



FCLPA'S VALLEY VERDICT

MARCH *newsletter*



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we prepare for this next edition of our newsletter, I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank each and every one of our members who continue to support and be a part of FCLPA. Your ongoing involvement, commitment, and participation are truly appreciated. Our organization is stronger because of you, and I genuinely hope you will continue to remain an active part of FCLPA in the years ahead.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our Board Members and Special Committee members for their continued service and dedication. The time and effort you contribute behind the scenes do not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for your leadership and commitment to our association.

LPI Conference Update

The previous weekend, I had the pleasure of attending the LPI Conference in Reno, Nevada, in my capacity as Governor. It was a super fun and rewarding experience! I look forward to sharing more details with you, including notices regarding the Governor votes that took place during the conference. I will also be providing photos from the event to include in the newsletter.



LAST CALL FOR FCLPA BOARD NOMINATIONS!

Nominations are closing soon, and the election will take place at the March General Meeting. If you have been considering stepping into a leadership role, now is the time! We encourage all interested members to submit their nominations before the deadline.



March General Meeting Announcement

We are excited to announce that Frank Nunes will be speaking at our March General Meeting. This is sure to be an informative and engaging presentation you won't want to miss.

📍 Location: Antonio's Mexican Rstaurant, 7959 N Blackstone Ave Fresno, CA 93720

- MCLE's will be available for everyone

More details will be shared soon.



FRANK NUNEZ, ESQ.

Our presenter for March is an experienced and respected attorney who has dedicated their practice to serving clients with integrity, professionalism, and a deep understanding of the law. With extensive experience he brings valuable insight into both the legal complexities and practical realities facing clients and legal professionals today. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a commitment not only to excellence in advocacy, but also to educating and collaborating with the legal community. We are honored to have him join us this month to share his knowledge and perspective in his field of expertise.

Serving the proud residents of Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Madera, and Merced counties, attorney Frank Nunes emphasizes helping victims of personal injury, animal attack (dog bite), and motor vehicle accidents receive justice for their pain and suffering. With a background that includes serving as an in-house counsel for a nationally known insurance company, he's proven himself equally adept at trying cases to a jury on behalf of accident victims, defendants, or business owners. Frank first began practicing law for the Tulare County District Attorney as a hard-working prosecutor (who once performed 16 jury trials within a six-month period). After turning down a first request from his law school civil trial practice instructor, to join a 10-attorney firm, Frank knew he needed to accept the second offer to work for his law school instructor. Using the confidence from trying cases at the Tulare County District Attorney's Office, Frank relied on his farm work ethic to handle the fast-paced practice of defending clients sued in civil cases.

Seeking to return to his agricultural roots through an opportunity to practice land use and water law, Frank joined the Fresno County Counsel's office, where he was responsible for the ordinance and zoning enforcement throughout Fresno County. He returned to farming the family vineyard in Selma after his father's death while also working to broaden his experience, trying more civil cases. He became in-house counsel for a national insurance company that added jury trials in Kings and Kern County to his list of venues. This new position gave Frank an intimate understanding of how insurance companies legitimately work to discredit and reject claims. He began using that experience to help friends and family members with their litigation problems. He chose to remain in his hometown and open his own practice. He realized that dream in August 2007 when he opened his own practice to handle a variety of civil litigation for friends and strangers alike. Eventually, he became still more focused on helping injured people stand up for their rights against big insurance companies, as well as assisting small- to medium-sized businesses with their litigation needs.

You do not want to miss this informative and engaging presentation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2026

***PLEASE JOIN US AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- **OUR GENERAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:
DATE: MARCH 24TH LOCATION: TBA**
- **BOARD ELECTIONS**

APRIL 2026

- **APRIL GENERAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS ON APRIL 21, 2026. LOCATION AND SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

OCTOBER 2026

- **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SILENT AUCTION, OCTOBER 17, 2026.**

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Paralegals are essential to the strength and success of the legal profession. Help us honor their dedication, professionalism, and meaningful contributions by submitting a nomination.



DONATIONS FOR SILENT AUCTION

YOUR GENEROSITY TRULY MAKES AN IMPACT. BY DONATING TO OUR SILENT AUCTION, YOU HELP STRENGTHEN OUR LEGAL COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT VALUABLE PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT BOTH OUR MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY WE PROUDLY SERVE.



SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS:

WE VALUE YOUR INPUT AND INVITE YOU TO SHARE IDEAS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTER CONTENT. IF THERE ARE TOPICS YOU BELIEVE WOULD BENEFIT OUR MEMBERS OR SHOWCASE OUR LEGAL COMMUNITY, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEND IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A BALLOT TO VOTE ON A COMMUNITY PROJECT.**

GIVING BACK AND LIFTING OTHERS UP IS PART OF WHO WE ARE. HELP US SPOTLIGHT COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT REFLECT COMPASSION, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE WITHIN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY.

SPONSORS WELCOME

WE HAVE PACKAGES FOR ADVERTISING ON OUR WEBSITE.

BECOME A SPONSOR OF FCLPA

- **SUPPORT. VISIBILITY. COMMUNITY IMPACT. THE FRESNO COUNTY LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION (FCLPA) AND THE VALLEY VERDICT NEWSLETTER ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL GROWTH, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITHIN THE LEGAL PROFESSION.**
- **WE INVITE INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO BECOME SPONSORS AND PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN STRENGTHENING OUR LEGAL COMMUNITY.**
- **SPONSORSHIP PROVIDES VITAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PROGRAMS, EVENTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND OUTREACH INITIATIVES—WHILE OFFERING MEANINGFUL RECOGNITION FOR THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE. AS A SPONSOR, YOUR NAME OR BUSINESS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS A VALUED SUPPORTER OF FCLPA AND OUR MISSION.**

SPONSOR RECOGNITION

- **ALL SPONSORS WILL RECEIVE RECOGNITION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE: LISTING ON FCLPA MATERIALS AND PUBLICATIONS RECOGNITION ON OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS ACKNOWLEDGMENT AT MEETINGS AND EVENTS INCREASED VISIBILITY WITHIN THE LEGAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY**
- **FLEXIBLE SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS TO MAKE PARTICIPATION ACCESSIBLE, WE OFFER BOTH MONTHLY AND YEARLY SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS. WHETHER YOU PREFER ONGOING MONTHLY SUPPORT OR A ONE-TIME ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION, YOUR SPONSORSHIP MAKES A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE.**
- **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE OPEN TO: BUSINESSES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS, LAW FIRMS AND LEGAL PROFESSIONALS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND SUPPORTERS, INDIVIDUALS WHO BELIEVE IN OUR MISSION.**

PARTNERING WITH US AS A SPONSOR

- **YOU ARE NOT ONLY GAINING VISIBILITY YOU ARE INVESTING IN EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE LEGAL COMMUNITY IN THE VALLEY.**
- **WE ARE PRESENTLY OFFERING ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS AND SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING FCLPA CONTINUE ITS IMPORTANT WORK. WE ANTICIPATE INTRODUCING MONTHLY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE.**

C MMUNITY

STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST NEWS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR LEGAL COMMUNITY. FROM MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS TO UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES, THIS SECTION KEEPS YOU INFORMED AND CONNECTED TO WHAT'S HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY.

SERVICE IS AT THE CORE OF OUR ASSOCIATION. BY GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY, WE UPLIFT NOT ONLY THOSE WE SERVE BUT ALSO THE PROFESSION WE PROUDLY REPRESENT. THROUGH OUTREACH EFFORTS, VOLUNTEER WORK, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVES, OUR MEMBERS CREATE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT THAT EXTENDS WELL BEYOND THE WORKPLACE.



**WE WANT
YOUR
FEEDBACK**

SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH US! SEND IN YOUR THOUGHTS, FAVORITE RECIPES, VACATION PHOTOS, OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH OUR READERS. THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE WANT TO SPOTLIGHT YOU. TELL US ABOUT YOUR MILESTONES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, LET US KNOW IF SOMEONE IS HIRING, OR PASS ALONG A FEW WORDS OF ADVICE. WE WANT TO HEAR IT ALL!

**THANK YOU FOR READING!
FCLPA WELCOMES ALL NEW MEMBERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**