

**October 15, 2022**

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## **Message from CRBA President**



*Bienvenidos* to the October issue of the Cruz Reynoso Bar Association newsletter!

We were very happy to connect with those of you who were able to attend our event last month in honor of Justice **Patricia Guerrero**, our next Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court. For those of you who were not able to make it, please be sure to check out the article and pictures we have included beginning on page 2.

We are also pleased to announce that registration has opened for this year's annual Unity Bar Dinner taking place on November 10, 2022, at The Grand Ballroom! As this year's host organization, the CRBA has curated an exciting program showcasing Latin American culture, food and music for the enjoyment of our Sacramento legal community. More information (including registration and sponsorship opportunities) can be found on page 6. Also, please be sure to [secure your tickets](#) soon as they are limited!

We want to also encourage members to sign up for our 2022 Mentorship Program. In addition to current law students, mentee opportunities are also open to newer attorneys. For more information, please contact our Mentorship Program coordinator, CRBA Treasurer [Mayra Sandoval](#).

On behalf of the CRBA Board, thank you for your support and we hope to see you soon!

Brian López  
President  
Cruz Reynoso Bar Association

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FOR 2023!**

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# News & Announcements

## **Cruz Reynoso Bar Association & McGeorge Latinx Law Students Association's Event to Honor Justice Patricia Guerrero** September 22, 2022

On the evening of September 22, 2022, over 150 members of the legal and civic communities from Sacramento and neighboring regions gathered at McGeorge School of Law to attend the Cruz Reynoso Bar Association's ceremony in honor of Justice **Patricia Guerrero** of the California Supreme Court. Justice Guerrero holds the distinguished honor of serving as the Court's first Latina Associate Justice and next year will assume the role of the Court's first Latina Chief Justice following her confirmation by the Commission on Judicial Appointments this past August 2022.



An Event to Honor  
**Justice Patricia Guerrero**  
*The First Latina on the California Supreme Court*  
**September 22, 2022**  
**5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.**  
McGeorge School of Law  
3200 Fifth Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95817



Luis Céspedes  
Judicial Appointments Secretary  
Office of Governor Newsom

Hon. Ana de Alba  
Judge of the U.S. District Court  
Eastern District of California

Noemi Nuñez Esparza  
Partner  
Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood Campora

The event will include opening remarks by Secretary Céspedes, a panel discussion with Justice Guerrero and Judge de Alba moderated by Ms. Nuñez Esparza, and closing remarks by Justice Guerrero.

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Alberto T. Rosas  
Unity Bar of Kern County

## ***Justice Guerrero Event, Continued from Page 2***

Held in partnership with McGeorge’s Latinx Law Student Association (LLSA), the event program featured opening remarks from McGeorge School of Law Dean **Michael Hunter Schwartz**, LLSA President **Erika Cabrera**, and CRBA President **Brian López**. The program also included special remarks from Judicial Appointments Secretary **Luis Céspedes** from the Office of the Governor, who introduced the panel discussion portion of the program. Sitting on the panel with Justice Guerrero was Judge **Ana de Alba** of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California. Appointed by Senate confirmation in June 2022, Judge de Alba holds the special honor of being the first Latina judge at the federal Eastern District.

Led by moderator and CRBA Board Member **Noemi Nuñez Esparza**, the panel discussion offered both Justice Guerrero and Judge de Alba the opportunity to recount their experiences in pursuing a legal career and a path to the bench. With heartfelt and humorous candor, Justice Guerrero and Judge de Alba relayed their insight, advice, and words of encouragement to the audience. Although differing in their individual details, both spoke to their motivation in witnessing the adversity and sacrifices their family endured to offer them an opportunity to achieve their dreams, how they overcame their own hesitance in deciding to pursue a judicial position, and the immense responsibility they hold as judicial officers to ensure access to justice for all.

