



CJA 2023

MID-YEAR/RETIRED JUDGES CONFERENCE  
MARCH 16-18, 2023 | MONTEREY PLAZA HOTEL & SPA



*Welcoming New Beginnings*



# Thursday 03.16.2023

## Conference Schedule

**10:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.**      **Registration Open**

**11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**      **Exhibits Open**

**Lunch On Own**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**      **EBC Committee Meeting**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**      **Two Concurrent Sessions  
(JBEC/MCLE 1.25 Ethics Credit)**

### **Session #1 – Transition to the Bench: Tips & Strategies for New Judges**

This interactive dialogue explores the most common challenges new judges face in making the transition from law practice to the bench. The panelists will share their experiences and answer audience questions concerning those challenges, including specific situations, as well as strategies and techniques for responding to those situations. The discussion embraces issues of judicial ethics, conduct, demeanor and courtroom management, among others.

- » Hon. Von Deroian, Santa Barbara Superior Court
- » Hon. Winston Keh, San Bernardino Superior Court
- » Hon. Euketa Oliver, San Diego Superior Court
- » Hon. Heather Mardel Jones, Fresno Superior Court, Moderator

### **Session #2 – Hot Topics in Ethics: Hazards in Tech, Social Media, Politics and More**

COVID accelerated the court's use of technology, introducing new ethical issues into our daily work. This panel explores how we can continue to meet our ethical obligations in the face of the challenges raised by technology, including special concerns with social media. We will also discuss problems related to political activity and elections. Update will include a discussion of the most recent formal opinions from the CJA and CJEO.

- » Hon. James Dabney, Los Angeles Superior Court
- » Hon. Marian F. Gaston, San Diego Superior Court
- » Hon. Anthony Mohr, Los Angeles Superior Court (Ret.)

**2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**      **Break**

**2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**      **Two Concurrent Sessions**

### **Session #3 – Criminal Law Update/Criminal Justice (JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General)**

An update on recent developments in California criminal law.

- » Hon. Kyle Brodie, San Bernardino Superior Court

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### **Session #4 – Mindfulness: Practicing Equanimity**

Through guided meditations emphasizing equanimity and self-compassion, we will explore practices to help us maintain calmness and composure throughout the day. Our goal is to be kind to ourselves, accept ourselves as we are at any moment, and to offer ourselves all the compassion we need.

- » Hon. Ron Greenberg, Alameda Superior Court (Ret.)

**3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**      **Break**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**      **Two Concurrent Sessions**

### **Session #5 – Planning Your Retirement - What You Need to Know - In The Beginnings**

This session will provide an overview of key areas to address when considering retirement and critical steps that must be considered and or taken to retire successfully. Topics will include a review of the JRS retirement systems, an overview of settlement options and coordinating other pensions or assets with your JRS pension to create retirement income security, knowing your benefits, and exploring the implications of the recent pension equity reform legislation (AB 2443). Case scenarios will be considered, followed by a Q&A session.

- » Howard L. Barto, CLU, Financial Advisor, David White & Associates
- » David Lien, Financial Advisor, David White & Associates
- » David R. Lucas, ChFC, Financial Advisor, David White & Associates\*
- » Hon. David Krashna, Alameda Superior Court (Ret.), Moderator

### **Session #6 – Judicial Security and Privacy**

More information about this hot topic coming soon.

**5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**      **Retired Judges Committee Meeting**

**Evening on Own**

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# Friday 03.17.2023

## Conference Schedule

- 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.      **Registration Open; Silent Auction Open**
- 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Continental Breakfast**
- 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.      **Exhibits Open**
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Bench Magazine Editorial Board Meeting**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **Judicial Outreach Committee Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon      **Session #7 - QE VIII  
(JBEC/MCLE 3.0 Ethics Credit)**
- (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.
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.      **Membership Luncheon**
- 1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.      **Break**
- 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      **Plenary Session (JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General)**
- Session #8 - Civility in the Courtroom**
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.      **Plenary Session (JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General)**
- Session #9 – Navigating Diversity & Inclusion in the Courtroom**
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.      **Executive Board Meeting**
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.      **Welcome Reception**
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.      **African American California Judicial Officers Meeting**
- 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.      **Black Smoke, The Institution!**

