# **FROM THE BAR**



Julie Rosenthal

## Justice & Diversity Center's Julie Rosenthal Receives Brosnahan Fellowship

Congratulations to the Justice & Diversity Center's (JDC) Julie Rosenthal for receiving the 2017 James Brosnahan Fellowship. Rosenthal, the director of social services for JDC's Homeless Advocacy Project, is the fourth recipient since the fellowship was established in 2012 to provide an annual stipend to JDC staff members who go above and beyond in their work.

Created by a gift from Joseph Cotchett, Cotchett Pitre & McCarthy, the fellowship is named after 1977 President James Brosnahan, Morrison & Foerster, to recognize his extraordinary service to the bench and bar, and his lifelong commitment to justice for disadvantaged and historically unrepresented people.

## JDC Included in New City Services Providing Housing Assistance to Educators

JDC is part of a new team providing housing assistance to San Francisco public school educators. Along with the San Francisco Unified School District, United Educators of San Francisco, Eviction Defense Collaborative, and other nonprofits, JDC will provide help with housing rights, eviction defense, and access to affordable housing.

Cary Gold, JDC's landlord-tenant supervising attorney, will advise educators on housing-related legal issues. JDC volunteer attorneys will also be called on to represent educators fighting against eviction actions.

Save the dates ...



BARRISTERS CLUB Annual open house



FOOD FROM THE BAR Kickoff



Mark Conrad

Marie Ma

Andrew McDevitt

## Three Honored as Outstanding Barristers for 2016

Mark Conrad, Conrad & Metlitzky; Marie Ma, Gap Inc.; and Andrew McDevitt, Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger were all honored with Outstanding Barrister Awards at the 2016 Annual Membership Luncheon in December.

Conrad was recognized for his numerous leadership roles within the Barristers Club, including serving as the club's president in 2014.

Ma was recognized for her longtime dedication to the Justice & Diversity Center's Mock Trial program.

McDevitt was recognized for his work associated with the BASF delegation to the California Conference of Delegates.

Read the press release at www.sfbar.org/newsroom.



**JDC BIKE-A-THON** 



**JDC ANNUAL GALA** 





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Top row, from left, Khaldoun Baghdadi, Jessica Jacob, David Kelly; bottom row, from left, Elinor Leary, Rob Meyerhoff, and Blair Walsh

### Justice & Diversity Center Welcomes 2017 Board Members

JDC recently confirmed its Board of Directors for 2017. Merri Baldwin, Rogers Joseph O'Donnell, will serve as president; Malcolm Heinicke, Munger, Tolles & Olson will serve as presidentelect; Doris Cheng, Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger, will serve as treasurer; and Stuart Plunkett, Baker Botts, will serve as secretary.

Newly confirmed directors for 2017 are Khaldoun Baghdadi, Walkup, Melodia, Kelly & Schoenberger; Jessica Jacob, Komply Inc; David Kelly, the Golden State Warriors; Elinor Leary, The Veen Firm; Rob Meyerhoff, Venable; and Blair Walsh, Abramson Smith Waldsmith.

To see a complete list of JDC board members, visit www.sfbar.org/jdc.

## BASF and Barristers Club Announce Minority Bar Coalition Board Representatives

BASF announced in November that the Minority Bar Coalition (MBC) selected Sigrid Irias, Irias Law, to the 2017 BASF Board of Directors as its MBC representative.

MBC selected BASF's Barristers Club's Lauren Young Epstein, Baker & McKenzie, as its representative on the Barristers Club Board of Directors.



From left, Sigrid Irias and Lauren Young Epstein



From left, Katie Glynn, Kelly Matayoshi, Sean McHenry, Jessica Ryland, and Pierre Zado

## **Barristers Club Names 2017 Officers and Board of Directors**

The Barristers Club, The Bar Association of San Francisco's new attorney division, recently announced the officers and new directors for its 2017 Board of Directors. Adam Kaplan, Munger, Tolles & Olson, will serve as president; Drew Amoroso, Move Legal, will serve as president-elect; Natascha Fastabend, University of San Francisco School of Law, LLM Program, will serve as treasurer; and John-Paul Deol, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, will serve as secretary.

Joining the board of directors in 2017 are Lauren Young Epstein, Baker & McKenzie; Katie Glynn, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius; Kelly Matayoshi, Farella Braun + Martel; Sean McHenry, Minnis & Smallets; Jessica Ryland, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith; and Pierre Zado, Zado Law.

To see a complete list of Barristers Club board members, visit www.sfbar.org/barristers.



From left, JDC's Manjari Chawla, Aaron Silberman, and BASF/JDC President Merri Baldwin

## Justice & Diversity Center and Federal Judges Celebrate Volunteers at Annual Reception

JDC and twenty federal judges celebrated law firms and attorneys who volunteer with JDC's Federal Pro Bono Project at a reception in January.

Through JDC's partnership with the US District Court for the Northern District of California, judges identify low-income pro se litigants who would benefit from counsel while JDC recruits pro bono attorneys to represent them. At the annual reception for volunteers, judges expressed their gratitude for pro bono counsel who help litigants access justice as well as ensure that all sides have fair and competent representation in court.

Photos from the event can be found on the Justice & Diversity Center's Pro Bono Legal Program page on Facebook at www. facebook.com/jdc.probono.