



# County Counsels' Association of California

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## Civil Law and Litigation 2008 Annual Conference

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa  
April 16-18, 2008

### CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The Civil Law and Litigation 2008 Annual Conference will be held April 16-18, 2008, at the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa. The conference begins on Wednesday morning with Board and Committee meetings, Early Bird reception, and concludes at Noon on Friday.

**Registration Fee - \$255.00.** The registration fee includes all conference materials; Wednesday's Early Bird reception; Thursday's breakfast, lunch, Run-Walk-Crawl-A-Thon, and reception; and Friday's breakfast. Each registrant, whether attending for MCLE credit or not, must pay the full registration fee. No discounts are available for those attending partial sessions. Registrants may not share or split registration fees.

**Register by April 9, 2008.** Mail the registration form and registration fee to County Counsels' Association, 1100 K Street, Suite 101, Sacramento, CA 95814. Payment should be made out to **County Counsels' Association**. After **April 9, 2008**, fax the registration form to (916) 443-8867.

**Guest Fee - \$45.00.** Each registrant bringing a guest must pay the full Guest Fee. The Guest Fee includes Thursday's reception. No other events or meals are included.

**Cancellation and Refund Policy.** Registration cancellations must be mailed or faxed to County Counsels' Association by 5:00 P.M. on **April 9, 2008**. Cancellations made after **April 9, 2008**, are not subject to refunds due to meal and printing guarantees. If there are late registrations to offset meal and printing guarantees, the Association will make every effort to refund cancelled registrations (less a \$35 processing fee). Registrants who have cancelled will receive copies of printed conference materials and handouts if a refund is not possible.

**Conference Materials - \$40.00.** To order conference materials only, send a request to Nancy LaGarde at [nlagarde@coconet.org](mailto:nlagarde@coconet.org). Orders must be placed by **April 9, 2008**.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

#### Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa

400 Cannery Row

Monterey, CA 93940

TEL (831) 646-1700 FAX (831) 646-0285

**Reservations:** (800) 334-3999

**Accommodations:** \$215 Inland, \$285 Ocean view, \$330 Ocean view/balcony. Current occupancy tax is 10%. For any additional taxes and fees, contact the Hotel.

**Reservations/Cancellation:** Make your room reservation by **March 15, 2008**. To secure the group rate, reference the group name "County Counsels' Association Civil Law and Litigation". All reservations require first night's deposit or credit card guarantee. When making reservations, inquire about cancellation and early departure policies.

**Transportation:** Taxi service is available at the Monterey Airport. Complimentary Shuttle service is available, if reserved when making your room reservations.

**Parking:** Overnight guest valet parking is \$20; for guests not staying, valet parking is \$12-\$20.

**For More Information:** To find links to the Hotel's website, visit the online version of the "CLE News Conference Announcement" at [http://www.coconet.org/conferences/clenews/cl\\_2008.html](http://www.coconet.org/conferences/clenews/cl_2008.html).



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### CONFERENCE AGENDA

(Revised April 3, 2008)

This activity has been approved for MCLE credit by the  
State Bar of California in the amount of 7.75 Hours MCLE Credit  
(This includes 1.25 Hours *Legal Ethics* Credit)

#### Wednesday, April 16, 2008

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Committee Meetings and Board of Directors Meeting**

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Early Bird Registration and Reception**

#### Thursday, April 17, 2008

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Richard E. Winnie, Program Chair and  
County Counsel, Alameda County;  
Deborah A. McCarthy, Litigation Program Chair and  
Chief Deputy County Counsel, San Diego County

8:45 – 10:00 a.m. **Public Attorney's Role in Criminal Ethics  
Investigation of a Public Official**  
(1.25 Hours *Legal Ethics* MCLE Credit)  
Grover C. Trask, II, Special Counsel,  
Best Best & Krieger, LLP, Riverside

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Morning Break**

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. **County Counsel  
Hot Topics in Employment Law**  
(1.5 Hours MCLE Credit)  
Arthur A. Hartinger, Esq., Principal, Meyers Nave, Oakland

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The County Counsels' Association is a State Bar of California Approved MCLE provider. The County Counsels' Association of California certifies that this activity conforms to the standards set forth in Section 7.1 for approved activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing MCLE.

***Litigation***

**Prison Overcrowding – Class Action Litigation**

(1.5 Hours MCLE Credit)

Paul B. Mello, Esq., Partner, Hanson, Bridgett, Marcus, Vlahos & Rudy, LLP, San Francisco

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

**Awards Luncheon**

**CONCURRENT SESSION**

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

***County Counsel***

**The Lexin Problem: What to Advise your Clients**

(1.5 Hours MCLE Credit)

Ashley K. Dunning, Esq., Partner, Manatt, Phelps, LLP, San Francisco;

Michael V. Toumanoff, Esq., Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, Los Angeles

***Litigation***

**Where Did Federal Prosecutorial Immunity Go?**

**Prosecutors, Social Workers, Public Defenders,**

**Code Enforcement Officers Beware**

(1.5 Hours MCLE Credit)

Morris G. Hill, Senior Deputy County Counsel, San Diego County

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

**Afternoon Break**

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

***Vargas v. City of Salinas:***

**Prohibition on Public Funds for Political Purposes**

(1.25 Hours MCLE Credit)

Joel F. Franklin, Esq., Law Office of Joel F. Franklin, Monterey;

Karen A. Getman, Esq., Remcho, Johansen & Purcell, San Leandro

4:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Run-Walk-Crawl-A-Thon (RWCAT)**

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Hosted Reception**

**Friday, April 18, 2008**

8:15 – 8:45 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.

**Section Business**

(No MCLE Credit)

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**A Primer on Proposition 218**

(1.0 Hour MCLE Credit)

Burk E. Delventhal, Deputy City Attorney, San Francisco;

Michael K. Slattery, Deputy City Attorney, San Francisco

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Morning Break**

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***County Counsel***

**Update on Elections Issues**

(1.25 Hours MCLE Credit)

Timothy M. Barry, Senior Deputy County Counsel, San Diego County;

Leon J. Page, Deputy County Counsel, Orange County;

David MacDonald, Alameda County Registrar of Voters, Oakland;

Stephen L. Weir, Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder, Martinez

***Litigation***

**Automotive Accident Reconstruction for Attorneys**

(1.25 Hours MCLE Credit)

**Peter R. Thom & Associates, Orinda**

Peter R. Thom, President;

Robert Siegel, Marketing Director;

Vernon Hance, Project Engineer

11:30a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Round Table Discussion**

(No MCLE Credit)

12:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**



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## REGISTRATION FORM

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

Are you employed as an attorney exclusively by a county counsel's office? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If you checked "No," you are required to sign the Conflict Certification Statement below to be permitted to register for the conference.  
If you are not able to sign this certification, please do not submit this registration form since you are not eligible to register.  
**Conflict Certification Statement:** *I certify that I am not employed as an attorney exclusively by a county counsel's office and that neither I, nor any firm with which I am employed or affiliated, represents clients with interests adverse to counties or entities, which are represented by county counsels.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Bar #: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

County/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code) (Area Code)

E-mail/CoCoNet Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (after 5:00 PM only): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Area Code)

Special Needs (i.e., allergies, physical, dietary, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: County Counsels' Association  
Attention: Nancy LaGarde  
1100 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814-3941

**Work Product Confidentiality:** Conference attendees are reminded that discussions of cases and matters still pending are confidential and subject to the attorney work-product privilege.