# Saturday 03.18.2023

## Conference Schedule

- 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.      **Registration Open; Silent Auction Open**
- 7:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.      **Exhibits Open**
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.      **Continental Breakfast**
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.      **California Latino Judges Association Meeting**
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      **LGBT-JOC Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.      **Plenary Session (JBEC/MCLE 1.00 General)**
- Session #10 - Legislative Update**  
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.
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.      **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.      **Two Concurrent Sessions**
- Session #11 – Family Law Update (JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General)**  
Judge Mize reviews all family law cases every year, reduces them to a dozen or so significant cases and then distills them for the essence of what you need to know on your daily family law calendar.  
    » Hon. James Mize, Sacramento Superior Court
- Session #12 – In Our New Season of Life: Retirement Options for Every Judge**  
Consideration for Retirement requires a plan. To create a plan, one must know the available options in (1) Private Judging; (2) Temporary Assigned Judges Program; (3) Avocations, Fun and Relaxation. Judicial ethics pertaining to retired judges will also be discussed.  
    » Hon. Risë Pichon, Santa Clara County Superior Court (Ret.)  
    » Hon. Tam Nomoto Schumann, Orange County Superior Court (Ret.)  
    » Hon. Andy Wick, Sonoma County Superior Court (Ret.)  
    » Hon. David Krashna, Alameda County Superior Court (Ret.), Moderator
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.      **Lunch on Own**
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.      **California Asian Pacific American Judges Association Meeting**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.      **California Judges Foundation Meeting**
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.      **Session #13 – Plenary Session with Keynote Speaker**
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.      **Plenary Session (JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General)**

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### Session #14 – Do's & Don'ts of Remote Appearance Technology in the Courtroom

This presentation is an interactive dialogue between the panelists and audience concerning the use of remote appearance technology in the Courtroom, an innovation born of the pandemic but a practice which promises to continue long after the pandemic has ended. These panelists bring a wealth of experience with the use of remote appearance technology in the Courtroom which they will share with the attendees. The panelists will focus on lessons learned in deploying remote appearance technology in the courtroom, including best practices, and mistakes to avoid. The focus will be on the use of remote appearance technology in civil cases, but the mechanics, situations and concepts discussed apply to any courtroom proceeding in which remote appearance technology is employed.

- » Hon. Roberta Hayashi, Santa Clara Superior Court
- » Hon. Brad Seligman, Alameda Superior Court
- » Hon. Matthew P. Guasco, Ventura Superior Court, Moderator

**3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Break**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

**Two Concurrent Sessions**

### Session #15 – Civil Law Update (JBEC/MCLE 1.25 General)

Join us for our semi-annual Civil Law update.

- » Hon. Curtis E.A. Karnow, San Francisco Superior Court

### Session #16 – Philanthropy in Retirement: Making charitable contributions to make a difference in your community

**5:15 p.m.**

**Conference Adjourns**

## Planning Committee Roster

### Co-Chairs

Hon. Carrie McIntyre Panetta, Monterey Superior Court  
Hon. Tam Nomoto Schumann, Orange Superior Court, Ret.

### Committee Members

Hon. Julia L. Alloggiamento, Santa Clara Superior Court  
Hon. James G. Bertoli, Sonoma Superior Court  
Hon. Ricardo Cordova, Stanislaus Superior Court  
Hon. Maria Elena Evangelista, San Francisco Superior Court  
Hon. Jessica M. Delgado, Santa Clara Superior Court  
Hon. Ronald Greenberg, Alameda Superior Court, Ret.  
Hon. David M. Krashna, Alameda Superior Court, Ret.  
Hon. Corey G. Lee, San Bernardino Superior Court  
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Hon. Matthew P. Guasco, Ventura Superior Court, Liaison  
Hon. Tara K. James, Tulare Superior Court, Liaison

### Staff

Nicole Virga Bautista, Executive Director and CEO  
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California Judges  
Foundation Silent Auction!**

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**SILENT AUCTION**  
**2023 CJA Midyear/Retired Conference**  
**Monterey Plaza Hotel**  
**Monterey, CA**  
**March 16-18, 2023**

The California Judges Foundation (CJF) is sponsoring the 15th ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION during the 2023 CJA Midyear/Retired Conference. We hope you will join us in continuing to support the programs and goals of CJF by donating items to the SILENT AUCTION.

