



OCAABA Committees

COVID-19 Response - (Jessica Cha, Denise Crawford, Justin Fong, Sabrina Ly, Sharon Oh-Kubisch, Alex Payne, Geri Wong-Williams)

Community Service - The Community Service Committee facilitates and designs activities designed to promote access to the justice system for all persons no matter their economic or social condition, and encourages OCAABA members to provide legal services to those in need. It coordinates a pro bono clinic to provide basic legal information on issues affecting the local residents. (Eric Fanchiang, Thomas Kao, Nate Watanabe)

In-House Counsel - The In-House Counsel (IHC) Section works to bring together in-house legal practitioners through various social events and informational panels. With the goal of highlighting the role of, as well as building connections between, in-house attorneys throughout Orange County, the Section organizes events such as the Must-Know General Counsel Series and social mixers. The Section also works with local law schools to organize and participate in speaker panels so that interested law students can learn from the diverse experiences of OCAABA IHC members. (Yemi Adeyanju, James Dee, Greg Lu, Larry Valdez)

Judicial Evaluation - The Committee evaluates the qualifications of candidates for judicial office to recommend to the OCAABA Board of Directors whether to extend an endorsement to a candidate. The Committee works to identify those judicial candidates who possess the strongest qualities and attributes necessary to perform with distinction in judicial office, as well as those with a temperament and demeanor to uphold the values and ideals of the Orange County Asian American Community. (Thy Bui, Fred Thiagarajah, Vu Tran)

Membership - The Membership Committee is responsible for recruitment of new OCAABA members and membership renewal, designing and participating in recruitment events, and reaching out to existing members. (John Fujii, Evan Gautier)

Pipeline - The Pipeline Committee serves as a liaison between local law students and OCAABA's attorney and judicial members in order to provide law students with advice about coursework, school/work-life balance, and insights into the legal profession and career decisions. More specifically, each school year, the Pipeline Committee offers a formal Mentorship Program in which law student participants are matched with an experienced OCAABA attorney or judicial member. Throughout the school year, mentors provide law students with guidance and advice on the legal profession. The Pipeline Committee assists in the development of the mentoring relationship by organizing events for participants in the Mentorship Program. Additional details about the Mentorship Program are provided on the Law Student page.

The Pipeline Committee also organizes or participates in career nights, speed networking events, resume workshops, speaker panels, receptions, social mixers, and other events for the benefit of local law students and OCAABA attorney and judicial members. The Pipeline Committee partners with the Asian Pacific American Law Students Associations of three local law schools (Chapman, UCI and Western State) to elect a Student Liaison each year from each school to work with

OCAABA on developing and organizing events for the benefit of local law students and OCAABA members. (Sabrina Ly, Larry Valdez, Geri Wong-Williams)

Professional Development - The Professional Development Committee develops and coordinates seminars/symposiums/continuing education on topics of interest to the OCAABA membership and to the community at-large. (Jessica Cha, Tony Wang)

PR/Affiliates - The PR & Affiliates Committee promotes visibility of OCAABA amongst the legal and general communities as a whole and works with other affiliate bars on joint events to benefit attorneys, students, and the general public. (Thy Bui, Denise Crawford)

Small Firm/Solo - OCAABA's Solo & Small Firm section is a professional and social resource for solo practitioners and small firms. Our section tailors OCAABA's organizational objectives of promoting professional development and personal growth to the unique needs of solo practitioners and small firms by providing a forum to exchange ideas, contacts, information, and opportunities. Our network of legal professionals actively works to be a leading resource for both our members and the community we serve. (Josh Kimura, Tony Nguyen, Fred Thiagarajah)

Social - The Social Committee plans and coordinates social events such as the Moon Festival Mixer, wine tasting, holiday dim sum party, and gathering with other minority bar organizations to promote friendship and professional ties among OCAABA members and the local attorneys. (Justin Fong, Charles Lin, Alex Payne)

Social Media & Technology - The Social Media & Technology Committee facilitates OCAABA's efforts to keep its members informed of community affairs and to ensure that relevant information about OCAABA can be easily accessed by its members via email, website, and social media platforms. (Chang Lim)

Travel CLE - The Travel CLE Committee organizes and leads a MCLE travel seminar to select countries abroad. The Committee selects the destination and works to provide an enriching abroad experience. The Committee also works to put together a MCLE seminar and interfaces with seminar speakers to insure relevant topics. (Josh Kimura)