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#### **What Have We Been Up To? Recent Events**

#### **Celebrating the Lunar New Year!**

#### **Feature: Black History Month and the B.L.M. Movement**

### **SFLPA Loves Its Members!**

**By Judy Nakaso and Kate Cochran, Co-Editors**

Welcome, February, and welcome new SFLPA members! SFLPA is grateful to all who have joined us recently, and we're excited to SOAR to new heights together as we share opportunities to learn, to network, and just to have more fun together.

This month, we reflect with gratitude on the friendships we share that have blossomed and strengthened through SFLPA. Here's to many more years of building connections and friendships. We're so grateful to the Board and love our superhero crew!



# San Francisco Legal Professionals Association 2021-2022 Elected Officers



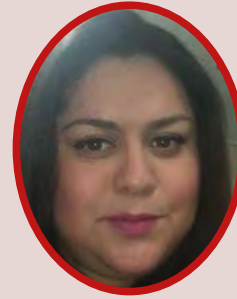
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**FRANCIE SKAGGS, CCLS**




Dear Members:

February is a special month. Not only do we have Valentine's Day and Black History Month, but this year we started off February 1 with Lunar New Year, Year of the Tiger.

On February 22, we will have a Brown Bag entitled "Why Do So Many Companies Incorporate in Delaware?" with guest speaker Lindsey Mignano, Esq. of Smith Shapourian Mignano PC. We are also having our SFLPA Café on February 17 hosted by Vice President Jenny Ha. The SFLPA Café is something Jenny put together so our members can unwind and socialize. There's no agenda, except to enjoy your favorite beverage and chat or just hang out.

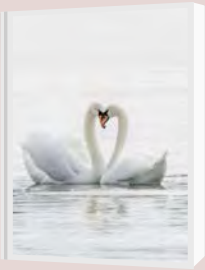
On March 15, we will have our Annual Elections Meeting. The Nominations Committee has reached out to our members to inquire whether any of you are interested in running for office. Serving on the SFLPA Board has been an amazing and flourishing experience for me. I have also watched others grow immensely when serving on the Board. There are things that you cannot learn outside of serving on a Board and being part of a team that helps educate and elevate others in their profession. It has been an honor and such a rewarding experience.



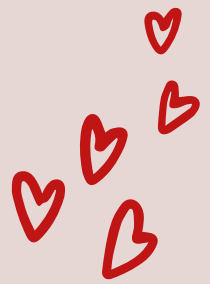
*Hear Ye, Hear Ye!* This is a call for nominations for anyone who would like to serve on the Board. Our annual election meeting will be March 15th. The elected offices of **PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, and GOVERNOR** are open to all interested SFLPA members. Contact the Nominations Committee to find out more:

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- Sally Mendez ([Mendez.Sally@gmail.com](mailto:Mendez.Sally@gmail.com))
- Lorri Nicolini ([lnicolini@wsgr.com](mailto:lnicolini@wsgr.com))





# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D.



Our SFLPA Members are also able to take advantage of the Legal Professionals, Inc. ("LPI") educational and training opportunities. The Beginning Legal Secretaries Training Course, which many office managers have requested, will start March 1. For this and many other upcoming events, go to the LPI website at: <https://www.legalprofessionalsinc.org/events/>.

February means baseball season is just around the corner. I am looking forward to watching the Giants at Oracle Park this summer. In honor of Black History Month, I would like to take time to remember one of the most beloved Giants of all time, No. 44, William "Stretch" McCovey. He was also sometimes known as "Willie Mac" and sometimes the "Gentle Giant" standing at 6'4". Regardless of his race, Willie McCovey was an amazing player, helping take the Giants to the 1962 World Series against the Yankees. He played alongside other Black legends such as Willie Mays and, sadly, experienced discrimination when he was unable to join the rest of his team at the time in Shreveport, LA because of segregation laws in that city. I am so proud that I work in a city whose team honors this famous left-hander. I'm sure if he was around today, he would be hitting the ball into beyond right field into the little section of the Bay that was named after him, McCovey Cove!

Hopefully, soon, SFLPA will be able to bring back one of our popular events -- watching the Giants at Oracle Stadium as we have done in the past.

I hope everyone has a wonderful February and continues to enjoy the beautiful spring-like weather we have been experiencing lately.



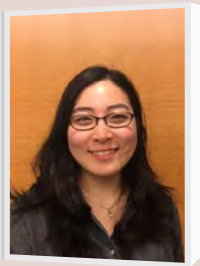
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# VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**JENNY HA**



Hello SFLPA,

Happy Black History Month! Happy (Belated) Lunar New Year! Happy Valentine's Day!

