

Mission & Goals

The Women's Section has been a strong presence in CCCBA for over 25 years and welcomes men and women practicing in all areas of the law who work or live in Contra Costa County.

The goal of the section is to further the advancement of women in the legal profession and the judiciary. To do so, the Section offers frequent networking opportunities, such as "Power Lunches" and happy hours, MCLE classes with notable and relevant speakers, and fundraising and community events, such as the Honorable Patricia Herron and Honorable Ellen James Scholarship, and an annual Awards Dinner.

For membership information, please contact Jennifer Comages, Membership Director for the Contra Costa County Bar Association via email at jcomages@cccba.org.



Women's Section

Contra Costa County Bar Association

SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Summer 2019 Women's Section Newsletter! Thank you for taking time to learn about our upcoming events, awards, and members!

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The Women's Section Annual Luncheon was a huge success. Many thanks to our fabulous speaker, the Honorable Wendy Coats. Many thanks to Judge Coats for her inspirational words.



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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The Northern California Super Lawyers and Rising Stars were recently published and many of our members were included. Congratulations to the members below and everyone else recognized in their fields.

- Ariel Brownell Lee, Rising Star, Family Law
- Rachel H. Leonard, Rising Star, Personal Injury Defense
- Mujdah Rahim, Rising Star, Family Law
- Ericka McKenna, Rising Star, Transactional Business
- Emily Nashban, Rising Star, Trusts and Estates Litigation
- Crystal Van Der Putten, Super Lawyer, Civil Litigation – Defense
- Renée Welze Livingston, Super Lawyer, Civil Litigation – Defense
- Christina M. Kotowski, Super Lawyer, Employment & Labor Law
- Terry Leoni, Super Lawyer, Administrative Law

Please share news about other Section Members with us at cccawomenssection@gmail.com. We want to celebrate you!

UPCOMING SECTION EVENTS

Family Fun Day Picnic at Pleasant Hill Park on July 21, 2019

Please make sure to sign up for this fabulous event on the CCCBA's website. It's free to members of the bar and their immediate family!

Power Lunch

Come join us at our next Power Lunch. It will be held at Urban Plates in Pleasant Hill on September 10th from 11:30 AM – 1 PM. We are looking forward to continuing the tradition of socializing and networking together with our members.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

We encourage our members to reach out to neighboring associations to network and meet others in our area and we will circulate these opportunities as they arise!

SCHOLARSHIP

Calling all law students! It's time to apply for The Honorable Patricia Herron and The Honorable Ellen James Scholarship. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Applications are due by September 13, 2019. Recipients must attend the Scholarship Dinner at Scott's Seafood in Walnut Creek on October 17, 2019. All interested applicants please email Crystal Van Der Putten at cvanderputten@livingstonlawyers.com for an application.

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Wine glasses for sale! The Women's Section is selling our signature stemless wine glasses for the low price of \$5 each! All proceeds go to our scholarship fund. Contact us at cccbawomenssection@gmail.com to place your order today!

Looking for employment?

Miller Starr Regalia is recruiting for the following positions:

Litigation Associate (3-4 Years)

Candidates must possess excellent oral and written advocacy skills, be detail oriented and possess superior organizational skills and the ability to work independently. Ideal candidates will have graduated in the top of their class and have relevant work experience from a top tier law firm, governmental agency and/or judicial clerkship. Experience in sophisticated real

property litigation, as well as some experience in taking and defending depositions and drafting and arguing motions is ideal, but not necessary. EOE.

Senior Litigation Associate (5-8 Years)

Candidates must possess excellent oral and written advocacy skills, be detail oriented and possess superior organizational skills and the ability to work independently. Ideal candidates will have graduated in the top of their class and have relevant work experience from a top tier law firm, governmental agency and/or judicial clerkship. Experience in sophisticated real property litigation (including some construction law), as well as experience in taking and defending depositions and drafting and arguing motions is ideal. EOE.

Senior Transactional Associate (5+ Years)

We are recruiting for a senior associate to join our busy transactional real estate practice. The ideal candidate will have 5+ years of direct experience negotiating, documenting and managing complex transactions, including and with an emphasis on commercial leasing, acquisitions & dispositions, and title and due diligence review, at a large or medium-sized law firm, a J.D. degree from a top-tier law school and be a member of the California bar. EOE.

Contact Joy Buchanan for more information at joy.buchanan@msrlegal.com.

Offices for Sublease:

Carolyn Cain is subletting space in her Shadelands office in Walnut Creek. \$900 and \$600 offices available. Contact Carolyn for more information at cdcainlaw@gmail.com.

FEEDBACK

We would love to hear from you! Please send event ideas or any information and feedback about the Section to us at cccbawomenssection@gmail.com. We hope you have enjoyed the Summer 2019 Women's Section Newsletter!