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CJA 95th ANNUAL MEETING

September 5-8, 2024 • Signia by Hilton San Jose

Policies

Registration for the Annual Meeting is available at www.caljudges.org under the Conference Calendar. If you have any questions or are unable to register online, please call the CJA office at (866) 432-1252.

Registration Fees

Special Registration:

\$100 off full registration for new members (joined within the last 12 months and not yet attended a conference). Members who qualify will be e-mailed a code.

Options for additional opportunities:

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Members Full Registration \$495

Non-Members Full Registration \$695

Guests \$295

Guests w/MCLE

(Includes education & MCLE) \$405

Friday Single-Day

(Incl. education, lunch, and reception) \$355

Saturday Single-Day (Incl. education) \$315

Sunday Single-Day (Incl. education) \$305

Cost

Full Registration fee includes educational programs, materials, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, Luncheon and CJA Welcome Reception.

Guest Registration (with and without MCLE credit) fee includes continental breakfasts, Membership Luncheon and CJA President's Reception. Guest may attend sessions.

Single-Day Registration includes educational programs and meals. Single day registration can only receive one night's hotel accommodation at the conference rate.



Cancellation

A full refund of registration fees will be made if a cancellation request is received in writing by August 22, 2024. Please fax cancellation requests to (916) 924-7323 or e-mail stephanie@camgmt.com.

All registration fees received after August 22 or on-site will incur a \$50 late fee.

No registration fees will be refunded after August 22, 2024. Unpaid registration fees will be invoiced post-conference. Attendees who do not show will also be invoiced for the appropriate fees.

MCLE/JBEC

This activity is approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education Credit by the State Bar of California. 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. This shall confirm that up to 15.25 hours of MCLE, including up to 4.25 hours Ethics credit, 1.25 hours of Technology credit, and 1.25 hours of Recognition and Elimination of Bias credit, will be offered for the CJA 2024 Annual Meeting. Sessions also qualify for Continuing Education for California Judicial Branch Education Credit (JBEC).

Questions

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Hotel Information

Signia by Hilton San Jose

170 South Market Street
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The CJA nightly group rate is \$239 plus fees and taxes for paid registrants for the conference. Please book your accommodations soon. The reservation deadline is August 14, 2024.

Only paid registrants can make hotel reservations. After you register for the Annual Meeting via the CJA Website (www.caljudges.org), a confirmation will be e-mailed to you with information to make your hotel reservations. If you are unable to make reservations, please contact the CJA office at (866) 432-1252. Reservations made by participants who have not registered will be canceled. If you have any questions regarding lodging, please contact CJA Meeting Planner, Jennifer Blevins at the CJA Office (jennifer@caladmanagement.com).



Annual Meeting Schedule

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Friday, September 6, 2024 (continued)

- 11:00 am – 5:00 pm **Registration Open**
- 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm **2023-24 CJA Executive Board Meeting**
- 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm **2023-24 Ethics Committee Meeting**
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **2024-25 Ethics Committee Meeting**
- 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm **California Judges Foundation (CJF) Executive Board Meeting**
- 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm **CJA Committee Chair Training**

Friday, September 6, 2024

- 7:30 am – 6:00 pm **Registration Open**
- 7:30 am – 3:30 pm **Exhibits Open**
- 7:30 am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Mindfulness and Wellbeing Practice**
- 9:00 am – 12:00 noon **1. QE VIII**
(JBEC/MCLE 3.0 Ethics Credits)

(Advance Registration Required) 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 (QE VIII) is from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024. Each class is limited to the first 49 registrants. No exceptions and no onsite registration please.
- TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS....**
- 9:00 am – 10:15 am **2. Civil Law Update**
(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General Credits)

An in-depth discussion of a few selected areas of developing civil law.

 - **Hon. Lee Smalley Edmon**, *Court of Appeal, Second District, Division Three*
 - **Hon. Curtis E. A. Karnow**, *San Francisco Superior Court*
- 9:00 am – 10:15 am **3. Advice and Inspiration from Court Users**
(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General Credits)

Advice and Inspiration from Court Users: Everyone laughs at our jokes when we are judges and hardly anyone gives us constructive criticism. This program will give us a window into the minds of litigants who have appeared in a variety of court cases dealing with criminal, dependency, and family concerns. Court users who have navigated court systems from three counties will share their feedback about what worked for them – and what did not – in the courtroom and during their interactions with bench officers and court personnel. Come and listen to their invaluable insights.