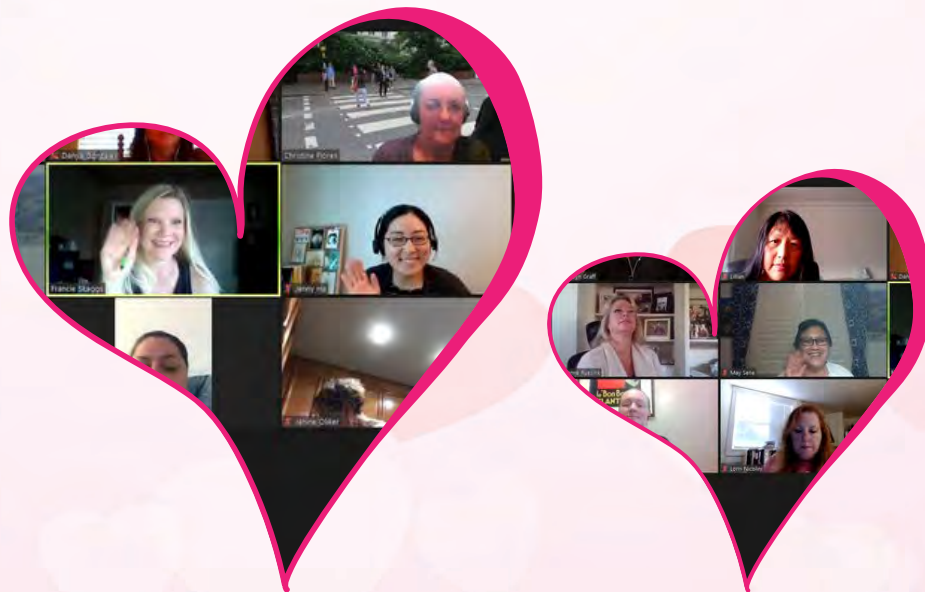
Our February coffee hour will be on Thursday, February 17 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. We'll have an optional Valentine's dress code so feel free to join us in your favorite red or pink outfit, and tell us about anything and everything you love!

Please RSVP by emailing [vicepresident@sflpa.org](mailto:vicepresident@sflpa.org) by Wednesday, February 16. I will circulate the virtual meeting link to the RSVP list on the morning of the 17th.

Stay well.

Best regards,

Jenny Ha

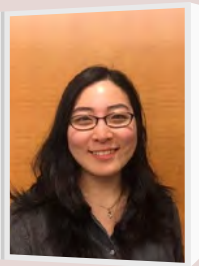


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# VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT JENNY HA



## Membership Statistics

Below is our current membership composition, as of February 8, 2022:

Membership Class	Membership Type		
	Renewal	New	Total (per Membership Class)
Active	37	10	47
Associate	1	1	2
Student	0	0	0
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# SFLPA Out and About Photos



**President Francie Skaggs, CCLS and family cheer for the 49ers football team.**



**Eric Cervantes roots for his favorite team with Chase and Tulip. Go Niners!**



# SF LPA Out and About Cont'd.



Izzy Cervantes by Polk Street art in San Francisco.



Year of the Tiger art in Union Square, San Francisco.



Heidi Chao saw the new Spiderman movie with Interclub Chair Lillian Wong.



President Francie Skaggs, CCLS and Website Chair Kristen Craig-Reed.



# SFLPA Out and About Cont'd.



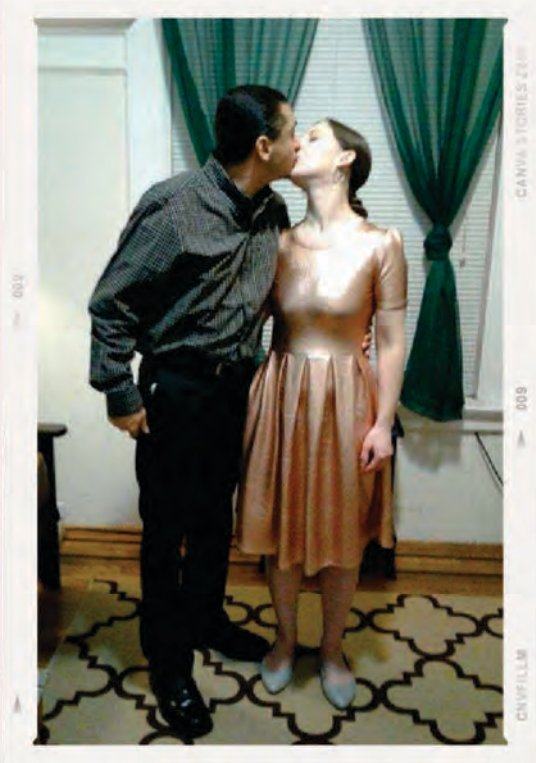
**The hall was filled at the SCCLPA's 11th Annual Crab Feed - it was a sold-out event!**



