

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Tammie McQuain



The ALA Annual Conference was recently held in Los Angeles, California on May 22 -25, 2016. I am happy to report that we had 21 chapter members attend.

San Diego was very well represented at the annual conference and the feedback from the members was positive. Each year the conference experience improves from the education sessions, speakers and topics to the Bold Bite sessions, to providing a great conference app where members can plan their schedule and download session handouts. And let's not forget the about the Exhibit Hall where members can meet with our Business Partners and learn about the services that they provide. The ALA Conferences are a great way to grow your network and meet with other professionals.

In addition, this year the association offered three virtual conference sessions at no cost for members and non-members who were not able to attend in person. What a great benefit to offer! We had multiple chapter members participate in these virtual sessions. Those of you that registered should have also received an email from *eLearning at ALA* with a <u>portal link</u> to the ALA's 2016 Annual Conference On-Demand and password to access the recordings. They will be available until May 26, 2017.

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It is my hope that you will take advantage of the membership and all it has to offer. There are great benefits and services that are available, both at the chapter and national levels. For more information on these benefits, please feel free to reach out to me or any of our board members.

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Recently our site was compromised and a virus occurred due to one of the user profiles therefore, we had to reset all passwords. Please make sure that you reset your password by clicking, forgot password, and follow the prompts. Once you receive your temporary log in, you will have the ability to change your password. Please do not change it to what you used previously as this is how the hackers were able to infiltrate the site.

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Got CLM?

If you are interested in becoming a CLM, you may want to consider joining a CLM Study Group, or checking out study materials from our library. Please contact our San Diego Chapter Librarian, Jennifer Becky for materials. For more information on eligibility and test dates, <u>click here</u>.

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"We need to help students and parents cherish and preserve ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens this community - and this nation."

- Cesar Chavez





If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our chapter webmaster.

As a reminder, our website has a <u>Member Forum</u> under the Membership section. Please make sure that you are subscribed to this forum so that you will receive an email when members post questions or responses. This is a great way for members to network and post questions in a private setting. It also provides our members with a history of information to refer back to at a later date. Summer is coming and we have a lot planned in the upcoming months. Please make sure to check out our chapter website for upcoming events.

For those of you who are interested in our CLM Study Group, the <u>Kickoff Meeting</u> is on June 9th at DLA Piper. You can reach out to Jennifer Beckey with any questions.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next event!



The ALA Job Bank is a great place to post for talented managers and staff!

For more information and to submit job postings, please contact:

SHAILA SCHAIBLE (619) 595-4317 schaible@higgslaw.com

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http://www.sandiegoala.org/jobs



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Gain more from your membership and get involved in 2016!

Dear Chapter Members:

Do you want more out of your membership? Would you like to network with like minds? How many times have you been faced with an issue where "no one else understands" and you could use a group of peers to consult?

Then take the opportunity to get involved in the SD Chapter in whatever capacity you are comfortable:

- Are you good behind a camera? Consider taking photos at our meetings and events, or share the fun with another member.
- Do you thrive on community involvement? Look into our Community Connections efforts, Couture for a Cause and Project LEAP, our program for high school students.
- Maybe you have great ideas for increasing membership in the Chapter? Join the Membership Committee and help lead our Peer Connections program.
- Are you organized and task oriented? We need help with CLM materials, Bylaws/Ethics, Historian tasks, as well as the Salary Survey.

The 2016 – 2017 Chapter term starts on April 1, 2016, but planning is paramount. I would love to see more of you involved. I have included a brief description of each committee, and the ALA Membership Handbook has a more detailed one, or just ask me or another current Board member.

Let's work together to make our Chapter the best it can be! Please complete the information below and return it to me at <u>rushworth@higgslaw.com</u>, or give me a call at 619-595-4393.