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- **Leo Chavoya**, *Former Mentor Parent with Dependency Advocacy Center*
- **Jonathan Chiu**, *Asian-American sentenced to two life terms for murder and was previously incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison*
- **Parish Green**, *Mentor Parent with Dependency Advocacy Center*
- **Hon. Ron Kaye**, *Los Angeles Superior Court*
- **Walter Ramirez**, *Recently released after 42.5 years in custody*
- **Rehmi Ruiz**, *Mentor Parent at Dependency Advocacy Center*
- **Rose Smith**, *Former litigant and Mom Extraordinaire*
- **Marcus Thomas**, *Recently released after 15.5 years in custody*

10:00 am – 11:00 am **Bench Bar Coalition Meeting**

This meeting will be held at the Signia Hotel. Please RSVP to Jenniffer Herman: Jenniffer.Herman@jud.ca.gov

10:15 am – 10:30 am **Break**

TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS....

10:30 am – 11:45 am **4. Criminal Law Update**

(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General Credits)

An update on recent developments in California criminal law.

- **Hon. Kyle Brodie**, *San Bernardino Superior Court*

10:30 am – 11:45 am **5. When Work, Stress and Life Impact Memory and Attention**

Does it seem harder than ever to do your job as a bench officer? Are you feeling distracted and finding it harder to recall things or to concentrate? Is it hard to sleep or let go of work stress? If so, you are right – it IS harder than before – and you are not alone! This session, provided by Dr. Tammy McCoy-Arballo, Psy.D., Clinical Director, Trauma Recovery, County of Santa Clara, will provide “brain hacks” and other suggestions to help us resolve feelings of stress that interfere with our memory, attention, and ability to concentrate.

- **Dr. Tammy McCoy-Arballo, Psy.D.**, *Clinical Director, Trauma Recovery, County of Santa Clara*

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm **Membership Luncheon & Awards Program Featuring Native American Land Acknowledgement and Singing by AAACJO**

12:00 noon – 2:00 pm **California Latino Judges Association (CLJA)** Offsite location TBD

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Friday, September 6, 2024 (continued)

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1:45 pm – 2:30 pm 6. Q&A Session with Steve Wozniak

A Rare Opportunity to Participate in a Q&A with the Woz. Steve Wozniak, a native of San Jose, needs no introduction. As the designer of the world's first commercially successful personal computer and a cofounder of Apple Computer, Mr. Wozniak is one of the most influential people of our century. Globally, people rely upon Apple Inc's inventions daily. Mr. Wozniak will join CJA for a conversation, discussing how Apple Computer was started, what he thinks is his legacy, and how he sees the Silicon Valley's history and future. He will share his views about generative artificial intelligence, whether current fears are well-founded, and potential applications that can support the California legal system and residents. This conversation is not to be missed!

- **Stephen Gary Wozniak**, also known by his nickname "Woz," an American electrical engineer, computer programmer, philanthropist, and inventor; in 1976, he co-founded Apple Computer with his early business partner Steve Jobs

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break

TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS....

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm 7. Family Law Update

(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General Credits)

Judge Jim Mize (Ret.) returns to present his insightful annual review of significant developments in family law over the past year. Judge Mize distills the essence of the main cases in family law in a memorable and digestible manner.

- **Hon. Jim Mize**, *Sacramento Superior Court (Ret.)*

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm 8. CJA Talks

Back by popular demand. Find out what your esteemed colleagues are passionate about. Four judicial officers will inspire and entertain as they take turns sharing insights on hot topics of their choosing, including service to others, the impact of their travels, training and breeding dogs for the Westminster Kennel Club Show, the shaping of a judicial officer (and prior to taking the bench, a prosecutor) whose immediate family member was incarcerated for over three decades of their life.

