

Calaveras County Bar Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
12:00 – 1:00 PM
Pickle Patch, San Andreas

Present: Travis Owens, Jim Hildreth, Jay Pink, Susan Hibbs, Theresa Haefele, Sally Chenault, Danielle Chenault, and Michael Hatfield.

Jay Pink brought the meeting to order.

Business:

Scholarships:

Jay provided a list of scholarship applications. Group decided to choose a student with a 3.0 -3.9 grade point average to give some of the students a better chance at earning a scholarship. Two students were selected.

Beverly Hills Bar Association:

They have offered a membership offer to the group which would allow us to utilize their MCLE programs. Up to 25 hours of MCLE for free to each bar member, with a cap that we will never reach. Extra hours can be purchased for a minimal fee.

Pro Bono Tax Write Off Proposal:

Mike presented a proposal to see about lobbying the state legislature to give a \$15,000 tax write off for rural area attorneys that provide pro bono services for the needed. Much like the legal services clinics in the major cities that receive grants from the government to operate. Jay made a motion for Mike to proceed in finding interest with other bars about lobbying for this type of tax benefit. All agreed but one.

Ken Folley:

Jim Hildreth suggested the bar send a card to Ken Folley to let him know the bar was thinking about during his loss of his wife.

Local Rule 3.3.7 regarding Tentative Rulings:

Judge Sanders wants to be sure everyone one is putting the required notice on their Motions.

Law School Invitations:

Suggestion was made to speak with local law schools in Sacramento and Stockton to encourage graduating students to consider going into private practice and opening law offices in Amador & Calaveras Counties. Bar members will be willing to offer mentorship and possibly office space for rent to help get them started and offer referrals as well.

Next meeting scheduled for 12:00 PM, July 22, 2026 at Pickled Porch, Angels Camp.