All my best,

Anna Rushworth Past President 2015-2016











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Name	Firm:
Phone No	Email

I'm interested in volunteering for the following committee(s) (you are not beholden to all you select):

- ____ Chapter Audit perform audit of Chapter finances once a term.
- ____ Chapter Library / CLM Materials maintain materials to loan to members; organize CLM study program?
- **Bar / Professional Association Liaison** Chapter's connection to other legal organizations.
- **Bylaws / Ethics** maintain and update Chapter Bylaws, as necessary.
- **Communications** provide efficient and effective communication to Chapter members, including the "Month-at-a-Glance."
- Community Connections / Project LEAP charitable Chapter efforts; Couture for a Cause; work with local high schools to create programs promoting opportunities in the legal profession.
- ____ **Diversity Committee** plan annual diversity presentation; promote diversity within the Chapter.
- ____ Education work with President Elect on planning Chapter education activities/speakers.
- ____ Handbook maintain and update membership handbook.
- ____ Historian maintain Chapter memorabilia.
- Invitations design and create options for invitations for BP luncheon, MP luncheon, Leadership Dinner, and other Chapter events.
- ____ Legal Resource Fair Chapter annual Business Partner resource fair in February.
- Meetings Coordinator / Hospitality assist Meetings Chair to coordinate Chapter meetings.
 Receive RSVP's; maintain name badges; and/or welcome attendees.
- ____ **Membership** team up with the Vice President/Membership Chair to bring in new members and maintain current membership.
- ____ The Mandate (Chapter Newsletter) with Editor-in-Chief produce bi-monthly newsletter.
- ____ Photographer photograph Chapter meetings, events, and other functions.
- ____ Public and Media Relations represent the Chapter in publicizing and promoting events.
- **____ Salary Survey** implement annual Chapter salary survey.

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- Academic Scholarship selection process to promote and award an academic scholarship to `two deserving students.
- ____ Social Media assist Social Media Chair in promoting Chapter LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter pages.
- Business Partner Relations work with Director of BP Relations in promoting, managing and maintaining vendor relations.
 - _ I'd like to help another way:











NEW FEHA REGULATIONS MAY REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO AMEND THEIR EXISTING POLICIES



By: Alison D. Alpert and Alyssa L. Eisenberg

New amendments to California's Fair Employment and Housing Act regulations that go into effect on April 1 include changes to policies on discrimination, harassment and retaliation, pregnancy disability and others. The following are addressed by the new regulations:

Employer Anti-Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Policies

The new regulations require employers to develop written anti-discrimination, harassment and retaliation policies that contain the following elements:

- List the categories of individuals protected by FEHA.
- Explain that FEHA forbids co-workers, third parties, supervisors and managers from engaging in discriminatory, harassing or retaliatory conduct.
- Provide a confidential, timely, impartial complaint process that provides for appropriate remedial action and resolution.
- Establish a complaint procedure, like a hotline or ombudsman, that does not require employees to directly complain to an immediate supervisor.
- Instruct supervisors to report complaints to a designated representative.
- Make clear that allegations will be address fairly, timely and confidentially (to the extent possible).
- Indicate that appropriate remedial measures will be taken if misconduct is found.
- Explain that the employer will not retaliate against employees for complaining or participating in an investigation.

The regulations require employers to disseminate the policies, either by providing a copy in person or by email to all employees with an acknowledgment form to sign, posting the policies on a company intranet site, or discussing the policies with new hires.

The regulations also require employers whose workforce contains 10 percent or more employees whose primary language is not English to translate the policies into every language spoken by at least 10 percent of the workforce.

Pregnancy Disability Leave

The new regulations also clarify FEHA's requirement to provide up to "four months" or "17 1/3 weeks" of Pregnancy Disability Leave. The regulations explain that "four months" leave is "the number of days the employee would normally work within four calendar months." Therefore, to determine an employee's leave entitlement, the employer multiplies the average hours an employee works per week by 17 1/3 weeks. The number of hours individual employees are entitled to take off will vary depending on the employee's work schedule.

In addition, the regulations provide guidance on accounting for time when using intermittent leave. When employees use PDL intermittently, or use it to work a reduced schedule, the employer may account for leave in increments no greater than the shortest period of time the employer uses to calculate other types of leave, up to one hour. The regulations also make clear that employees are eligible for up to four months of PDL per pregnancy, not per year.