After a brief Q-and-A session with thoughtful questions from students, attorneys, and jurists in attendance, Justice Guerrero helped to close the ceremony with remarks which included a homage to Justice **Cruz Reynoso** and his legacy as the first Latino on the California Supreme Court. Justice Guerrero also emphasized the important role of



Noemi Nuñez Esparza, Justice Guerrero, Judge de Alba, and Brian López



ALJ Alberto Rosas, Victoria Fernandez, Judge de Alba, and Laura Neacato

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### ***Justice Guerrero Event, Continued from Page 3***

ethics and civility in fulfilling our duty as legal professionals to not only improve our system of justice, but also the society which we all share. In a warm gesture of encouragement and support, Justice Guerrero graciously invited attendees to reach out to her if they find themselves doubting their potential to achieve success in their legal career.

Following Justice Guerrero's remarks, the ceremony ended with celebratory awards presented to Justice Guerrero and Judge de Alba by CRBA President Brian López and LLSA President Erika Cabrera in honor of their tremendous achievements and inspiring accomplishments as trailblazing Latina jurists.

The CRBA extends its immense appreciation to all who were able to attend and to our sponsors of the event. We are proud and thankful to have been able to host this program for our community through your support!



Justice Guerrero and Judge Emily Vásquez (Ret.)



With founders of the Central Valley Unity Bar Association and the Kern County Unity Bar.



Judicial Appointments Secretary Luis Céspedes delivers special remarks

Justice Guerrero Event, Additional Photographs



[Additional photographs available here.](#)

# CRBA Hosts Unity Bar Dinner

November 10, 2022



from the Law Offices of Jerry L. Chong; and Judge **Renard Shepard** (Ret.). We are also thrilled to be presenting eight scholarships to local law students. We invite you to join us in celebrating diversity and inclusion in the Sacramento legal community.



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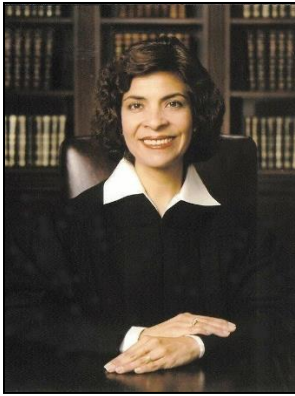
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**Consul General of Mexico  
in Sacramento Will Honor  
Judge Emily E. Vásquez (Ret.)  
with Ohtli Award**



Liliana Ferrer and Judge Vásquez (Ret.) at the CRBA *Defensora de Justicia* event, May 2022.

**October 20, 2022**

On the evening of May 5, 2022, the CRBA held its 2022 *Defensora de Justicia* event in honor of Judge **Emily E. Vásquez** (Ret.) at the General Consulate of Mexico in Sacramento. Judge Vásquez retired earlier this year after serving for over 20 years on the Sacramento County Superior Court as its first Latina judge. She received this award as our first *Defensora de Justicia* due to her life-long dedication to the ideals and mission of our organization, including service to one’s community, increasing access to

justice, and leadership as a legal professional.

[See CRBA’s May Newsletter.](#)

We are pleased to announce that on October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Consul General of Mexico in Sacramento will honor Judge Vásquez (Ret.) with the Ohtli Award, which is the Government of Mexico’s highest recognition to individuals that have opened pathways to Mexicans abroad, specifically in the United States.



*The Consul General of Mexico in Sacramento*

*Liliana Ferrer*

*cordially invites you to attend the **Ohtli Award Ceremony***

*Thursday, October 20th, 2022*

*5:30 pm – 7:30 pm*

*Honoring*

**Judge Emily E. Vasquez (Ret.)**

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*Consulate General of Mexico  
2093 Arena Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95834*

*Please R.S.V.P. at [imesac@sre.gob.mx](mailto:imesac@sre.gob.mx)*

***Business Attire***

***Personal Invitation – Not Transferable***

Due to COVID-19 admission is limited. Face masks are strongly recommended. Covid-19 Vaccination is required.



## ***Judge David De Alba Retires After 21 Years on the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento***



CRBA President presents *Defensor de Justicia* award to Judge De Alba, Jan. 2021.

