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Message from CRBA President



Dear CRBA members,

Welcome to the second issue of the new CRBA newsletter, where you can find all of the latest information about the organization and other relevant area news. This month we continue to highlight some of our members and leaders of the organization, as well as candidates in local political races that have earned the support of the CRBA. Be sure to also check out the recaps of our events which took place this past month, as well as upcoming events the CRBA and our ally organizations will be holding in the near future.

Also, things are definitely starting to heat up in the month of June, so to help you stay hydrated and beat the heat, we will be starting our new monthly Happy Hour meetings at a local bar/venue! This month's Happy Hour will take place at The Bank (629 J Street) on 06/16/22 at 6:00pm. No registration or RSVP is required and we encourage members to help spread the word to one another and potential future members. We hope to see you there!

Finally, the CRBA is diligently working on putting together our new Membership Directory for a quick, easy-to-access resource to help our members get to know more about and connect with one another. For now, at the end of each newsletter, you will find a list of all current members in good standing for year 2022. If you have not yet renewed your 2022 membership but wish to be included in the upcoming directory, please make sure to do so soon! Renewing your membership is quick and easy at our website: www.crbasacramento.com.

As always, *muchisimas gracias* to all of you for your support of the CRBA! Be sure to stay tuned as we enter the second half of 2022 for more exciting developments and events happening later this year!

Brian López
President
Cruz Reynoso Bar Association

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News & Announcements

Inaugural Unity Bar Summit 2022: Access to Justice

On May 21, 2022, the Unity Bar of Sacramento held its inaugural Unity Bar Summit hosted by UC Davis King Hall School of Law. In addition to a distinguished line-up of speakers and panelists, the Summit brought together over 100 key legal figures and leaders from throughout the state for a full-day program discussing topics such as forming diverse coalitions, collective action and advocacy, as well as improving opportunities for advancement for marginalized communities.

Insightful and reflective opening remarks from Dean **Kevin Johnson** greeted the attendees to start the day, followed by a video address from **Governor Newsom** highlighting the need to “embrace diversity while seeking common ground,” in line with the principles behind the Summit and the Unity Bar.

SCBA 2021 Attorney of the Year **Jessie Morris** served as the moderator of the Summit’s program, which included words of praise about the Unity Bar and the principles which it represents from both California Supreme Court Chief Justice **Tani Cantil-Sakauye**, as well as Associate Justice **Martin J. Jenkins**.

Additionally, Judge **Shama Mesiwala** of the Sacramento Superior Court sat on a panel discussing the Judicial Mentor Program and other initiatives to increase diversity on the bench, and Sacramento Unity Bar co-founder Judge **Renard Shephard** (Ret) served as a program panelist discussing the formation of our own Sacramento Unity Bar along with leaders from like-minded coalitions from the Bay and LA areas. Representatives from recently-formed Unity Bar organizations in Fresno, Visalia and San Joaquin counties also sat on a panel speaking to the process and benefits of formation they each have had.

The Summit ended with powerful closing remarks from Sacramento Unity Bar co-founder, Judicial Appointments Secretary **Luis Céspedes**, who urged further efforts towards embracing diversity and equality.

By the end of the day, it was clear that the message of unity had resonated with the attendees. A delegation from Orange County formed their own Unity Bar organization during the lunch hour, along with practitioners from the Calaveras, Sonoma, Marin and other regions commenting during the post-Summit discussion that they, too, were inspired and invigorated to return home to do the same.

Also by the day’s end, attendees were enthusiastic for more information about if and when there would be a Summit next year, highlighting the Summit’s impact and inspiration for many. To that end, plans are already underway for a Summit in 2023 and the CRBA looks forward to continuing to be a part of this next exciting chapter in Unity Bar history to advance and expand upon the successes towards equality and inclusion we have achieved through the collective strength and support of our own Sacramento Unity Bar.



PHOTO: Associate Justice Martin J. Jenkins, Secretary Luis Céspedes, Jessie Morris, and Judge Shama Mesiwala.

More photos on page 9.

Archive Exhibit about the Life and Legacy of Justice Reynoso at UC Davis Peter J. Shields Library



On May 26, 2022, the UC Davis Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, with Peter J. Shields' Library & the Marchand Public Engagement Initiative, held a ceremony entitled "Democracy By Participation: The Life and Legacy of Cruz Reynoso" to celebrate a new archival exhibit featuring documents, photos, articles and other memorabilia from and about Justice Reynoso. In addition to the exhibit, the student-run project (led by PhD student of History, **Daniel Castaneda**) also provided for the creation of a subject matter curriculum about Justice Reynoso's life for grade and high school students that will be distributed to teachers throughout California.

