



CALDA *update*

SETTING THE STANDARD...EDUCATION, ETHICS, EXCELLENCE

Message from the President

Dear Members:

I hope that everyone is enjoying CALDA's new website.

With its refreshed design, dramatically improved Forums, and sturdier inner-workings, we

have greatly enhanced both the member experience and our operational efficiencies. I have noticed a great deal more activity on the new Forums than in the old system, so I'm glad that many people are getting a lot out of the new site.



2014 will continue to be a year of new endeavors, enhancements, and improvements

Announcement

Creation of CALDA's Curriculum

I am very happy to announce that we are completely revamping the way we will be providing legal education by creating CALDA's Standard Curriculum. Rather than creating each class from scratch for every event and struggling to find teachers to teach those classes, we are taking control of our primary mission of providing quality legal

education by creating a master Course Catalog and Course Outlines for each and every class we teach.

Every event CALDA holds will draw its classes and material from the Curriculum, which will eventually be a large library of outlines, PowerPoint presentations, and sample forms. Our goal is to ensure the quality delivery of classes by supplying the materials to the presenters and by cultivating a well-trained faculty, which must consist mainly of Legal Document Assistants. We must look at **ourselves** as the experts on form and legal document preparation – not members of other professions.

This is designed to bring the profession out of the shadows of semi-relevance into the mainstream where we are desperately needed by the access-starved public. We know that we are the answer to California's access to justice problems, but we are still largely unknown to most of the world outside of CALDA. This curriculum is designed to appeal to a larger audience outside of CALDA and to showcase our abilities as Legal Document Assistants.

The first iteration of CALDA's Curriculum will be at the Napa Seminar, where we are presenting Family Law Immersion Day. Please join us at the Napa Elks Lodge on Saturday, April 26th to enjoy the program.

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Napa Spring Seminar

April 26, 2014

Space is Limited!

Register today at www.calda.org

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New Member Resource

CALDA Curriculum

SERIES 1 - Family Law Series

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Spring Seminar in the Beautiful Napa Valley

An all day, complete, Family Law agenda will be offered for all levels of expertise.

This is the first time such a comprehensive all day class has been offered.

Includes handouts, rolls, coffee and hot lunch.

Schedule of Events

Registration 8:00 a.m.

Morning Schedule

9:15 AM to 10:30 AM

Family Law – Form Completion for Beginning a Divorce, Legal Separation or Annulment Proceeding

10:45 AM to 12:00 PM

Family Law - Preparing the Forms for Declaration of Disclosure

Afternoon Schedule

12:00 PM to 1:15 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Family Law - Preparing an Uncontested Judgment by Agreement

3:15 PM to 4:30 PM

Family Law – Restraining Order Form Preparation and Filing

Overnight accommodations must be made by registrants at local hotels. The earlier the better to assure a room as this is a busy time of the year.



QUICK FACTS

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Napa Elks Lodge - 2840 Soscol Avenue

Napa, California 94558

Early bird member fee: \$80.00

Early bird non-member fee: \$90.00

After April 16, 2014 - \$120.00

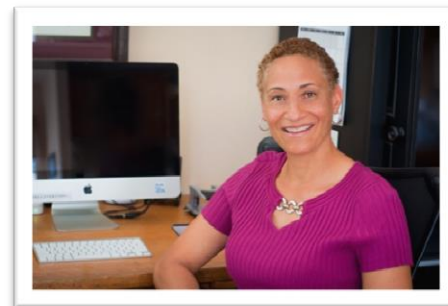
From the Fundraising Committee

by Julie LaBlanc

As always, I look forward to the upcoming CALDA sponsored event. This spring, the seminar will be held in Napa, California and the agenda for the day looks fantastic! The board members are preparing an enlightened panel of speakers. They will distribute informative handouts that will help Legal Document Assistants present themselves in a more professional, knowledgeable, efficient manner.

Joining CALDA was my best business decision. I encourage you to sign up for this

Family Law focused seminar in beautiful Napa Valley and experience the CALDA energy and excitement. If you are not currently a member of CALDA it will give you the opportunity to experience the professionally taught continuing education classes and network with other LDA's. You will leave the seminar feeling proficient and elated at all of the colleagues and vendors you have networked with. Chances are you will join the growing membership at CALDA.



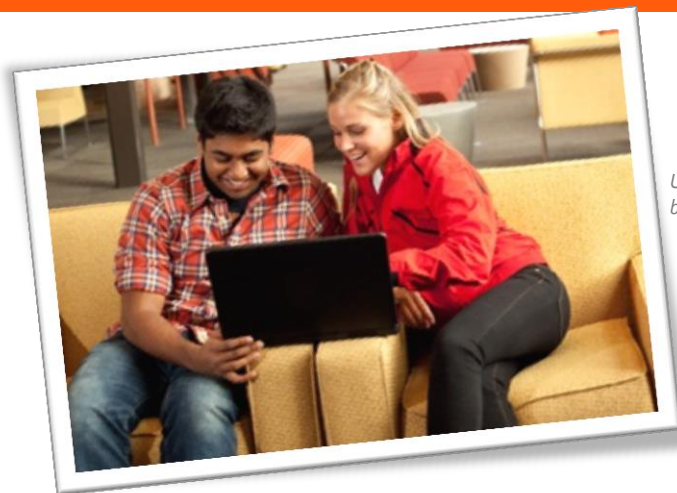
Julie LaBlanc
Fund Raising Committee Chairperson

CHAPTER NEWS



Bay Area Chapter

The next Bay Area Chapter meeting will be April 17, 2014. It will be in the conference room at the Southland Square Building at 24301 Southland Drive in Hayward, topic TBD. The date is always the 3rd Thursday of each month, except at the December meeting.



