to the "California Judicial Conduct Handbook" by David Rothman, as well as the "Ethics Guide for New Judges: Before You Take the Oath of Office," distribution of the Judicial Ethics Committee's "Judicial Ethics Update" and formal opinions. Your donations also help to support the "Impartiality of the Judiciary" PowerPoint presentation, as well as numerous Court outreach and public information efforts throughout the State.

Your donation is tax-deductible as a charitable donation to the extent permitted by law. Think outside the box and let your imagination create your own special donation – please use the attached Silent Auction Donation form on the back of this magazine. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact CJA/CJF Executive Director Stan Bissey, at sbissey@caljudges.org.

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Registration Fee

Retired Members (First 70 Registered).....	FREE
Members Full Registration	\$395
Guests.....	\$195
Non Members, Full Registration	\$595
Single Day Registration	\$245 per day

Cancellation

A full refund of registration fees will be made if a cancellation request is received in writing by March 3, 2017. Please fax cancellation requests to (916) 924-7323 or e-mail stephanie@camgmt.com.

All registration fees received after March 3rd or on-site will incur a \$50 late fee.

No registration fees will be refunded after March 3, 2017.

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Cost

The full registration fee includes the program, materials, breaks, Friday lunch and reception, Saturday continental breakfast and luncheon. The Guest fee of \$195, accompanying a full registration, includes the reception and guest programs. An additional fee of \$50 per registrant will be charged for all registrations received after March 3, 2017 and on-site.

MCLE / JBEC

This activity is approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education Credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of 14.25 hours. The CJA certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the MCLE Rules of the State Bar of California.

Things to Do

For more information on local attractions nearby, please visit <https://www.seemonterey.com/things-to-do/>

Questions?

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