On September 15, 2022, Judge **David De Alba** retired from the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento.

In 2021, the Cruz Reynoso Bar Association presented Judge De Alba with its *Defensor de Justicia* Award. The following was taken from CRBA's January 11, 2021 press release:

The Cruz Reynoso Bar Association ("CRBA") is honored to name Sacramento County Superior Court Judge David De Alba the 2021 recipient of the Defensor de Justicia Award. Judge De Alba joins the esteemed company of prior recipients **Xavier Becerra**, Dean **Kevin Johnson**, and, of course, Justice **Cruz Reynoso**.

Judge De Alba graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1976 and UCLA School of Law in 1979. After law school, Judge De Alba began a successful career with California's Office of the Attorney General, receiving the Attorney General's Award for Outstanding Achievement in 1999 and finishing his tenure as a Special Assistant Attorney General. He was also inducted into the prestigious American Board of Trial Advocates based on his accomplishments as a trial attorney.

Judge De Alba was appointed to the Sacramento County Superior Court in 2001. He became the Assistant Presiding Judge in 2016-2017 and the Presiding Judge in 2018-2019. Judge De Alba served as one of the few Latino Presiding Judges in the State. He has served on multiple committees on the Judicial Council of California and has also taught as an adjunct professor in law school and community college.

Judge De Alba received "Judge of the Year" awards from the Sacramento County Bar Association in 2011, the Latino Journal in 2011, and the Capital City Trial Lawyers Association in 2016.

As stated by his colleague on the bench, Sacramento County Superior Court Judge **Emily E. Vasquez**, "Judge De

Alba is an outstanding jurist who possesses an incisive mind and a strong commitment to access and fairness. Attorneys and litigants appearing before him know their matters will be promptly and fairly adjudicated by a judge who has a masterful knowledge of the law. He has a keen understanding of how the court's decisions affect the daily lives of people."

It is fitting that Judge De Alba receive the CRBA's Defensor de Justicia Award. He came to Sacramento in 1978 to intern for Justice Reynoso when Justice Reynoso served as Associate Justice in the Third Appellate District. He was also President of the CRBA's predecessor organization, La Raza Lawyers, in 1985-1986 and one of the CRBA's founders. But beyond this, Judge De Alba has been among this community's strongest advocates and exemplary role models for persons of color in the practice of law. Judge De Alba rose to prominence in a time where there were few lawyers of color in higher-level positions and exhibited excellence in his work. Since then, he has served as a mentor for dozens of persons of color entering the practice of law and seeking advancement, including on the bench.

Past Defensor de Justicia Award recipient Dean Kevin Johnson commented, "Judge De Alba, who comes from a family of immigrants from Mexico, served on the California Judicial Council, and dedicates much time to volunteer work. He is a friend of UC Davis School of Law, supporting our faculty, students, and staff. I can think of no better recipient of the 2021 Defensor of Justicia award."

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Please join us in congratulating Judge De Alba on his retirement after 21 years of judicial service. We wish him continued excellence as he begins his new chapter as a private mediator and arbitrator.

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## ***CRBA Vice President Joins Delfino Madden***

**Laura Neacato** (CRBA Vice President) has joined Delfino Madden O'Malley Coyle & Koewler LLP as an associate for the firm's general litigation practice group. Laura joins Delfino Madden after completing five years with the Eastern District of California as a judicial law clerk.

Please join us in congratulating Laura on her new position.  
*¡Felicidades, Laura!*



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## ***CRBA Informal Happy Hour Series***

The CRBA Informal Happy Hour Series is off to a great success. The first event in the Happy Hour series took place at The Bank on June 16, 2022. The second event was held jointly with SacLEGAL and took place at Drake's The Barn on July 21, 2022. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Our next Happy Hour is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, November 17, 2022**, at The Bank. We look forward to seeing you at our future Happy Hour events.

