

# 2017 Section Information

## ADR Section

Co-Chairs: Katherine Gallo [klgallo@discoveryreferee.com](mailto:klgallo@discoveryreferee.com) & Sandy Narayan, (650) 403-0150 [Sandy@narayanlaw.com](mailto:Sandy@narayanlaw.com)

Alternative Dispute Resolution, or “ADR” (sometimes also referred to as “Appropriate Dispute Resolution”) is a growing movement designed to offer creative alternatives to ‘filing a lawsuit’ and ‘going to trial,’ through the use of ADR processes such as mediation, arbitration, neutral evaluation, facilitation, private judging, collaborative law, and more.

The ADR Section of the San Mateo County Bar Association is a voluntary group of ADR providers and professionals, including both lawyers and non-lawyers, who are committed to the following goals:

- To promote awareness among the public of the opportunities ADR provides for the effective resolution of all manner of disputes, public and private, personal and corporate, large and small.
- To promote and maintain the professional competence of neutrals who provide ADR services, and to inspire excellence in the practice of ADR.
- To provide and promote guidelines for the ethical practice of ADR, and to help guide the evolution of ADR as a fair, effective and economical way to resolve disputes.

## Barristers Section

Chair: Roxanne T. Jen, (650) 285-5400 [Roxanne.jen@rodnunskylaw.com](mailto:Roxanne.jen@rodnunskylaw.com)

The Barristers is an organization of new lawyers (36 years of age or younger or in practice for 10 years or less) committed to professional growth, community service, and social networking. Barristers perform philanthropic services for the community. The Barristers’ Section meets on the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month**.

## Business/Business Litigation Section

Chair: Marc Bender, (650) 353-4503 [mbender@dgflaw.com](mailto:mbender@dgflaw.com)

The Business/Business Litigation Section is devoted to the education and fellowship of its members and guests. The Section generally meets for lunch at least quarterly (**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month**). Presentations are made on a wide variety of business law related topics, with MCLE credits provided.

## Corporate In-House Counsel Section

Chair: Carolyn R. Adler, (650) 857-6257 [adlercra@yahoo.com](mailto:adlercra@yahoo.com) & Vice-Chair: Sandy Narayan, (650) 403-0150 [Sandy@narayanlaw.com](mailto:Sandy@narayanlaw.com)

The Corporate In-House Counsel Section was a newly formed section in 2016. The section is designed to bring together Corporate-In-House Counsel from various corporations located in nearby Silicon Valley. Monthly meetings are yet to be scheduled.

## Criminal Law Section

Co-Chair: Ariel Rief, (650) 577-5959 [ari@rieflegal.com](mailto:ari@rieflegal.com) and James Dunn, (650) 539-0809 [info@jamesdunn.com](mailto:info@jamesdunn.com)

The Criminal Law Section meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month**. The Criminal Law Section is a new section and will primarily consist of attorneys who practice in the criminal law area. The section will focus on a variety of topics, geared toward educating its members in the area of criminal law. The goal of the Criminal Law Section will be to meet regularly for presentations, as well as to give its members the opportunity to network with each other and other members of the Bench and Bar. All attorneys in this area of practice are welcome in the section, whether members of the Private Defender Program, members in private practice, or attorneys from the District Attorney’s office.

## Estate Planning Probate Section

Chair: Steven P. Braccini, (650) 804-7600 [sbraccini@hopkinscarley.com](mailto:sbraccini@hopkinscarley.com)

The Probate Section provides monthly luncheons with speakers on topics of interest to those in the probate/estate planning/conservatorship and elder law fields (**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month**). MCLE credit is available. The Section also sponsors

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monthly "roundtable" (informal discussion) breakfasts. Roundtable breakfasts are at the Magnolia of Millbrae, 201 Chadbourne Ave., Millbrae at 7:30 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

## Family Law Section

Chair: Melissa Smart, (650) 482-8480 [msmart@madiganlewis.com](mailto:msmart@madiganlewis.com)

Co-Chair: Mirissa San Filippo, (650) 289-1400 [msanfilippo@fkkblaw.com](mailto:msanfilippo@fkkblaw.com)

The Family Law Section generally meets at noon on the **second Friday of every month** with the exception of the summer months (July-August). North County Family Law Section meetings take place on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month**.