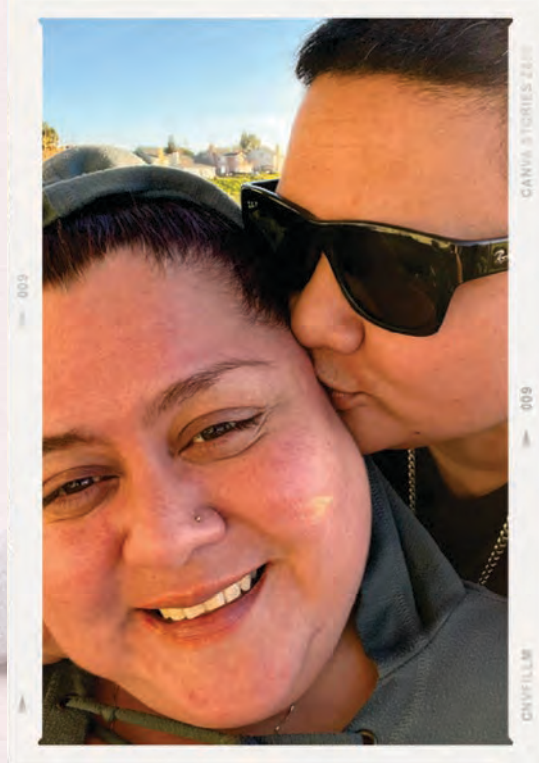
**What a spectacular sunset over Mount Tamalpais in Marin County, CA.**



# SFLPA Out and About Cont'd.



Co-Editor Kate Cochran and Eric Cervantes celebrated 15 years of marriage.



Rae Peres steals a kiss from Treasurer Sally Mendez.



Grab Some Crab bibs were passed out at the SCCLPA's 11th Annual Crab Feed.



SCCLPA Treasurer Rod Cardinale announces silent auction winners with his daughter and her boyfriend.





## MEMBERSHIP

Established in 1934, Legal Professionals Inc., also known as “LPI,” is a nonprofit, mutual benefit corporation organized for the purposes of providing educational, professional, and personal development programs to its members.

Membership is open to anyone within the legal profession. In addition to legal support professionals, the membership includes court clerks, court reporters, paralegals, legal assistants, legal administrators, banking/trust department personnel, legal support vendors, and attorneys.

Local associations, located throughout the state, offer monthly educational and professional programs. Many sponsor lunchtime learning, evening, and weekend long-term educational workshops.

### Advantages of LPI Membership:

- Continuing education and professional development
- Local association educational meetings
- Networking with other legal professionals
- *The Legal Secretary* magazine (published quarterly)
- Benefits available to members on an individual basis:
  - Discounts on LPI’s Rutter Group publications
  - Financial consulting
  - Disability income plan
  - Long-term care plan
  - Medical plan
  - Credit union memberships
  - Rental car discounts

### LPI Conferences:

Conferences are held May, August, November, and February at various locations throughout California. Continuing educational seminars and workshops are offered at each conference, conducted by respected attorneys, judges, and educators. Updated materials are provided for each workshop.

### Membership-At-Large:

There are over thirty associations within the State of California. Legal professionals may join LPI as a Member-at-Large if a local association is not within a reasonable distance. Members-at-Large are eligible for all of the benefits of membership, but joining LPI through a local association provides instant access to the benefits of the local association as well as LPI.

### LPI Publications:

*Legal Professional’s Handbook* – This best-selling, two-volume publication sets out procedures and forms in most areas of law in a clear, concise manner.

*Law Office Procedures Manual* – This publication, an excellent training tool, contains completed Judicial Council forms, procedural guidelines and a glossary formulated for legal procedure.

*Legal Secretary’s Reference Guide* – The essential, handy desk reference guide for busy legal professionals.

*The Legal Secretary* – This quarterly magazine, published by LPI and distributed to all members, contains educational and professional development articles from LPI officers, chairmen, members, and guests.

### LPI Programs:

California Certified Legal Secretary – Become more valuable in your office, maintain and increase your skills, gain more confidence, earn more respect, and achieve greater financial security by achieving certification through the CCLS program. Online study courses are offered.

Legal Specialization Sections – Further your legal education by joining one or all of the Legal Specialization Sections: Civil Litigation, Criminal/Family Law, Law Office Administration, Probate/Estate Planning, Federal Law, and Specialty Law. Classes are offered free to members at each LPI conference, as well as online. Members receive a statewide roster of counterparts and quarterly newsletters.