- **Hon. Bunmi Awoniyi**, *Sacramento Superior Court*
- **Hon. Jennifer S. Madden**, *Alameda Superior Court*
- **Hon. Gary Roberts**, *Los Angeles Superior Court*
- **Hon. Lisa M. Rogan**, *San Bernardino Superior Court*

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm Break

TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS....

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm 9. Judges and the Press: Building Trust in the Judiciary

(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General Credits)

At a time when the public's trust in the judiciary is falling, our distinguished panelists will discuss why judges are uniquely situated to communicate with the media and how to use the press to educate the public about how the courts work, within judicial ethical constraints. The program will also offer tips and insights about issues ranging from how a court can respond effectively to misinformation and how individual judges can engage with the media in the context of judicial elections. Please join us to learn how we can be better communicators with the

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media under the right circumstances and in the right way to ultimately build public confidence and trust in the courts and the law.

- **Hon. Jeremy Fogel**, *Executive Director, Berkeley Judicial Institute; former Director, Federal Judicial Center; District Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of California (Ret.); Judge, Santa Clara Superior Court (Ret.)*
- **Hon. Trina Thompson**, *District Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of California; Judge, Alameda Superior Court (Ret.)*
- **Dan Levine**, *Correspondent, Reuters News; former Staff Reporter, The Recorder*
- **Hon. A. Marisa Chun**, *San Francisco Superior Court, Moderator*

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm 10. Can Outreach Save Democracy?
(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General Credits)

With recent challenges to democracy and the rule of law, understanding and trust of the third branch of government is at an all-time low. How can we change that? By engaging with and educating our community, starting with the children and continuing into adulthood.

California Supreme Court Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero has said, "Civic learning teaches students about their democracy and develops skills for their future lives." California Rule of Court 10.5 states, "Judicial participation in community outreach activities should be considered an official judicial function to promote public understanding of and confidence in the administration of justice."

Don't know how to get started? Come learn the WHY, WHAT, and HOW of Community Outreach from the Chief Justice's Civic Learning Initiative to local outreach programs throughout the state. The program will highlight certain programs such as Judges in the Classroom for youth and town halls for adults and show you how easy programs are to replicate in your county. Join us for this inspirational and informative session. You will leave with the tools to do your own outreach immediately.

- **Hon. Julia Alloggiamento**, *Santa Clara Superior Court, Chair Court Community Outreach Committee, Vice-Chair Power of Democracy Committee*
- **Hon. Khymerli Apaloo**, *San Bernardino Superior Court*
- **Hon. Erin Guy Castillo**, *San Joaquin Superior Court, Chair CJA Outreach Committee*

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Welcome Reception with Taiko Drummers

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Association of African American California Judicial Officers (AAACJO) Meeting

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm



Annual Meeting Schedule

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Saturday, September 7, 2024 (continued)

7:30 am – 5:00 pm **Registration Open**

7:30 am – 3:30 pm **Exhibits Open**

7:30 am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**

7:30 am – 8:00 am **Mindfulness and Wellbeing Practice**

TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS....

8:00 am – 9:15 am **11. Racial Justice Act Update**

(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General Credits)

Panelists will discuss the latest in RJA law including statutory amendments, the California Rules of Court and Judicial Council forms, and recent case law. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of the current state of RJA law, what questions have been answered by legislation and case law, and what questions remain open as we get closer to the final two stages of staggered implementation.

- **Hon. Eric Fleming**, *San Francisco Superior Court*
- **Hon. Audra Ibarra**, *Santa Clara Superior Court*
- **Hon. Serena Murillo**, *Los Angeles Superior Court*
- **Hon. Lisa Rodriguez**, *San Diego Superior Court*

8:00 am – 9:15 am **12. Disorder in the Court:
Promoting Civility in Uncivil Times**

(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 Ethics Credits)

With the advent of remote appearances, the explosion of social media sites where litigants can anonymously criticize or threaten judges and post unauthorized videos of courtroom proceedings, and in light of the marked increase in general incivility in a post-covid world, being a judge has never been more challenging. This interactive program aims to provide participants with practical and ethical considerations when we confront disruptive litigants, whether they be sovereign citizens or otherwise difficult lawyers/parties/witnesses.