Other Covered Topics

Other issues covered by the new regulations include an explanation of an employer's duty to prevent and correct discriminatory or harassing conduct, more detailed rules relating to mandatory sexual harassment training, national origin discrimination regulations prohibiting discrimination against employees who hold special driver's licenses that can be issued to undocumented workers, and regulations conforming to recent legislation regarding gender identity and religious creed discrimination.









The amended regulations are available here.

If you have questions about the new regulations or would like to request review of your discrimination or harassment policies, contact the attorney authors of this Legal Alert.

http://www.bbklaw.com/

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Member photos will be taken at the June and July meetings if you need to update your photo, or take it for the first time.

Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession Best Practices

This dynamic and interactive program will engage participants in a dialogue regarding diversity and inclusion, and the elimination of bias in the legal profession. The program will incorporate a short dramatic film entitled "Walk the Walk" from the State Bar of California, which will serve as a catalyst for candid discussions on real world challenges facing law firms and legal employers with regard to bias. Key points include:

• Overview of the business case for diversity and its current status in the workplace

Insight on implicit bias

• Best practices to overcome such bias in the workplace



Jerrilyn T. Malana, Esq.

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Jerrilyn T. Malana, Esq. is Chief Deputy for Employment/Special Advisor at the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, where she advises on employment matters and civil issues. Prior to joining the District Attorney's Office in April 2016, Jerri spent over 16 years as an employment law attorney and Shareholder with the global employment law firm of Littler Mendelson, P.C. and she is a former co-Chair of their national Diversity & Inclusion Council. Jerri is a former member of the State Bar of California's Council on Access & Fairness, which is the Bar's "think tank" on diversity.









MEMBERSHIP REPORT MAY 2016

By Karen Lemmon

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Members

Prospective Members Cont.

Scott Stewart Controller Klinedinst, PC

Bridget J. Maisis Office Manager Schweitzer Law Group

Carolyn Decker Director of Administration Epstein Grinnell & Howell, APC

Heather K. Lewis Office Administrator San Diego Elder Law Center

Current National Members: 96 Current Chapter Members: 93



Know someone who should be a member of ALA? Refer them to Karen and earn points toward great prizes!

For more information and to participate in the program, please contact:

KAREN LEMMON

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Or visit the San Diego ALA website to see what's new!

http://www.sandiegoala.org/









Get in the game and join us for an exciting year ahead!

Earn Game Points by attending events and referring new members. Every point is worth one ticket that will be entered into several drawings for fabulous prizes on the following dates:

TWO Fail Conference Scholarships w/stipend – drawing on 7/19/16 Game Points will accumulate from April 1 to June 30 (must be present to win)

Tablet and other prizes – drawing at the Holiday Luncheon, 12/6/16 Game Points will accumulate from April 1 to November 50

ACTIVITIES TO EARN POINTS	GAME POINTS EARNED
Renew Your Membership	2
Join as a New Member	3
Refer a New Member	3
Attend a Regular Monthly Membership Meeting	1
Attend a Monthly Board Meeting	2
Attend the Diversity Meeting	2
Attend the Annual Conference	3
Attend Cocktails and Connections	3
Attend the Business Partner Appreciation Luncheon	2
Attend Couloie for a Cause Event	2
Attend the Managing Partner Luncheon	1
Bring your Managing Partner to MP Lunchoon	1
Attendia Chapter Social	1
Sign up with the Peer Connection Program	· 2
Attend the Business of Law Conference in the Fall	3
Volunteer on a Committee	2
Participate in the 5K Run	2

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ALA SAN DIEGO 2016/2017 CALENDAR