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*What have we been up to?*



SCCoLPA's Pam Stallings and friend really got into the crab feed spirit!



## Recent Events

### SCCoLPA 11th Annual Crab Feed

**By Lorri Nicolini, CCLS, Secretary**

There was food, libations, fun, laughter, networking, music, dancing, a silent auction, fancy hats, and crab, so much crab—450 pounds of it, to be exact! What was this, you ask? It was the 11th Annual Santa Clara County Legal Professionals Association (SCCoLPA) Crab Feed held on Saturday, February 5, 2022, in Cupertino. The sold-out networking and fundraising event, which gets bigger and more elaborate each year, was back in full swing this year and none worse for having to take COVID precautions such as mask-wearing and attention to numbers of attendees.

This was my first interclub event and my first crab feed in many years. It did not disappoint. The evening started with socializing, including complimentary wine and beer and non-alcoholic alternatives. It was a family event attended by not only legal professionals, but also their significant others and children. A DJ played Top 40 hits throughout the night, adding to the festive atmosphere. About half an hour in, we sat down to the first course of plentiful salad, pasta, and garlic bread in eager anticipation of the main dish—fresh crab. The main course was brought out on large platters that were gobbled up quickly. Never fear, though, each table was equipped with a red flag that could be waved to summon a “waiter” with more crab—a seemingly endless supply.





# What have we been up to?

## SCCoLPA 11th Annual Crab Feed (cont'd.)

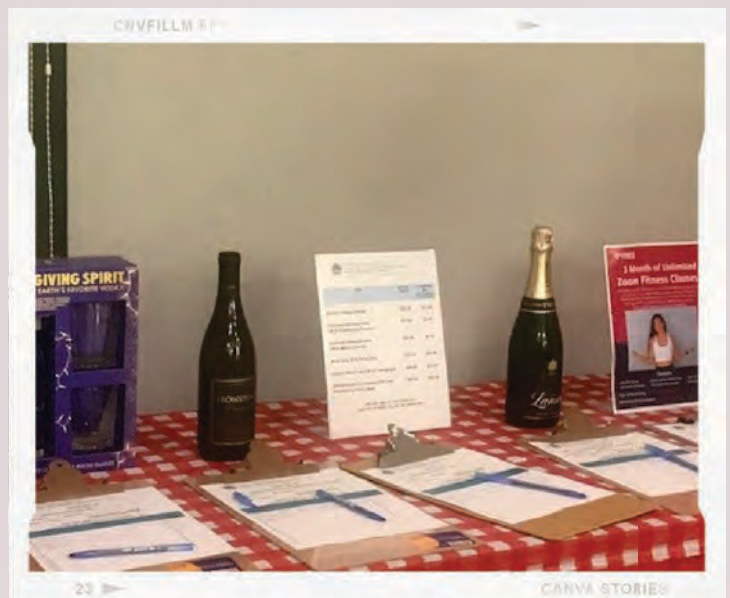


I learned that some of the regulars take this event very seriously—there were people that brought their own utensils to crack the crab, and others who donned elaborate crab hats, really getting in the spirit of the night. When the feasting was over, we were treated to a delicious dessert of cake and coffee and encouraged to check out the silent auction. SCCoLPA's generous donors donated a wide variety of silent auction prizes from Sharks ticket packages to gift baskets to merchandise to gift cards. The bidding was furious, but all in good fun. By my unofficial estimate, the silent auction netted nearly \$1,500 for SCCoLPA.

The evening ended with dancing to the Cupid Shuffle, among other dances, and good wishes for all. Kudos to Rod Cardinale, SCCoLPA Treasurer; Sheryl Boardman, SCCoLPA President; and all the dedicated volunteers for making this annual event a success. I am sure I will be back next year sporting my bright red crab attire.



People waved red flags when they wanted more crab delivered to their tables.



The silent auction contained a diverse offering of prizes.

*What have we been up to?*



Riders with the Black Cowboy Association at the parade.



## El Cerrito Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

**By Judy Nakaso, Co-Editor**

Last month, I was fortunate to participate with the Contra Costa Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) in the City of El Cerrito's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. parade. It was a small motorcade parade with about 25-35 cars and about 75 people, compared to pre-pandemic numbers of about 150 people marching on foot, but it was still big enough to have police directing traffic as our cars paraded from the Richmond Del Norte BART station to the El Cerrito BART station.