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## ***CRBA Member Directory***

We want to thank all current CRBA members in good standing who expressed an interest in 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.

Please be on the lookout for the CRBA Membership Directory. We plan to issue it soon.



If you have any questions, please email CRBA Secretary Victoria Fernandez at [victoriafernandez23@gmail.com](mailto:victoriafernandez23@gmail.com)



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## **Judicial Mentorship Program for Appellate Courts Goes Statewide**

[See September 22, 2022 News Release.](#)

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## CRBA Board Member Joins 2 Local Law Schools

During the 2023 Spring term, Administrative Law Judge **Alberto Rosas** (CRBA Board Member) will join the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, as an Adjunct Professor of Law. He will teach “The Legal Profession,” a course that provides first-year students with the knowledge, skills, and qualities that are essential to a successful career in the law.

During the Spring term, he will also join UC Davis, King Hall, as a Visiting Lecturer. He will teach “Lawyering Process,” a course that introduces first-year students to different types of interactive skills needed for effective litigation and transactional work.

Please join us in congratulating Alberto. ¡Felicidades, Profesor!



Questions about the Mentorship Program may be directed to CRBA Treasurer Mayra Sandoval at [email4mayra@yahoo.com](mailto:email4mayra@yahoo.com)

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## CRBA Mentorship Program

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

CRBA is accepting applications for its 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.](#)

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## Governor Newsom Announces 2 Judicial Appointments in Sacramento County

CRBA congratulates Satnam Rattu and Phillip Ferrari on their appointments to the Sacramento County Superior Court. [See October 7, 2022 News Release.](#)



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## Disability Bar Association of Sacramento

Sacramento County Superior Court Judge **Andi Mudryk** is interested in helping form a new entity, to be part of the Unity Bar, for attorneys with disabilities and their allies. If you are interested in participating in this effort, please contact Judge Mudryk at [MudrykA@saccourt.ca.gov](mailto:MudrykA@saccourt.ca.gov) or (916) 875-1953. Please also spread the word to anyone who might be interested.

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## Employment Opportunities

**Public Utilities Commission** seeks [Attorneys \(Multiple\)](#). Closes on 10/21/2022. (Contact Alberto Rosas w/ questions.)

**Sacramento Superior Court** seeks [Research Attorneys – Legal Research Civil Unit \(3 Positions\)](#). Closes on 10/27/2022.

**Agricultural Labor Relations Board** seeks [Attorney \(1 position\)](#) and [ALJs \(2 positions\)](#). Open until filled.

**California Judicial Branch Careers.** No current positions available. [Visit their website for future postings.](#)

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## Political Endorsements

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### **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/>

Karina Talamantes  
for  
Sacramento  
City Council

Join us!  
Saturdays & Sundays  
Option 1: 10am to 1:30pm  
Option 2: 3pm to 6:30pm

Location provided on rsvp

Karina  
TALAMANTES  
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### **CRBA Endorses Eric Guerra for Assembly**

After vetting **Eric Guerra**, the recommendation of CRBA's Political Affairs Committee (PAC) stated, in part: "The committee was impressed with Eric's understanding of the major policy issues affecting the state. He has worked in the Legislature for over a dozen years and will be able to hit the ground running. He is committed to promoting environmental justice and addressing climate change. One of his main priorities will be to reduce the homeless population and enhance job opportunities for low-income residents. He has expressed a commitment to working with our organization to tap the wealth of knowledge of our members in developing solutions to issues affecting the Latino community, among others. He has an interesting family background rooted in the immigrant experience, and is an electrical engineer by profession."

CRBA's PAC recommended that the CRBA endorse the election of Eric Guerra to office as an Assembly member. A majority of the board voted to approve the recommendation of the PAC and that endorsement has been communicated to the candidate.

