

Funding Crisis in the California Courts

Why You Should Be Concerned and What You Can Do

The California Judicial Branch has absorbed over \$1 billion in cuts in the last three years. California State Bar President Jon Streeter will be discussing how these service costs will affect the legal profession here in Sonoma County.



Jon Streeter
President-State Bar of California

Jon Streeter is a partner with Keeker & Van Nest LLP, a litigation firm in San Francisco.

In July 2011 Mr. Streeter was elected President of the State Bar of California.

Mr. Streeter will discuss the funding crisis in the California Courts—Why you should be concerned and what you can do:

- Our judicial branch has absorbed over \$1 billion in cuts in the last three years; \$350 million proposed in FY 2011-2012. This reduces the budget to \$2.5 billion, less than 2% of the State's General Budget. The Courts suffered 25% of the summer's severe cuts.
- Layoffs and Court closures: Another round of cuts is coming in 2012-2013. It will not be long before all 58 counties will be closing courts and laying off court personnel.
- This is a grave public policy issue that lawyers are uniquely positioned to talk about. It is a threat to judicial independence. It is a threat to our prized rule of law. It is a threat to public safety.

Mr. Streeter will also discuss what the CA State Bar can do for you and how to get more from your dues:

- Discipline-Goals, Standards and Reality.
- New Rules of Professional Responsibility-Upcoming Changes.
- Quasi/Para Lawyers and Document Preparers, a Growing Movement. Is our Profession at Risk?

Date: Friday, February 24, 2012
 Time: 11:30 am check in; 12:00-1:30pm Presentation & Discussion
 Place: Fountaingrove Inn, 101 Fountaingrove Pkwy, Santa Rosa CA 95403
 Cost: \$65--SCBA Members & Public
 MCLE Credit: 1.5 Units MCLE Credit (.5 Unit General & 1.0 Units of Ethics)

A luncheon buffet will be served, consisting of salad, meat & vegetarian entrée, fresh vegetables, dessert and beverages.

Please sign me up for *A Conversation with the President of the State Bar on Friday, February 24, 2012*

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