When I arrived at the Del Norte BART parking lot, I was put in line with other cars and my Subaru was decorated with festive streamers and JACL signs. The parade organizers provided donuts and enthusiasm. There's nothing like a glazed donut to bring a little lift to my body and spirit! I watched as cars carrying other community groups filled the parking lot. This was a family and friends event.

My favorite group was the Black Cowboy Association, a not-for-profit organization, whose purpose is to enlighten children and adults with the contributions of people of color in the settling of the West. They had male and female riders on decorated horses and this year they brought a cute pony that was happily chewing the weeds at the BART station.





*What have we been up to?*

## El Cerrito MLK, Jr. Day Parade (cont'd.)

I enjoyed honking my horn, waving to people on the street who came to watch the parade. We even received support from honking cars with waving drivers going in the opposite direction on San Pablo Avenue. That's what I call unity! After the parade ended, there were speakers in the El Cerrito Plaza BART parking lot talking about a better future. The spirit of the parade was uplifting, and gave me hope and appreciation for the next generation of activists and their vision of a more equal world.

It was a wonderful experience to share this time with not just old friends, but a greater community of strangers building new friendships and coming together for such an important cause. Everyone was aligned to support and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy on his birthday. The Dream lives on!



Co-Editor Judy Nakaso with Contra Costa Japanese American Citizens League.



Bill Sato, wearing a Never Again shirt, with Mary Ann Furuichi.



# SFLPA Coffee Hour



Come to our virtual café  
to decompress, mingle, and/or  
work on a personal project

Thurs, Feb 17  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

RSVP with [vicepresident@sflpa.org](mailto:vicepresident@sflpa.org) by  
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### February

2/15 - LALSA Spotlight On Appeals  
2/17 - LPI Webinar: Life Insurance  
2/21 - President's Day  
2/22 - SFLPA Brown Bag: DE Incorporation

2/23 - LPI Webinar: Table of Contents/Authorities  
2/25-27 - LPI Third Quarterly Conference  
2/26 - LSS Seminars (Stockton in-person or Zoom)  
2/28 - SDLSA San Diego Superior Court Updates

### March

3/1 - SFLPA Board Meeting  
3/1-4/12 - LPI CA Discovery Overview  
3/1-4/26 - LPI Beg. Legal Secretary Training  
3/2 - CCCLPA Excel 101 Learning the Basics

3/15 - SFLPA Membership/Election Meeting  
3/22 - SFLPA Brown Bag  
3/28 - SDLSA Membership/Election Meeting

### April

4/5 - SFLPA Board Meeting  
4/6 - CCCLPA Civil Case Life Style

4/26 - SFLPA Brown Bag

All SFLPA events are posted on our website. You will also find some of the flyers published in this issue. Please visit us at [www.sflpa.org](http://www.sflpa.org) and click on the Events tab.

We also encourage you to visit LPI's website at [www.legalprofessionalsinc.org](http://www.legalprofessionalsinc.org) to keep up with all the educational webinars, other local association events, and information on upcoming LPI Conferences.



SFLPA honors and celebrates

## LUNAR NEW YEAR



Click below to learn about:

[An effort to make Lunar New Year a federal holiday](#)

[How different Asian communities celebrate the Lunar New Year in February, or April. Join Oakland Asian Cultural Center's celebration in person and online](#)

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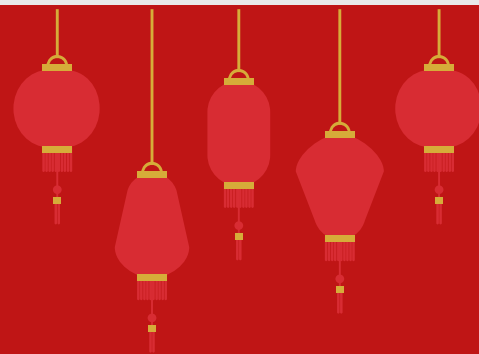
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# Chinese Lunar New Year

May Sene  
Executive Advisor



Celebrating the Lunar New Year each year plays a large and important part in my Chinese family heritage and culture. This year's Lunar New Year began on February 1st and may be celebrated for up to 15 days depending on what country you live in. The Lunar New Year's celebration traditionally begins on New Year Eve with a beloved family reunion dinner enjoying a scrumptious feast together. No matter where you live, this is the one most important occasion to visit and catch up with family and to show respect to your elders by visiting them. The bonus of such visits is, of course, getting those pretty red envelopes with lucky money from our parents! The celebrations in China end with the Lantern Festival on the 15th day of the Lunar New Year.