- **Hon. Nicole Bershon**, *Los Angeles Superior Court*
- **Hon. Vanessa Zecher**, *JAMS, Santa Clara Superior Court (Ret.)*

8:15 am – 9:00 am **13. Networking Breakfast and Program – What’s
Stopping You from Applying to Become a Judge?**

Networking Breakfast with the California Lawyers Association – Marriott Hotel
If you aspire to serve California’s judiciary, listen and learn from Judicial Appointments Secretary Luis Céspedes who will discuss the California Judicial Mentor Program. He will be joined by CJMP Chair Judge Lucy Armendariz and CJMP Chair Emeritus Judge Paul Bacigalupo, Ret. as they explain how the mentor program works to demystify the judicial application process and how a judicial mentor can guide you to achieve your professional goals.

- **Secretary Luis Céspedes**, *Judicial Appointments Secretary, Office of the Governor*
- **Hon. Lucy Armendariz**, *Los Angeles Superior Court*
- **Hon. Paul Bacigalupo**, *ADR Services, Los Angeles Superior Court (Ret.)*

9:15 am – 9:30 am **Break**

9:30 am – 10:45 am **14. Opening Plenary: The Landscape of Artificial
Intelligence in the Legal Profession: Trends,
Implications, and Ethical Considerations**

(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 Technology Credits)

Joint Session with the California Lawyers Association – Signia Hotel

This presentation will cover the fundamental concepts of Artificial Intelligence along with the latest advancements in AI technologies and their applications, the current legal landscape surrounding AI including the integration and potential of AI in judicial processes, the practical implications, and challenges of AI in legal practices, and the ethical considerations surrounding AI use in the legal profession. It will highlight trends, implications, and ethical frameworks tailored to a diverse audience presented by a technology expert, a judge with AI expertise in court processes, an attorney leading the CLA’s task force on AI, and an ethics specialist. (NOTE: The Title and Description were AI generated and modified by members on this panel.)

- **Hon. Scott Schlegel**, *Division “F”, Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal*
- **Shay Cleary**, *Managing Director, Court Consulting Services, National Center for State Courts*
- **Jeremy M. Evans**, *Chief Entrepreneur Officer | JD | LLM | MBA, Founder & Managing Attorney at California Sports Lawyer®*
- **Erika Doherty**, *Program Director, Office of Professional Competence, The State Bar of California*
- **MODERATOR: Hon. Le Jacqueline Duong**, *Santa Clara Superior Court*

10:45 am – 11:00 am **Break**

11:00 am – 12:00 noon **Joint Swearing in with the California Lawyers
Association and the State Bar of California with
Entertainment Performed by Mexican Dancers
and South Asian Dancers.**

– Signia Hotel

12:00 noon – 12:45 pm **15. Conversation with the Chief Justice – Signia Hotel**
A CJA Tradition – Join us for our annual question and answer conversation with Chief Justice, Hon. Patricia Guerrero

12:45 pm – 1:30 pm **California Asian Pacific American Judges
Association (CAPAJA)**

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm **Lunch on Own**

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Saturday, September 7, 2024 (continued)

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm **16. The Neuroscience of Judicial Decision-Making: Accuracy, Excellence and Equity**
(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 Elimination of Bias Credits)
Sponsored by Hon. Diane Ritchie and Ralph Campbell
In this interactive course, participants will explore emerging research in neuroscience showing how judges reason through cases and react to court users. Brain imaging studies will be used to explain how judges determine credibility, intelligence, threat, and competence in a diverse society. fMRI studies will be used to reveal why litigants, attorneys and jurors react to actions in the courtroom. The course will pinpoint the areas where cases can be affected by unconscious processes and subtleties. Decisions regarding penalties in criminal and civil matters will be explored. 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 Papillon, Esq.**, *Judicial Professor and Lecturer*

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm **Break**

TWO CONCURRENT SESSIONS....

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm **17. From Decisionmaker to Peacemaker: How to Settle Civil Cases**
(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General Credits)

Settlements enable trial courts to manage heavy dockets and conserve limited resources. They also often lead to just and equitable results. Join experienced civil and family law judges in a discussion about best practices in settling civil cases. Are there any ethical obligations to carefully consider before serving as a settlement officer? How do you know if a case might be amenable for settlement? At what stage of the case is settlement optimal – after discovery, ruling on summary judgment or adjudication, or decisions on motions in limine? Should you start with a joint session or separate the parties at the outset? How hard do you push and what should you do if it settles? Hear insights about these and other issues to sharpen your settlement skills and increase your settlement rate.