We encourage you to become involved in the election contest both financially and by volunteering. For more information, please visit: <https://www.electericguerra.com/>



# Upcoming CRBA Events

## 2022 Unity Bar Dinner

Hosted by the Cruz Reynoso Bar Association  
 Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento  
 Leonard M. Friedman Bar Association  
 Sacramento Filipino American Lawyers Association  
 South Asian Bar Association of Sacramento  
 SacLegal, Sacramento's LGBTQ+ Bar Association  
 Wiley Manuel Bar Association  
 Women Lawyer's of Sacramento



### Día de Los Muertos

*A Night of Remembrance, Celebration, and Community*

Thursday, November 10, 2022 at The Grand Ballroom, 1215 J Street, Sacramento  
 Registration 5:30 p.m. Program 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Cultural attire welcomed*

*No Host Bar - Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m.*



### Keynote Speaker

Hon. Ana de Alba

U.S. District Court Judge,  
 Eastern District of California



Jerry Chong  
 Law Offices of  
 Jerry L. Chong



Judicial Appointments  
 Sec. Luis Céspedes  
 Office of the Governor



Judge Renard  
 Shepard (Ret.)

### Special Remarks by Unity Bar Founders

### Tickets

*Tickets are Limited, Please Purchase Early*

Early Bird pricing through 10/14

Early Bird General \$80  
 Early Bird Student \$25  
 Regular General \$90  
 Regular Student \$35

*Purchase tickets online:*

<https://2022UnityBarDinner.eventbrite.com>

### Event Sponsors

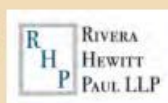
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#### Cobre (Copper)

Alberto T. Rosas

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Law Office of Stephanie J. Finelli

To Sponsor, please contact Laura Neacato at [laura.neacato@gmail.com](mailto:laura.neacato@gmail.com)

# 2022 Unity Bar Dinner Sponsorship Opportunities

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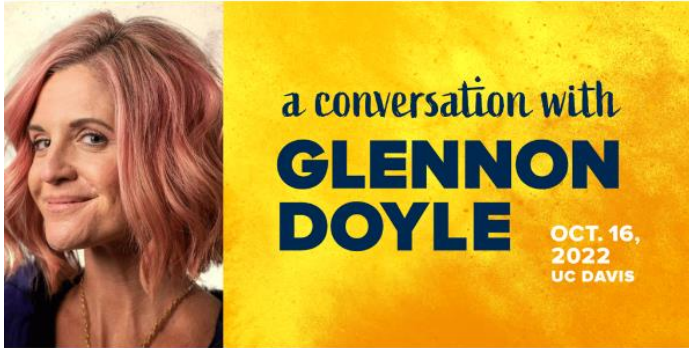
For those looking to give more, contact us for more sponsorship opportunities.

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# Community Events Bulletin Board



UC DAVIS



Sunday, October 16, 2022  
1 p.m. PDT  
Mondavi Center, UC Davis



Please join

Consumer Attorneys of California  
and the Latino Legal Community

for an event in support of

**Eric Guerra**  
for State Assembly

Monday, October 17, 2022  
6:00 to 7:30pm

Hosted by Sacramento Mayor Darrell & Julie Steinberg  
(address provided upon RSVP; limited to 30 guests)

Co-chair \$4,900 \* Champion \$2,500 \* Sponsor \$1,000 \* Ticket \$500

<https://secure.anedot.com/8F74c8e1-8d04-4639-b4a8-aae496fd7f47/cacsteinberg>

Make checks payable to:

Eric Guerra for Assembly 2022 (FPPC ID No. 1443246)  
1121 L Street, Suite 211, Sacramento, CA 95814

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

To RSVP, or if you have questions, please contact [Connie@SandersEmerson.com](mailto:Connie@SandersEmerson.com)

The CA Political Reform Act (Prop 13) places limits on contributions to candidates for state office and imposes certain prohibitions. This report does not seek a contribution in excess of applicable limits or from prohibited sources. An individual, union, PAC, and other entities may contribute a maximum of \$2,000 to the committee per election, primary and general. A registered fund distribution committee may contribute a maximum of \$5,000 per election. Contributions are not deductible for tax purposes. Paid for by Eric Guerra for Assembly 2022, FPPC #1443246.