All of the traditional and bountiful Lunar New Year dishes include food that has many symbolism. These delectable dishes may include steamed fish (*the Chinese word means surplus and abundance*), steamed rice cakes and turnip cakes (*the Chinese word for cake "gao" means growth for the new year*), and sweet rice balls stuffed with sesame paste or red bean paste (*symbolizes unity and family togetherness*). Most Chinese families lay out candy boxes in their homes containing sweet treats such as candied lotus roots, coconut strips, and White Rabbit candies (and roasted red seeds) for their beloved guests. Most Chinese homes also have displays of pomelo (*symbolizes abundance, prosperity, and family unity*) and Mandarin oranges (*Chinese word "kam" which sounds like gold which symbolizes prosperity*). It is best to purchase the Mandarin oranges with the stems and leaves intact for wishing family and friends a long, fertile life. Aside from the Chinese, the Lunar New Year is also celebrated in Korea (*known as "Seollal"*) and Vietnam (*known as "Tet"*).

*Feature Article*

# Chinese Lunar New Year (cont'd.)



This year, we celebrate the Year of the TIGER! The tiger is the 3rd zodiac sign in the Lunar calendar and plays a significant role in its symbolism. The tiger represents *bravery, courage, strength, and hope*. It encourages us to step out of our comfort zone and do something we have not done before. It also gives us HOPE that the pandemic is coming to an end. Let's all embrace the Year of the Tiger by being brave and courageous in pursuing our goals and dreams! Best wishes to all our beloved SFLPA family for a healthy, courageous, prosperous, hopeful, peaceful, and joyous Year of the Tiger!

Finally, for some fun facts: legendary celebrities such as Jerry Lewis, Lady Gaga, Tom Cruise, Stevie Wonder, and Joe DiMaggio were all born in the Year of the Tiger. They have each embraced their "tiger" traits by being brave and courageous in pursuing and finding success and attaining excellence in their respective fields! Kudos to these special tigers! ROAR!!

*Feature Article*



Radish cakes and peanut dumplings - yum!



Stir fried glutinous rice with Chinese sausage.





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## California Court Chatter

### Alameda Superior Court

#### *Temporary Changes to the Court Operations*

The Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) announced today that it is enacting temporary changes to some of its telephone, dropbox, and clerk's office hours, effective Monday, January 10, 2022. Specifically, for the clerk's offices listed below, the new telephone hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., drop boxes will be available from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., and the clerk's offices will be open for in-person service from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

### Contra Costa Superior Court

#### *Continued Suspension of Jury Trials*

Based on the reported COVID-19 infection and hospitalization rates and the resulting impact on court personnel, attorneys, litigants, and others, the Court suspended new jury trials beginning December 27, 2021. The current suspension was set to end on February 4, 2022. Because these conditions continue, the Court will extend the suspension of new jury trials for one week, through and including February 10, 2022.

### El Dorado County Superior Court

#### *Temporary Reduction in Clerk's Office Hours*

Due to the current surge of COVID-19 cases in El Dorado County, the Superior Court of California, County of El Dorado (Court) finds it necessary to temporarily modify its operations.

Effective January 27, 2022, all Court branches will temporarily reduce service hours for the clerk's offices and telephones. The temporary hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Placer County Superior Court

#### *Announces Revision to Emergency Local Rules*

The Placer Superior Court has amended its Emergency Local Rules effective January 31, 2022. This change was made to simplify the remote appearance request process for attorneys in criminal matters. For most criminal matters (excluding contested violation of probation hearings, court trials, jury trials, and preliminary hearings), attorneys who are appearing on behalf of their client pursuant to P.C. 977 may self-schedule their





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### Placer County Superior Court (cont'd).

video appearance on the court's public website no later than 4 pm the court day before the hearing (<http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/RAS.shtml>). Attorneys who are not appearing on behalf of their client and defendants are still required to file the request form, which can be found on the Local Forms webpage.

### Sacramento County Superior Court

#### Standing Order Regarding Time Not Waived Trial Procedures

To facilitate effective management of "time-not-waived" (TNW) criminal trial cases (cases in which a party is asserting a statutory right to a speedy trial under Penal Code section 1382) in light of the past, acute, and ongoing impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the court hereby implements the following procedures and guidelines effective immediately.

### California Court of Appeals

#### *Second Appellate District: Miscellaneous Order 2022-01*

Recently enacted laws effective January 1, 2022, may affect criminal judgments currently under review in this court, including SB 567 (amending Pen. Code, §§ 1170.1170.1), AB 1540 (adding Pen. Code, § 1170.03), AB 518 (amending Pen. Code, § 654), SB 317 (amending Pen. Code, § 4019), SB 483 (adding Pen. Code, §§ 1171 and 1171.1), SB 775 (amending Pen. Code, § 1170.95), and AB 333 (amending Pen. Code, § 186.22).