MARCH 22	LEADERSHIP DINNER
	The Prado in Balboa Park
APRIL 12	LEADERSHIP RETREAT
	Morton's Steakhouse Sponsored by Morton's
APRIL 19	MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	The Westgate Hotel Sponsored by Officia Imaging
MAY 17	MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	Doubletree Mission Valley Sponsored by Adams & Martin
MAY 22-25	ALA NATIONAL CONFERENCE
	Los Angeles, CA
JUNE 21	DIVERSITY EVENT
	The Westgate Hotel Sponsored by Eastridge
JULY 19	MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	The Westgate Hotel Sponsored by First Legal Network
JULY 28	COCKTAILS & CONNECTIONS
	Allen Matkins Conference Center
AUGUST 16	MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	The Westgate Hotel Sponsored by DTI
AUGUST 24	MEMBER SOCIAL AT THE PADRES GAME
	Petco Park Sponsored by Nationwide & Ricoh
SEPT 20	BUSINESS PARTNER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
	The Doubletree Mission Valley
SEPT 29	COUTURE FOR A CAUSE
	San Diego Hall of Champions
OCTOBER 6-8	BUSINESS OF LAW CONFERENCE
	Phoenix, AZ
OCTOBER 18	MANAGING PARTNER LUNCHEON
	Morton's Steakhouse Sponsored by Eastridge
OCTOBER 27	MEMBER SOCIAL
	Courtyard Marriott Sponsored by Courtyard Marriott
NOVEMBER 15	MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	The Westgate Hotel Sponsored by Legal Staff
DECEMBER 6	HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
	The Westgate Hotel Sponsored by Knox Attorney Services
JANUARY 24	MEMBERSHIP MEETING The Westgate Hotel Sponsored by Robert Half Legal
IANULARY 10	
JANUARY 19	MEMBER SOCIAL Morton's Steakhouse Sponsored by Morton's
FEBRUARY 14	LABOR LAW UPDATE / LEGAL RESOURCE FAIR
FEDRUART 14	The Doubletree Mission Valley
MARCH 21	
in a contra t	Location TBD
BOARD	4/12/16; 5/10/16; 6/14/16; 7/12/16; 8/9/16; 9/13/16;
MEETINGS	10/11/16; 11/8/16; 1/10/17; 2/7/17; 3/14/17.
	Locations TBD

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CLM STUDY GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT



Come and Learn about the CLM Certification We will discuss the variables of how and what the CLM certification is, and will set a course for those interested in studying for it. We welcome all interested to attend!

Thursday, June 9th 5:00-6:00 PM

DLA Piper LLP (US) 401 B Street Suite 1700 San Diego, CA 92101 www.dlapiper.com

Please contact Jennifer Beckey with questions or to RSVP, at 619.699.2735 or Jennifer.Beckey@dlapiper.com.

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CLM KICKOFF MEETING

Join us for the ALA San Diego CLM Study Group Thursday, June 9, 2016 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Please click below to access the Meeting Flyer, Agenda and Proposed Study Schedule <u>Click Here</u>

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ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ADMINISTRATORS SAN DIEGO CHAPTER SAVE THE DATES

Upcoming Monthly Membership Meetings RSVP: Kathy Culver at <u>kculver@ssvwlaw.com</u>

June 2016

June 9	CLM Study Group Kickoff Meeting Time: 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Location: DLA Piper
June 21	Diversity Event Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Location: The Westgate Hotel, Riviera Room
<u>July 2016</u>	
July 7	CLM Study Group 2 Time: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Location: DLA Piper
July 19	July Membership Meeting ACA Changes for 2016 and Beyond Time: 11:45 – 1:15 p.m. Location: The Westgate Hotel, Riviera Room
July 28	Cocktails & Connections Speed Networking Event Time: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Location: Allen Matkins – 501 W. Broadway, Conference Room 21 st Floor



















BOARD & MEMBERSHIP

CLM STUDY GROUP KICKOFF MEETING ... JUNE 9, 2016 5:00 – 6:00 DLA PIPER

> JUNE BOARD MEETING ... JUNE 14, 2016 12:00 – 1:15 HIGGS FLETCHER & MACK

ANNUAL CHAPTER DIVERSITY EVENT ... JUNE 21, 2016 ELIMINATION OF BIAS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION 5:00 – 6:45 THE WESTGATE HOTEL – RIVIERA ROOM

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