The lunch meetings feature presentations on a variety of topics relating to family law for which MCLE credit is offered. Our speakers have included our San Mateo County judicial officers; court staff; mental health professionals; and experts on complex family law issues.

## Government/Municipal Law Section

Chair: Jean Savaree, (650) 593-3117 [jbs@adcl.com](mailto:jbs@adcl.com)

The Municipal Law Section has been an active Section of the Bar since 1985. Its members primarily include City Attorneys, County Counsel, and other Bar members who represent local government entities or clients with business before such entities. The Section generally meets on the **4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every other month** for a luncheon. The members participate in a round-table discussion of matters of concern to the local government entities in our County.

## Intellectual Property Section

Chair: Doug Robbins, (415) 247-790 [drobbs@woodrobbs.com](mailto:drobbs@woodrobbs.com) & Denise De Mory, (650) 351-7241 [ddemory@bdiplaw.com](mailto:ddemory@bdiplaw.com)

The Intellectual Property Section meets on the **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month**. The Intellectual Property Section has been newly formed and is intended to further the interests of those attorneys who practice in the area of intellectual property, including those who practice business law and who serve as in-house counsel. The section hopes to sponsor exciting presentations on a broad range of topics important to attorneys in this field, as well as offering the unique opportunity for attorneys to network with their fellow colleagues.

## Labor and Employment Section

Co-Chairs: Katie Debski, (650) 378-1472 [kdebski@bmdlegal.com](mailto:kdebski@bmdlegal.com) & David Sarnoff, (650) 393-4995 [dsarnoff@sarnofflaw.com](mailto:dsarnoff@sarnofflaw.com)

The Labor and Employment Section is devoted to the education and fellowship of its members and guests. The Section generally meets for lunch on the **last Thursday of the month in the Spring and Fall** at Mistral's Restaurant in Redwood Shores. Presentations are made on a wide variety of employment related topics, with MCLE credits provided.

## Real Estate Section

Chair: Grant Baker, (650) 347-5000 [grant@mballenlaw.com](mailto:grant@mballenlaw.com)

The Real Estate Section is devoted to the education and fellowship of its members and guests. The Section generally meets for lunch at least quarterly. Presentations are made on a wide variety of real estate law related topics, with MCLE credits provided. Meetings are at least quarterly, on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month**.

## Women Lawyers' Section

Chair: Nicole S. Healy, (650) 364-8200 [nicole.healey@rmkb.com](mailto:nicole.healey@rmkb.com) & Michelle Barnett, (650) 368-4662 [mbarnett@arcr.com](mailto:mbarnett@arcr.com)

The Women Lawyers' Section was established in 1986, first named the "Women in Law Committee." Its stated mission is "to support women in the legal profession and to promote the legal interests of women in society." The Section's goals and priorities include: increased membership, active involvement of all members, education to the legal community and the public, philanthropy (time/money), advocating judicial appointment of individuals who are supportive of women, advancing legislation furthering women's interests, and, last but not least, networking and social functions.

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The Women Lawyers' Section has established the **Section's Educational Foundation**, a non-profit fundraising organization, which establishes scholarships for needy law students who have ties to San Mateo County. The Foundation's annual fundraiser is held in September or October each year. All proceeds benefit the Educational Foundation. For more information regarding the Educational Foundation, please contact **Mara Feiger**, President at (650) 207-1808.

The Section generally meets the **2nd Monday of every other month**. Especially popular are the Spring Judges' Luncheon and the December Holiday Luncheon, which features a raffle and door prizes. Check the *Here-Say* for upcoming meetings.