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## Court Chatter Cont'd.

### U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

#### *COVID-19 Update*

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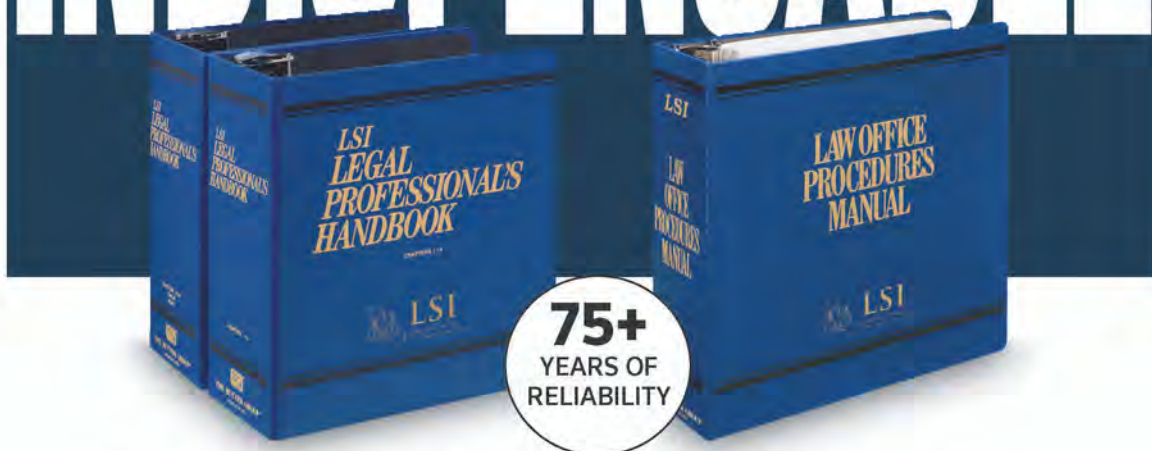
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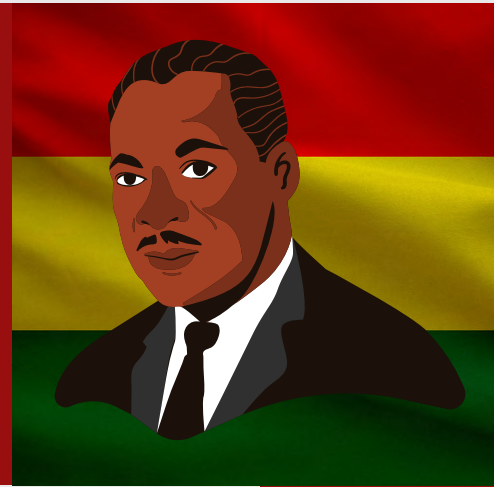
# BLACK HISTORY MONTH!





# Honoring Black History Month

Kate Cochran  
Co-Editor



In February, we see familiar faces all over social media—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Frederick Douglass, and Malcom X—and our firms usually send out a few emails or have a Black History webinar with a special speaker, and perhaps order lunch from a local Black-owned business. But what is the meaning of Black History Month, and why is it so important?

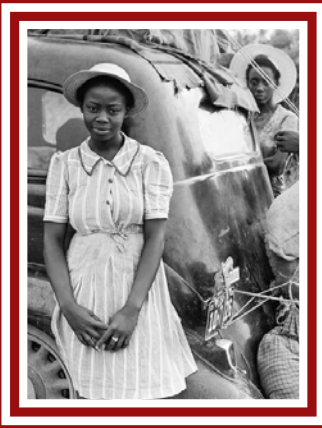
Black History Month is the time we celebrate the incredible accomplishments of African Americans and their vital and often underappreciated role in U.S. history, from long before our founding fathers declared independence from the British state to the swearing-in of our current president, Joe Biden. Black History Month first originated as “Negro History Week” thanks to the efforts of famous Black historian Carter G. Woodson and Black community groups.

In 1909, the NAACP was established on the 50th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s birthday. Then, in September 1915, Carter G. Woodson and Minister Jesse E. Moorland established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), still active today as the ASALH. The ASNLH sponsored a nationwide Negro History week in 1926 during the second week of February, around the time of both Frederick Douglass’ and Abraham Lincoln’s birthdays.

As the ASNLH and NAACP worked to promote and bring awareness to Black Americans’ role in our shared history, progressive communities and schools, especially colleges, nationwide began to celebrate this special week with performances, lectures, and parties, and established history clubs to spread awareness. Mayors across America began to officially recognize Negro History Week and plan community events in their towns. This week of celebration developed into Black History Month on school campuses by the 1960s, as the civil rights movement spread and public consciousness turned to the identity and experience of Black Americans.