During the ceremony, **Len Reid Reynoso** and other members of the Reynoso family shared warm memories of Justice Reynoso, including the insight that Justice Reynoso's habit of saving things fortuitously allowed for an abundant body of materials in the form of literally hundreds of boxes of documents and other items collected throughout his life which helped contribute to the archive and exhibit. The exhibit itself contains items such as letters written by and to Justice Reynoso (including the infamous letter from a former judicial colleague accusing him of being a "professional Mexican"), campaign buttons and flyers, newspaper articles and editorial cartoons, event programs for speaking engagements, hand-written notes and doodles, a UFW flag used in a march with Cesar Chavez, as well as other historically significant and highly personal examples of the impact of Justice Reynoso's life and legacy, as well as his commitment towards social justice.

Housed on the first floor of the UC Davis main campus Peter J. Shields Library, the display is open to the public but will only be on display for a limited time. For any questions, please contact Jason Sarmiento with Archives and Special Collections at ajsarmiento@ucdavis.edu.

Nominations in the First & Second District Courts of Appeal, 11 Superior Court Appointments



From the June 3rd, 2022 announcement from the Office of the Governor: SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today announced his nominations of Judge **Hernaldo J. Baltodano** to serve as an Associate Justice of the Second District Court of Appeal, Division Six, and **Jeremy M. Goldman** to serve as an Associate Justice of the First District Court of Appeal, Division Four. The Governor also announced his appointment of 11 Superior Court Judges, which include five in Los Angeles County; four in San Diego County; one in Placer County; and one in Orange County.

To read the full announcement, please visit:

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/06/03/governor-newsom-announces-judicial-appointments/>



CRBA Panel Presentation: “You Can Be a Lawyer. Sí Se Puede!”

On May 14, UC Davis celebrated the life and legacy of César Chavez by hosting its annual UC Davis César Chavez Youth Leadership Conference. CRBA participated by offering two informational panel sessions entitled, “You Can Be a Lawyer! Sí Se Puede!”

PHOTO: CRBA President Brian López and CRBA Member Esmeralda Zendejas participating on a “You Can Be a Lawyer! Sí Se Puede!” panel discussion.

More photos on page 9.



Questions about the Mentorship Program may be directed to CRBA Treasurer Mayra Sandoval at email4mayra@yahoo.com

CRBA 2022 Mentorship Program

Last year’s CRBA Mentorship Program was a huge success, with many law students successfully paired with mentors.

CRBA is now accepting applications for the 2022 Mentorship Program.

Interested in being a mentor?

[Click here to submit a mentor application.](#)

Interested in being a mentee?

[Click here to submit a mentee application.](#)

CRBA Member Directory

We are reaching out to all of our current CRBA members in good standing to offer you the benefit and opportunity of joining our upcoming CRBA Membership Directory. The CRBA Membership Directory will be an easy-to-reference resource which includes useful information for potential referrals and contacts related to our members’ individual areas of practice and specialization. Additionally, the directory will allow our members to support attorneys and other legal professionals from our community who have also demonstrated support for the mission and goals of the CRBA. We believe this perk will be a valuable tool to promote and connect with one another based upon our individual areas of expertise and comes at no additional cost with your yearly CRBA membership.

If you are interested in being included on our CRBA Membership Directory, please use the link below to complete the questionnaire by **June 14, 2022**.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ0htbJuUKYFLATAN8qpzRAvgEcl-7ZGLyeRPqiyaXQ4Ln5Q/viewform>



If you have any questions, please email CRBA Secretary Victoria Fernandez at

victoriafernandez23@gmail.com

Upcoming CRBA Events

An Event to Honor Justice Patricia Guerrero: The First Latina on the California Supreme Court Coming Soon in 2022 (Date TBD)

We are happy to announce that Justice **Patricia Guerrero** has graciously and humbly accepted an invitation from CRBA to participate in an event hosted by our organization to celebrate her appointment, as well as to welcome her to the Court and the Sacramento area. We look forward to offering all of you an opportunity to welcome Justice Guerrero into this historic appointment as a judicial pioneer in our community.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available:

ORO (Gold) Sponsorship Level - \$2,000

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- Firm/business logo in pre-event advertisement and event program.