Funds raised from this event will be used to continue support of educational programs and projects of the California Judges Foundation, including distribution of and updates to the "California Judicial Conduct Handbook" by David Rothman, as well as the "Ethics Guide for New Judges: Before You Take the Oath of Office," distribution of the Judicial Ethics Committee's "Judicial Ethics Update" and formal opinions. Your donations also help to support the "Impartiality of the Judiciary" PowerPoint presentation, as well as numerous Court outreach and public information efforts throughout the State.

Your donation is tax-deductible as a charitable donation to the extent permitted by law. Think outside the box and let your imagination create your own special donation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Director of Operations, Jen Gross, at [jgross@caljudges.org](mailto:jgross@caljudges.org).

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Form of Donation (Please check one):

Tangible Item       Gift Certificate

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Attached       To be delivered at conference on Thursday, March 16

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*Please return this form to the California Judges Foundation, 2520 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95833  
(Telephone: 916-239-4068 or Toll Free: 1-866-432-1252; Fax: 916-924-7323)*

# Registration Fees

(If registered by March 2nd.)

Retired Members (First 70 Registered).....	FREE
Members Full Registration .....	\$450
Guests.....	\$235
Guests w/MCLE .....	\$345
Non Members, Full Registration .....	\$665
Single Day Registration .....	\$290 per day

## Cost

**FULL REGISTRATION** fee includes educational programs, materials, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, Luncheon and CJA Welcome Reception.

**GUEST REGISTRATION** (*with & 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 March 2, 2023. Please fax cancellation requests to (916) 924-7323 or e-mail [stephanie@camgmt.com](mailto:stephanie@camgmt.com).

**All registration fees received after March 2nd or on-site will incur a \$50 late fee.**

**No registration fees will be refunded after March 2, 2023. Unpaid registration fees will be invoiced post-conference. Attendees who do not show will also be invoiced for the appropriate fees.**

# Registration Policies

Registration for the MidYear/Retired Conference is available at [www.caljudges.org](http://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. All registration fees received after March 2nd and on-site incur a \$50 late fee.

## 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 12.75 hours of MCLE will be offered for the CJA 2023 Mid-Year/Retired Judges Conference. Sessions also qualify for Continuing Education for California Judicial Branch Education Credit (JBEC).

## Questions

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[www.caljudges.org](http://www.caljudges.org)

# Hotel Information



**Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**  
400 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA 93940  
(800) 334-3999 // (831) 920-6710

CJA group rates range from \$299.00 to \$519.00/night and are available for paid registrants for the conference. Rates do not include taxes or state/ local fees. Please book your accommodations soon. The reservation deadline is February 22, 2023 at 4:00 pm. Hotel cancellations must be made by 4:00 pm two days prior to arrival for a full refund.

Only paid registrants can make hotel reservations. After you register for the conference via the CJA Website ([www.caljudges.org](http://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 already made a hotel reservation before you registered, please contact Jennifer Blevins at the CJA Office ([jennifer@camgmt.com](mailto:jennifer@camgmt.com)).

## Health Advisory

All individuals attending the CJA 2023 Retired Judges/Mid-Year Conference must attest to being up to date with COVID Vaccinations per the CDC guidelines or testing negative to COVID rapid antigen test (administered within 48 hours of first day of attendance). Masks are strongly recommended indoors. Attendees will be expected to follow all state and local public health orders in place at the time of the conference. CJA STAFF WILL NOT REQUIRE PROOF OF VACCINATION OR NEGATIVE TEST AT REGISTRATION.