In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month, and encouraged all Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often

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neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” The U.S. is not alone in celebrating Black history; Black History Month is celebrated in Canada in February, and in the United Kingdom in October.

Throughout our history, Black activists have worked to bring about Dr. King’s dream of true equality for all Americans, and have helped achieve major victories such as the 1954 Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, a precedent-setting case which established it is unconstitutional to racially segregate schoolchildren; the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and the 1967 Supreme Court Case *Loving v. Virginia*, another precedent-setting case which declared Virginia’s anti-miscegenation law unconstitutional and granted interracial couples the right to marry.

Black American activists continue to fight for equality, and in recent years, the American public found a greater understanding and awareness of the Black experience in America and the inequality and institutional racism that still persists in our society today. We owe much of this increased awareness to the Black Lives Matter movement, founded in 2013 by three Black activists named Patrisse Cullors, Alicia Garza, and Opal Tometi after a Florida jury failed to hold George Zimmerman accountable for killing unarmed Black teenager Trayvon Martin in 2012.

What started as a social media hashtag—#BlackLivesMatter—gained widespread support a year later, when Michael Brown was killed in Missouri, and then Eric Garner was killed in New York, sparking another hashtag—#Icantbreathe. Demonstrations spread throughout the country, organized by local BLM supporters through the power of social media, and when George Floyd was murdered in Minneapolis in May 2020 by a rogue police officer, the movement spread worldwide, protesting law enforcement brutality that targets Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities far too

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often. Law enforcement brutality is a symptom of a greater problem—the institutional racism that infects every aspect of American life, which we must actively and intentionally work together to eradicate for the sake of our country's future.

If you want to support Black equality but aren't sure where to start, check out a local Black Lives Matter chapter—you can find them online by a Google search or on social media, like Facebook and Twitter. Donate to the NAACP or to political action committees that work to elect Black politicians and judges. Check out the links below for more information and ways to get involved.

## Links:

1. <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>
2. <https://www.eeoc.gov/statutes/title-vii-civil-rights-act-1964>
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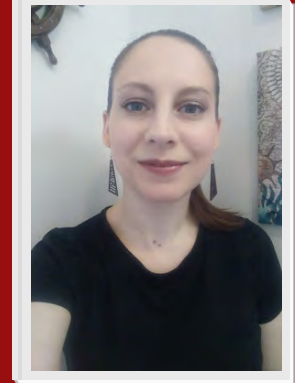
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**Judy Nakaso &  
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## The Power Of Words

As we celebrate February and Black History Month, here are some inspiring quotes to empower us to SOAR through the month.

Nina Simone:

I'll tell you what freedom is to me: no fear.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

Man must evolve for all human conflict a method that rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

Coretta Scott-King:

It doesn't matter how strong your opinions are. If you don't use your power for positive change, you are, indeed, part of the problem.

Beyoncé:

Never let success go to your head, never let failure get to your heart.

Barack Obama:

You can't let your failures define you. You have to let your failures teach you.

Oprah Winfrey:

Leadership is about empathy. It is about having the ability to relate to and connect with people for the purpose of inspiring and empowering their lives.

Maya Angelou:

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive, and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.

LeBron James:

Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today.

# San Francisco Legal Professionals Association

## ♥ Diversity, Equity + Inclusion Statement ♥

Members of the San Francisco Legal Professionals Association shall respect everyone, and shall not discriminate against anyone on the basis of that person's actual or perceived race, ethnicity, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, body size, educational background, nationality, immigration status, economic status and/or other diverse backgrounds.

Members shall contribute to a safe, professional, and collegial environment in SFLPA and LPI. This includes all SFLPA and LPI events, and all situations in which a member interacts or communicates with another member, regardless of whether the interaction occurs at or outside SFLPA or LPI events.

Members understand that people may belong to different communities and backgrounds of which the member is not aware. Members will be mindful of their potential biases, and respectful as they interact with others.

Members understand that disclosure of a person's diverse background can lead to unintended negative consequences. Therefore, members shall exercise utmost discretion in respecting others' privacy when diversity-related information is disclosed to or obtained by a member.

Members are encouraged to examine and take advantage of the privileges they have to support others within our association, their own communities, and beyond.





# LPI Code of Ethics

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It shall be the duty of each member of Legal Professionals, Incorporated, to observe all laws, rules, and regulations now or hereafter in effect relating to confidentiality and privileged communication, acting with loyalty, integrity, competence and diplomacy, in accordance with the highest standards of professional conduct.