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To Long Beach Bar Membership

Dear Members:

The Long Beach Bar, like the rest of the world, has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. For at least the next eight weeks, possibly longer, we will be canceling face to face events, and “flattening out the curve” through social distancing. Specifically, the April 21, 2020 baseball game between CSULB and UCLA is cancelled. This does not mean the Board of Governors won't be busy, however, and here is how you can help us.

- **Mentorship.** *Can you imagine being a new attorney during this time?* The Long Beach Barristers have created a new mentorship program and we need mentors to share legal experience and advice. If you can navigate the court system, no matter what type of practice you have, you have something to offer. Visit the Barristers page of our website to learn more or email [Erin@LongBeachBar.org](mailto:Erin@LongBeachBar.org) and let her know you are willing to take a call or two each month. After the social distancing period, you are invited to join the Barristers for a monthly happy hour, where a lot of informal mentoring is done. This is how we strengthen our connections, networks and civility. This is something we can do now.
- **Brief Bank.** In tandem with signing up as a mentor, think about working with your section chair to seed our upcoming brief bank. Right now the subjects are wide open. If you do Probate and Trusts, do you have a good Heggstad? How about a Motion to Remove a Trustee? Family Law? How about an RFO on Move Away? Criminal? Someone out there has a terrific PC 995

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motion. You get the idea, and there will be more information to follow. We would need to remove client names from the brief you send us, but feel free to leave your name on as author so we know who to call with questions. This is something we can do now.

- **Scholarship.** For years, Keesal, Young and Logan have generously provided the Long Beach Bar with a first class place to have the Long Beach Bar Foundation Scholarship Dinner. Youth from local schools are given money, raised by the Bar and Sponsorships, to help them achieve their goals. This strengthens our community, and opens doors for some very deserving kids, chosen by School Counselors. Even though we must postpone Scholarship Dinner originally set for May 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, funds can be donated now by safe link on the LongBeachBar.org website. The funds will be held in trust until such time as the event can go forward. We must not lose momentum on this!
- **MCLE.** Although we can't come together to learn right now we can still learn together apart. Beginning in two weeks the LBBA will be offering a series of webinars generously hosted by Kusar Court Reporting. We are calling the series the "A-B-C's of Law" and will be starting off in early April with "A is for Adoption." Registration will begin shortly, and the series will later be available "on demand" through the new 'Members Only' section of the website currently under construction. Have a speaker or topic you'd like to hear, or a piece of knowledge you're dying to share? Topic submissions and requests can be sent to [Erin@LongBeachBar.org](mailto:Erin@LongBeachBar.org) to be considered for inclusion in our ABC's.

There are other things planned for the year, and I am still hopeful we will be cruising the harbor this summer and playing golf in the fall. These are trying times, but we at your local bar want to hear from you and want to help you. We have a Facebook Page which will be updated with courthouse information due to the pandemic and other evolving news affecting our legal community. "Friend us" if you haven't already. We have added a Covid hub at [www.longbeachbar.org/pandemic](http://www.longbeachbar.org/pandemic) with links to courthouse announcements and other resources. Long Beach's legal professionals have a long history of strong community ties in times both good and bad. Check in on elderly attorneys you haven't seen for awhile. Keep our Scholarship program strong for the future. Together, we will make it through this unprecedented crisis.

Yours in service,

Rebecca "Reba" Birmingham