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**An Event to Honor
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*The First Latina on the
California Supreme Court*

Coming Soon in 2022 in Sacramento
Specific Date TBD, Location TBD

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CRBA Informal Happy Hour Series

June 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Join CRBA Board Members and other members for the first event of the CRBA Informal Happy Hour Series.

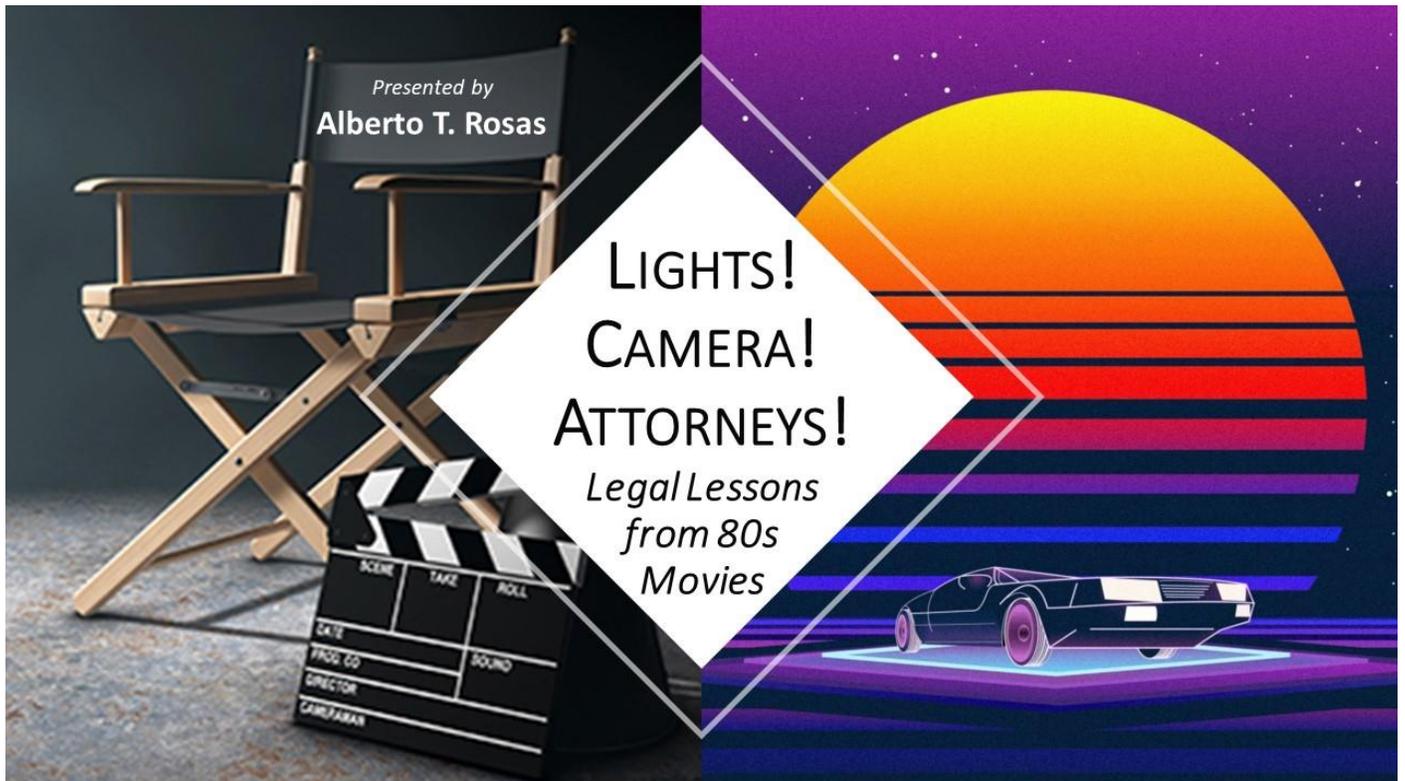
This month's Happy Hour will take place at **The Bank (629 J Street) on June 16, 2022, at 6:00 pm.**

No registration or RSVP is required, and we encourage members to help spread the word to one another and potential future members. We hope to see you there!

Lights! Camera! Attorneys!