## 45th Annual MBC UNITY AWARDS

Honoring leaders from our 50 member organizations



Wednesday, November 9, 2022  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Golden Gate University School of Law  
536 Mission St. San Francisco, CA 94105

Tickets: [minoritybarcoalition.eventbrite.com](https://minoritybarcoalition.eventbrite.com)



[minoritybarcoalition.weebly.com](https://minoritybarcoalition.weebly.com)



## Latina Leadership Academy

NOVEMBER 4, 2022

12 pm - 5 pm

FARELLA BRAUN + MARTEL  
235 MONTGOMERY ST.  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Justice Patricia Guerrero



Justice Patricia Guerrero was sworn in as an associate justice of the California Supreme Court in March 2022. She is the first Latina to serve on the state's high court. She previously served as an associate justice at the Fourth District Court of Appeal since 2017 and as a San Diego County Superior Court judge from 2013 to 2017. In August 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom nominated Justice Guerrero to serve as the next Chief Justice of California. If elected by voters, she will be the first Latina to serve as California's Chief Justice.

PANELISTS



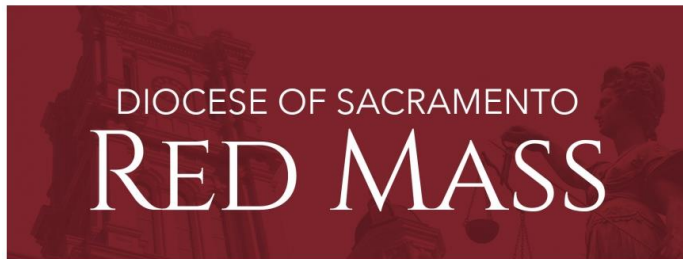
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THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION  
**Annual Bench and Bar Award Dinner  
 Tickets**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2022 (All Souls)  
 Annual Red Mass & Dinner  
 Mass at 5:15pm**

The Red Mass is a Catholic Mass held at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 Eleventh Street. Following the Mass will be a Bench and Bar Award Dinner, with presentation of the Diocesan St. Thomas More Award to Judge **Steven M. Basha**, Yolo County Superior Court (Ret.). The dinner will be held at the Sutter Club, 1220 Ninth Street, Sacramento, at approximately 7:00pm.

[Tickets available here.](#)

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In addition, the 40th Annual Red Mass of the St. Thomas More Society of Los Angeles will take place on **October 26, 2022**, at 5:30pm. [Registration available here.](#)



**The Superior Courts of Sacramento, Yolo, and El Dorado are accepting applications for mentees in the Judicial Mentor Program.**

Local attorneys are paired with judges to:

- Help demystify the judicial appointment process
- Answer questions about application and vetting procedures
- Suggest new skills and experiences to improve suitability for appointment

Last year's mentees say:

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## Meet the Board

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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:



### **Eduardo Garnica**

#### **Board Member**

*Joined CRBA Board in 2022*

Eduardo Garnica was admitted to the California State Bar in 2017. In 2020, he founded Garnica Law Office, PC. The firm helps people who do not have a voice in the U.S. legal system. The firm represents clients in immigration and criminal matters. Eduardo received a B.A. from the University of the Pacific and a J.D. from the University of California, Davis.

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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](mailto:Brian.Lopez@me.com).

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## **CRBA 2023 Membership Drive**

CRBA membership operates on a calendar year. As we enter the fourth quarter of calendar year 2022, CRBA is proud to launch its 2023 Membership Drive.

### ***Are you a current member?***

See the list of 2022 CRBA Members on the last page. If you are a 2022 Member, please renew early and be one of the first Members listed in our 2023 newsletter, which will be released in January 2023.

### ***Not a member?***

If you are not a CRBA member, we hope you will become a member soon. New members who join now during the fourth quarter (Oct. to Dec. 2022) will receive membership through the end of 2023.

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