- **Hon. Stephen Baker**, *Shasta Superior Court*
- **Hon. Suzanne Ramos Bolanos**, *San Francisco Superior Court*
- **Hon. Geanene Yriarte**, *Los Angeles Superior Court*
- **Hon. Bryant Yang**, *Los Angeles Superior Court, Moderator*

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm **18. Care Court is Coming!**
(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General Credits)

CARE Court is Coming! In December of this year, it is expected that all 58 counties will have CARE Court up and running. Seven counties (Glenn, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, Stanislaus, Riverside and Tuolumne) have had CARE Court in place since October of 2023, with Los Angeles beginning December of 2023. Hear from three judges who have been handling these cases. They will provide some insight into the issues they faced and give you tips on how to handle these cases when they come to your courts.

- **Hon. Ebrahim Baytieh**, *Orange Superior Court*
- **Hon. Hallie Gorman Campbell**, *Tuolumne Superior Court*
- **Hon. Michael Isaku Begert**, *San Francisco Superior Court*

4:45 pm – 5:45 pm **LGBT Judicial Officers of California (LGBT JOC)**

5:00 pm – 5:45 pm **California Court Commissioners Association (CCCA)**

Saturday, September 7, 2024 (continued)

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Middle Eastern & North African Judicial Officers of California (MENAJOC)**

6:30 pm – 11:00 pm **CLA and CJA Soiree Hosted Reception and Dinner at the Marriott Hotel**

The California Lawyers Association and the California Judges Association present an evening Soiree Dinner & Hosted Reception and annual awards recognition presentation at the Marriott Hotel. Cocktail Attire encouraged. This is a ticketed event. Reception includes lion dancer entertainment. [Click here](#) to register.

Sunday, September 8, 2024

7:30 am – 12:30 pm **Registration Open**

7:30 am – 11:15 am **Exhibits Open**

7:30 am – 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am – 9:30 am **19. Legislative Update**
(JBEC/MCLE 1.0 General Credits)

Hear the latest legislative news and receive an update on legislation of interest to CJA from CJA's Legislative Advocates.

- **Michael Belote, Esq.**, *California Advocates, Inc.*
- **Cliff Costa, Esq.**, *California Advocates, Inc.*

9:30 am – 9:50 am **Break**

9:50 am – 11:00 am **20. CJA Annual Business Meeting**

11:00 am – 11:15 am **Break**

11:15 am – 12:30 pm **21. Charles H. Whitebread Memorial Lecture: Recent Decisions of the US Supreme Court**
(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General Credits)

- **Erwin Chemerinsky**, *Dean of the UC Berkeley School of Law*

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm **2024-2025 CJA Executive Board Meeting**

GUIDE TO COMMITTEE/AFFILIATE MEETINGS DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING

CJA 2023-2024 Executive Board – Thursday, 9/5/24 - 12:00 noon

CJA 2023-2024 Ethics Committee – Thursday, 9/5/24 - 12:00 noon

CJA 2024-2025 Ethics Committee – Thursday, 9/5/24 - 3:00 pm

California Judges Foundation (CJF) Board of Directors – Thursday, 9/5/24 – 3:15 pm

California Latino Judges Association (CLJA) – Friday, 9/6/24 - 12:00 pm

Association of African American CA Judicial Officers, Inc. (AAACJO) – Friday, 9/6/24 - 7:00 pm

California Asian Pacific American Judges Association (CAPAJA) – Saturday, 9/7/24 - 12:45 pm

LGBT Judicial Officers of California (LGBT JOC) – Saturday, 9/7/24 - 4:45 pm

California Court Commissioners Association (CCCA) – Saturday, 9/7/24 - 5:00 pm

Middle Eastern & North African Judicial Officers of California (MENAJOC) – Saturday, 9/7/24 - 5:00 pm

CJA 2024-2025 Executive Board – Sunday, 9/8/24 - 12:45 pm