Coming Soon (Date TBD)

CRBA Board Member **Alberto Rosas** presents this fun and informative presentation, which focuses on the legal lessons and nuggets of wisdom that you can learn from 80s movies. Through an engaging discussion of 80s blockbusters and fan-favorites, this MCLE presentation provides attendees with a cinematic montage about legal ethics, civility, and the practice of law. Although designed for law students and newer attorneys, audiences of all experience levels will enjoy this creative and exciting presentation. Come join CRBA and enjoy the show!



Unity Bar Reception
November 2022 (Date TBD)

This year, CRBA is the host organization for this annual event. We look forward to working together with our sister organizations for this annual event.

Our theme is *Día de los Muertos*. We will honor the memories of distinguished jurists and attorneys whom the legal community has lost in recent years.

We are looking for event sponsors and volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested, please contact CRBA Vice President Laura Neacato at Laura.Neacato@gmail.com



Political Endorsements



CRBA Endorses Karina Talamantes for Sacramento City Council

The CRBA offers our endorsement to Karina Talamantes to represent the residents of District 3 on the Sacramento City Council because of her proven experience, intellect, involvement and commitment to service throughout her career. As a young Latina public servant, business owner and education advocate, Karina has overcome adversity to excel with the motivation to help others do the same. With a range of experience including serving as Trustee for the Sacramento County Board of Education, a Chief of Staff at the city of Sacramento, and sitting on a number of boards and committees with the Sacramento Public Library, Sacramento State, UC Davis, among others, she has earned the respect and support of her community, her colleagues and our organization.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.karinatalamantes.org/>



CRBA Endorses Cynthia Rodriguez for Yolo County District Attorney

Cynthia Rodriguez is not the typical DA Candidate. Early in her career she worked as a Public Defender and since then has worked for employers ranging from the State Department of Corrections to the CA Department of State Hospitals and the CA Public Employees Retirement System. As a result of her years in both the Public Defender's office and the Department of Corrections and the work she has undertaken in various other positions, she gained a remarkable breadth of knowledge of issues associated with the criminal justice system. When she sought CRBA's endorsement, she underwent an interview in which she revealed her understanding of the issues that people of color in Yolo County face and the importance of "balance[ing] public safety, accountability, and the needs of the most vulnerable..." as her website states.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cynthia4yolocountyda.com/>



CRBA Endorses Noel Calvillo for Sacramento Superior Court Judge

Noel Calvillo is a past President of the La Raza Lawyers Association. He previously served on Sacramento County's Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board. He has been an attorney in Sacramento since 2008. Before he began practicing law, he held positions in the offices of Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante and Governor Gray Davis. He started his legal career in the Office of Legislative Counsel where he worked primarily in the Criminal Law Unit. He has been at the Public Defender's Office since 2012. Noel currently handles cases of youth facing transfer to adult court. He has argued juvenile matters before the Third District Court of Appeals and sponsored legislation regarding juvenile issues. Noel was recently appointed to the Pacific Juvenile Defense Center's Advisory Board.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.calvilloforjudge2022.com/>

Photo Album



UNITY BAR SUMMIT 2022

MAY 21, 2022 - UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW



Community Events



SUMMER SUCCESS: ADVICE FROM LEGAL LEADERS ON MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER INTERNSHIP

This webinar will provide advice on what to expect during your summer, do's and don't of a successful internship, and other tips to make the most of your summer.

Thursday,
June 9, 2022

12:00 pm -
01:00 pm

ZOOM



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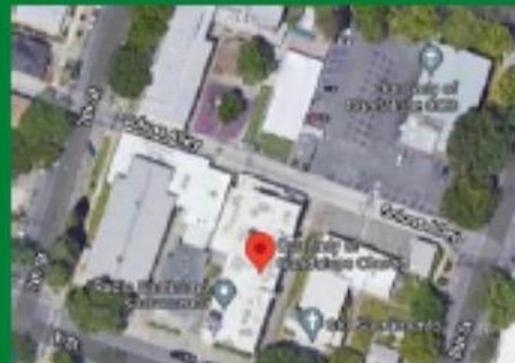
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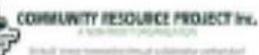
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In English & Spanish:

Saturday 6/11/22
6:00pm-8:00pm

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March with SacLegal at SacPride!!!

<https://www.saclegal.org/sacpride2022>

Sacramento Pride is back in person this year, and SacLegal will be marching!! Sign up [here](#) to march with us, as space is limited.