Use the website resources to help build your business.

CALDA's New Website - A Treasure Trove of Benefits

The new CALDA website was launched last month. I encourage all of you to log in to the **MEMBERS ONLY** section of the CALDA website and access your member benefits. There are three main areas of the website that are exclusive to members.

CALDA Community Forums

The Community Forums is your place for Member to Member Communication. You will need to agree with the Terms of Use the first time you enter. We will be adding a great deal of resources in the coming months on the CALDA Community Forums. We encourage you to take advantage of this valuable resource.

My CALDA

My CALDA is where your personal profile resides. You will be able to update your phone number, business address, services provided, and more, here. You may also review transactions and events you've registered for, as well as renew your membership in My CALDA (Please note: you should **not** purchase a new membership from the Online Store when it is time to renew, this will cause you to have multiple profiles).

The main group in the Forums is called All Active Members. You will want to join this main group but also look at the other groups that are more specific (i.e. Family Law, Unlawful Detainers, How to Run an LDA Business, etc.) and join those that look interesting. Note: it's VERY IMPORTANT that you set your notifications to 'Once a Day' in the Daily Digest if you only want to receive messages daily in a grouped format.



MEMBERS ONLY

Refining the new website will be an ongoing process. If you come across a broken link or typographical error on our website, please let us know. Send a quick note about it to membershipadmin@calda.org. We hope the CALDA website meets your expectations!

Member Resources

Member Resources has congregated all of your business needs in one place. Here you will find **Continuing Legal Education, Contracts** (in English & Spanish), **Brochures and Questionnaires**, the **CALDA logo** for download, **Nolo Law Library**, and the **Elias Attorney Referral**.



Central Valley Chapter

The Central Valley Chapter will have their next meeting on May 20, 2014. This will be a special CALDA seminar with Ian Duncan, CALDA's President. Meetings are held at Marie Callendar's Restaurant, 7825 N. Blackstone Avenue, Fresno, CA 93720. The date is always the 3rd Thursday of each month, except the May meeting.



Los Angeles/Orange Chapter

The next meeting of the Los Angeles/Orange Chapter is April 25, 2014. This is a "bring your own lunch" monthly meeting with Judge Juhas. Please email Lois Isenberg at lois@divorcesos.com with your RSVPs (registration is a must - 25 attendee limit). Meetings are held every 3rd Friday of the month. If any changes are made to any of the standing dates, you will be promptly notified.

CALDA-LA/ORANGE CHAPTER

SAVE THE DATE!**Saturday, July 26, 2014 - 8:00a to 5:00p**

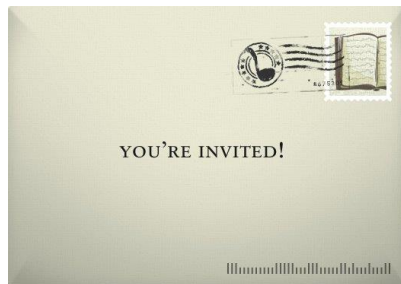
The CALDA-LA/Orange Chapter will be hosting its
2nd Annual Summer Seminar Series.

We will be presenting four go-minute CLE classes.

Additional information, including an agenda, class topics, speakers and registration details are forthcoming.

Prepare to join us for a wealth of information. We hope to see you there!

CALDA-LA/Orange Seminar Committee



[Open your invitation](#)

CALDA PUBLICATIONS NEWS

Dear CALDA Members:

CALDA's Questionnaires have been completely revamped and are available on our website for your daily use! Just like the previous project of updating the Brochures, we have updated and streamlined the Questionnaires. You will also notice that there are a lot more Questionnaires than there used to be.

Our next project will be to translate several of the Brochures and Questionnaires into Spanish and possibly other languages.

Kind regards,

Liz Fleischer

Publications Chairperson

CALDA's Curriculum

Series 100 Family law Form Completion



101 Beginning a Divorce, Legal Separation, or Annulment Proceeding

Learn the basics of form preparation to begin a divorce, legal separation or annulment proceedings (or responding to those different proceedings). We will describe the how to prepare the forms needed for each type of proceeding, together with answers to some frequently asked questions.

102 Preparing the Declaration of Disclosure

Subsequent to 2013 changes in the family code, parties are required to complete and serve on their spouse, within sixty days of filing a petition for dissolution, legal separation or annulment, Preliminary Declaration of Disclosure (PDDs). This is to assure that each party complies with their statutory fiduciary duties to disclose assets and debts either has accumulated, and the value thereof, prior to (if any) and during the marriage, and after separation until entry of final judgment. This class covers the necessary forms for completing these disclosures.

104 Preparing an Uncontested Judgment by Agreement

Parties can enter into an uncontested by agreement whether or not the respondent has defaulted or filed a response. Learn how to complete the required forms to prepare and file an uncontested judgment with an agreement.

110 Restraining Order Form Preparation and Filing

A restraining order (also called a "protective order") is a court order that can protect someone from being physically abused, threatened, stalked, or harassed. This can include orders such as personal conduct orders, stay-away orders and move-out orders. Although civil restraining orders can be requested, and are almost identical to family law restraining orders, this class may reference civil orders but will focus on restraining orders requested through family court.