



CALDA *update*

SETTING THE STANDARD...EDUCATION, ETHICS, EXCELLENCE

Message from the President

Dear CALDA Members,

I would like to introduce you to Carlo Perez, who is CALDA's acting Continuing Education Chairperson. Carlo holds a Master's degree in Philosophy and brings a commitment to our high standards of education.

Carlo Perez, MA is a Legal Document Assistant in Solano County and registered



Carlo Perez, Education Chair

and bonded Immigration Consultant in the State of California.

He began his career in legal document preparation because he wanted to respond to the need for

an efficient but low-cost alternative for self-represented litigants. He specializes in Family and Immigration Forms Preparation. He started preparing legal documents as a community volunteer in 2001. He became a registered LDA in 2012. He owns and operates A-1 Document Help in Vallejo, CA.

A philosophy major, Carlo took graduate studies educational management at the Philippine Normal University in Manila, Philippines. He also obtained a Licentiate/Masters Degree in Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara

University, where he is currently completing his doctorate.

Carlo is actively involved with service to senior citizens. He is the Executive Director of A Precious Home Foundation for Seniors, Inc. a nonprofit organization promoting well being of seniors.

Carlo currently serves in the CALDA Board of Directors, and as Chapter President of the CALDA North Bay Chapter which he helped organize in May last year.

Kind regards,
Ian Duncan
CALDA President

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Saturday, March 25, 2017

Northern California Location TBD

CHAPTER NEWS – OUR LOCAL CHAPTERS ARE GROWING!



Bay Area Chapter

The Bay Area Chapter will hold their regular monthly meeting February 16, 2017 at noon, in the basement conference room of the Southland Square Building 24301 Southland Drive, Hayward, CA. Denise Foster and Claudia Mansbach will give a presentation on Mediation as both are now Certified Mediators. RSVP regrets only to Marcel, Debbie or Jeri. We meet in the basement conference room of the Southland Square Building at 24301 Southland Drive, Hayward, at noon. If you have questions, you can contact Marcel @ 510-782-6811, Debra @ 209-836-5430 or Jeri @ 650-574-2087.



North Bay Chapter

The North Bay Chapter will be on hiatus in February. In March they will be meeting at Divorce with Dignity - Marin (Conference Room) 7 Mt. Lassen Drive, Suite A-110 San Rafael, CA 94903 Please RSVP to Carlo Perez at carlo@a1documenthelp.com or Jim Wilroy at jlwlda@comcast.net if you plan to come to the meeting, or for any comments, questions and suggestions, or if you want to be involved in any way to the new North Bay Chapter, please feel free to contact the same.



Capital City Chapter

There has been much discussion about the need for a CALDA Chapter in the Sacramento area. This Chapter would serve Sacramento, Placer, Nevada, Yolo, Amador, Sutter, Colusa, El Dorado and the surrounding counties. If you are interested in seeing this Chapter up and running, please contact Angela Grijalva at angela@saclegalprep.com.



Solano County Chapter

Meetings are held every SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH at A-1 DOCUMENT HELP, 1626 Tennessee St. Vallejo, CA 94590, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. RSVP to Carlo Perez, carlo@a1documenthelp.com, tel. 707-656-3212 or Judy Reyes, judy@reyesdocuments.com, tel. 800-921-2756.



Central Valley Chapter

The Chapter meets the third Thursday of the month at the Yosemite Falls Café, 5123 N. Blackstone Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710. Meetings are from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. For more information you can contact Robin Schumacher robinschumacherlda@gmail.com or Judy Locatelli at judy@judyslegaldocumentservice.com.



Los Angeles/Orange Chapter

Regular meetings are "bring your own lunch" monthly meetings with Judge Juhas. 111 North Hill Street, **9th Floor Cafeteria**, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please email Lois Isenberg at lois@divorcesos.com with your RSVPs (registration is a must - 25 attendee limit).

Accessing the CALDA Community Forum

Getting There

Log into the Members Only section of the CALDA website and choose **CALDA Community Forums**.

You will need to agree with the **Terms of Use** the first time you enter.

In the left hand column choose **Groups**.

Click on the group **All Active Members**. There are additional 'specialty' groups but All Active Members is the group that most announcements and discussions occur on.

To the right, underlined in green, choose **Join Group** – Once you have joined **All Active Members**, you may **Start a New Discussion**

To Post a Question

Now that you are in All Active Members (or any other group you've joined) you may read through prior posts or post your own question.

Click **Add Discussion** to start a new topic. This is a blue box, on the right side of your screen, midway down. Type in your question, it looks like email, and hit **Submit**.

Join Groups & Edit Your Settings

My Dashboard, on the left of the screen, will allow you to sign up for various content alerts, groups, etc.

Edit My Setting – Top left, under your name, you will find **Edit My Settings** – There is the subset **Notifications**, this is where you will set what you will types of notices you receive and how often you want to be notified. You should be preset to **Daily**. Everything else should be set to **On**.

Setting Your Alerts

My Content Alerts – We've created several categories of content (i.e. Estate Planning, Family Law, Legislation, etc.). You should sign up for an "alert" for every field you want to hear about. If you would like to receive notices as soon as they are posted to a discussion or

Changes for Notaries

Increase in Notary Public Fees

Fees changed from \$10 per signature per notary act to a maximum of \$15 per signature per notary act. Other changes are in effect for those notaries with respect to taking depositions and notaries who are also qualified and bonded immigration consultants. [more](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members

Brittnie Belansky

Michael Bennett

Myriam Bianco

Mary Billingsley

Tyler Bland

Daniell Bogard

Sherry Christopher

Andrew Decker

Michael Eicksteadt

Colleen Fitch

Brandie Frazier

Valerie Holder

Khanstoshea Johnson

Suzy Kay

Dr. James Lee Lawson

Joe Lim

Delvin Jerome Livingston

Anna Loveridge

Stacey Mack

Eva Metcalf

Ali Momeni

Christian Rico

James Riley

Gisele Rosa

Chester A Ruiz

Rachel A. Schock

Tracy Scott

Lajla Shackelford

James Staats

Chris Sturdivant

Shelley Williams