Pride March on Sunday, June 12th

- Kicking off at 11:00 am from Southside Park in downtown Sacramento
- The route is about 0.6 miles from Southside Park to 10th Street, and up to the Capitol.
- Supporters of all ages are welcome to march with us! Please sign up by June 8th.
- There is no cost to march, or to watch the parade.

Sacramento Pride Festival (June 11th & 12th) & Volunteer Opportunity

- The Pride Festival will be held on the Capitol Mall throughout the weekend. Tickets are required for admission to the Festival area, unless you [sign up as a volunteer](#). (Children under 12 are free)
- Tickets are [on sale now](#), and early-bird prices end May 20th.
- Please consider [volunteering for a shift](#) to support our friends at the Sacramento LGBT Center. Volunteers will receive complimentary admission to at least one day of the Festival, a SacPride t-shirt, and meals during their shift!
- To volunteer together as a group of 5 or more, email the Center's volunteer coordinator, Frederick, at H.Frederick@saccenter.org.

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Juneteenth

Saturday, June 18th, 9am-Noon
at Johnson-Springview Park



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Local vendors, entertainment
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Join us for a conversation about inclusion and equity, on the bench and in the law.



June 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Event

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Purchase tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrate-pride-with-justice-laurie-earl-and-judge-andi-mudryk-tickets-330813872197>



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Honoring Judge of the Year 2022



THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Check-in 5:30 pm • Reception 6 pm • Program starts at 7 pm

SHERATON GRAND HOTEL

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- \$100 SCBA Members
- \$125 Non SCBA Members
- \$90 Judges
- \$25 Law Students

(After August 12, 2022 individual ticket prices increase by \$10.)



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**For more information contact Barbara Souza at (916) 604-9667 or bsouza@sacbar.org



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15th Annual
Diversity Law Student Reception
September 10, 2022 1-4 pm in Davis
Tentatively in person and more details to come
REMARKS BY:
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Consuelo Callahan
Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye
Judicial Appointments Secretary Luis Céspedes



A poster for WLS Artefest 2022. The background is a dark, starry night sky. The text is centered and reads "WLS ARTEFEST 2022" in a large, serif font. Below this, it says "Save the Date" and "9.29.22-10.1.22" in a smaller, white serif font. The entire poster is framed by a thin white border.

WLS ARTEFEST 2022

Save the Date
9.29.22-10.1.22

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ABAS Annual Gala



OCTOBER — 27 — 2022

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Meet the Board

With each newsletter, we are providing you an opportunity to meet one of our CRBA Board Members. In this issue, we are honored to feature:



Alberto T. Rosas

Board Member

Joined CRBA Board in 2019

Alberto Rosas has served as an Administrative Law Judge with the State of California since 2017. He volunteers as a Temporary Judge for the Superior Court of California in the counties of Sacramento and Yolo. He was in private practice from 2010 to 2014 as an associate attorney at two Bay Area law firms; his practice involved general civil litigation with an emphasis on business law, real estate law, and trusts and estates litigation. In 2014, he joined the California Franchise Tax Board as a staff attorney. He serves on two other boards of directors: the Sacramento County Bar Association and the Yolo Conflict Resolution Center. In 2016, the San Francisco Minority Bar Coalition presented him with one of its annual Unity Awards, which are awarded to individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing the cause of diversity in the legal profession.

Dear CRBA Members:

We want to hear from you, and we want to celebrate your achievements in our newsletter. Please send us any noteworthy news and announcements, or information about upcoming events. Please keep it short (150 words or less). If you are interested in submitting news, announcements, or events for CRBA's newsletter, please contact CRBA President Brian López at Brian.Lopez@me.com

Employment Opportunities

Justice Patricia Guerrero seeks a Supreme Court Chambers Attorney (A-F) or Chambers Law Clerk (A-C).

Justice Patricia Guerrero is hiring an attorney to work in her chambers in the California Supreme Court — either a permanent chambers attorney or a term law clerk.

See posting: [Supreme Court Chambers Attorney \(A-F\) or Chambers Law Clerk \(A-C\)](#)

ALRB seeks to fill attorney positions.

There are some vacant attorney positions at the ALRB that can be based in either Sacramento or Visalia. Hybrid work is also available (remote part of the week). This is an excellent opportunity for people interested in a state job where they can help farmworkers and practice employment and labor relations law. Here is the posting for interested applicants:

<https://www.calcareers.ca.gov/CalHrPublic/Jobs/JobPosting.aspx?JobControlId=301587>

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