

Yolo County Bar Association Newsletter

June 2005

Our Next Meeting

Topic: Yolo County's Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program

The Yolo County CASA Program advocates for abused and neglected children who are in the dependency system and for at-risk children who are in the juvenile court system. CASA is a nonprofit organization committed to providing these children with a supportive voice in court. In support of its mission, Yolo County CASA recruits, trains, and supervises volunteer advocates who work one-on-one with children in the Yolo County Court System. Through training, CASAs are prepared to develop a relationship with a child and learn how to speak out for that child within the court system.

Speaker: Manuel Lopez of CASA

When: Thursday, June 16th at noon.

Where: Casa de Sapore (formerly Pietro's), 929 Court Street, Woodland

Cost: \$ 15

For More Information: To learn more about the Yolo County CASA Program, click here: www.yolocasa.org/

**RSVP to Courtenay McKeon (CmcKeon@YoloCourts.com)
so that we can give the restaurant an accurate count.**

The Yolo County Bar Association is a California State Bar approved provider of Minimum Continuing Legal Education programs and the program is approved for 1 hour of MCLE credit.

Court Civil Mediation Survey

The Yolo Superior Court has received funding from the State of California to begin a civil mediation program. The court is seeking your input during the planning process as a vital step in insuring the success of the program. Please complete the attached survey and return via e-mail or fax to the court's planning consultant, Kate Harrison Consulting. The contact information for e-mail responses is kate@kateharrisonconsulting.com; surveys may also be faxed to (510) 524-2154. We are requesting that the survey be completed by June 17, 2005. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Thank you for assisting.

Liberty Bell Award

The YCBA will present the 2005 Liberty Bell Award at our next meeting to John Cron, an outstanding volunteer in the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program.

The Liberty Bell Award was established more than 30 years ago to acknowledge outstanding community service. The Liberty Bell Award is presented by the Yolo County Bar Association each year to honor a non-lawyer who has promoted better understanding of the rule of law, encouraged greater respect for law and the courts, stimulated a sense of civic responsibility, or contributed to good government in the community.

We hope that you can attend our June meeting to show the YCBA's support for Mr. Cron and the Liberty Bell Award.

Guardians Ad Litem Needed

The Yolo Superior Court is compiling a list of attorneys willing to serve as a Guardian Ad Litem. Compensation will be at \$60 per hour. If you are interested or have questions please call Lyn Lamoure, 406-6785.

Court Scheduling Issue

All of Yolo County's judges will be away from September 6 – 10th, with one visiting judge handling emergencies. Plan accordingly!

Drug Addiction Seminar

We recently received word of a MCLE seminar being held in the Yolo Superior Court. Here are the details:

Date, Time, and Place: June 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Dept 7.

Topic and MCLE credits: Prevention, Detection, & Treatment of Substance Abuse. Attendees will receive MCLE "substance abuse" credits

Speaker: Dr. Leo Kadehjian

Dr. Kadehjian is an independent biomedical consultant in Palo Alto, California, primarily lecturing and writing on the clinical, scientific, regulatory, and legal issues in drugs of abuse testing. He has provided consulting services for a wide variety of both private and public sector drug programs. Clients have included IBM, Exxon International, Texaco, General Motors, Amtrak, Pfizer, Syntex, Syva, Dade Behring, the U.S. Federal Courts, and numerous state correction agencies and local drug courts. He has special experience with on-site testing programs and provides oversight of the U.S. Federal Courts' on-site drug testing programs. An internationally recognized speaker, he has earned an "Outstanding Speaker" recognition from the American Association of Clinical Chemistry and has

provided expert testimony in court and labor arbitration. He has provided judicial education including nationally broadcast live satellite television seminars for the Federal Judicial Center and serving on the faculty of the National Judicial College lecturing on the neurobiology of addiction and drug testing issues. He has also conducted workshops for occupational physicians and other clinical providers.

Summer Recess

There will be no YCBA meeting for July and August. Have a good summer, and see you in September!

Need a Valuation?

We were recently contacted by a firm that may be useful to estate planners, civil litigators, or others who need a valuation. Here is their information:

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ValuationBroker will work on your behalf to find a qualified valuation firm for your client that best **matches their industry and needs** to deliver a thorough valuation report at the **lowest possible price**. The combined experience of our network is broad and unmatched, providing **over 15,000 valuations per year** and each appraiser that will work on your valuation is accredited through the American Society of Appraisers. Whether you are dealing with an estate planning issue, the potential sale of your business, an IRS issue, seeking financing, or need a valuation for any other reason, ValuationBroker will find you the right valuation at the lowest price.

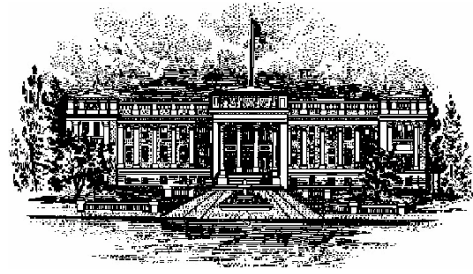
For Additional Info. Contact Local Consultant Mr. Jeff Moraes @916.397.6322 or visit us on the web @ ValuationBroker.com.

Submissions?

Send submissions for next month to Dan Maguire (maguirelaw@mac.com, 750 3661)

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Superior Court of California County of Yolo Civil Mediation Survey

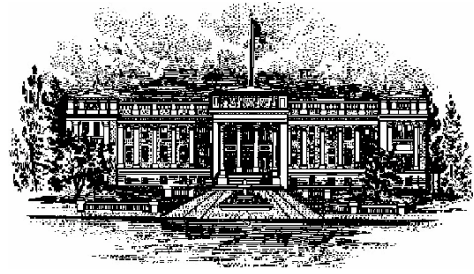
Please check the appropriate box for each question below	Yes	No
Have you ever used mediation as a settlement method?		
If yes, did you like it/find it useful?		
Would you use mediation again?		
Would you like to learn more about mediation as a settlement method?		
Would you be more likely to use mediation if the court contributed to the cost (as with court ordered arbitration)?		
Have you ever acted as a mediator either formally or informally?		
If you are a trained mediator would you be interested in being on a court-maintained list of mediators?		
If you are interested in being on a court maintained list of mediators, would you also be willing to volunteer your services for court referred mediation?		
If you are interested in being on a court maintained list of mediators but are unwilling to volunteer your services for court referred mediation, would you accept a reduced fee for your services?		
Are you interested in mediation training?		
Are you interested in low cost or free mediation training in exchange for providing 2-3 pro bono mediations per year for the court?		
Are you interested in participating in the court's planning process for the civil mediation project?		

About how many cases/year do you have that would potentially be suitable for court sponsored mediation (please circle one)?

<5 5-10 10-30 30-50 50 or more Unsure

If you have served as a private mediator in cases pending before the Yolo Superior Court, please approximate the number of cases you have mediated in the past year?

<5 5-10 10-30 30-50 50 or more Unsure



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If you have participated in another court's administered mediation program and would recommend it as a model, what court administered the program?

What characteristics of cases do you believe are indicators of suitability for mediation? Please indicate the types of issues, relationships between the parties and size of claims that you believe render a case most appropriate for mediation.

If you are interested in participating in the planning process, please provide your name, phone number and e-mail address here