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## Message from the President

On behalf of the California Bankruptcy Forum, I am pleased to welcome you to the 27th Annual Insolvency Conference at The Meritage Resort and Spa in Napa.

This year marks 10 years after the passage of the landmark Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, the most substantial change to the Bankruptcy Code in at least the last 20 years. It seems like more and more questions are being raised every year about the efficacy of the Bankruptcy Code. Is it mere coincidence that of the 70-80 cases the Supreme Court will decide this year, six (6) of them involve the Bankruptcy Code? With that anniversary and those swirling questions, now is an appropriate time to consider the theme for the 2015 CBF Insolvency Conference: "The Bankruptcy Code: Battered, Broken or Just Right?"

The Conference Co-Chairs, Diana Herman of McKenna, Long & Aldridge LLP, Steven J. Katzman of Bienert Miller & Katzman PLC, and Dennis D. Miller of Lubin Olson & Niewiadomski LLP, have assembled a leadership team that will provide timely speakers and educational programs addressing local, state and national insolvency issues. They have also planned numerous events which will make the conference experience memorable for all attendees and their guests.

This year's conference includes a diverse program assembled by the tireless efforts of Education Co-Chairs Caroline Djang of Rutan & Tucker, LLP, Michael Lauter of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP, and Michael Lubic of K&L Gates LLP. Beginning with the ABI mock Chapter 11 confirmation hearing on Friday morning and continuing through the last sessions of the YIP and Consumer Programs on Saturday afternoon, the schedule is packed full of relevant and informative CLE programs. Conference highlights include the Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr. as keynote speaker and "The Bankruptcy Bachelor" hosted by Judge Bluebond.

Many thanks are due to the conference leadership, CBF board, volunteers, panelists and JBS staff who have worked so hard to make this conference a success. It is truly amazing what they have been able to accomplish and I am honored to be associated with such an excellent program. Thanks for coming and have a great conference!



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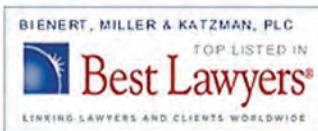
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**BM&K** is proud to sponsor this year's keynote presentation and would like to thank The Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr. for participating in the conference!

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Speaker Practice Room:** Trinitas Board Room down left hallway in Carneros Conference Center **Available:** 8:00am-6:00pm Friday & 8:00am-1:00pm Saturday

## Wednesday, May 13

8:00am – 5:00pm | Meritage Ballroom, Salon I – II  
**AIRA Certification Course**

## Thursday, May 14

8:00am – 5:00pm | Meritage Ballroom, Salon I – II  
**AIRA Certification Course**

9:00am – 6:00pm | Meritage Ballroom Foyer  
**Conference Registration Desk**

3:00pm – 5:00pm | Meritage Ballroom, Salon VII – VIII  
**California Bankruptcy Forum**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

5:00pm – 5:30pm | Meritage Ballroom, Salon VII – VIII  
**California Bankruptcy Journal**  
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5:30pm – 6:30pm | Vineyard Terrace  
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## Friday, May 15

7:00am – 12:00pm | Meritage Ballroom, Salon I – II  
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8:00am – 9:00am | Vineyard Deck  
**Yoga in the Vineyard**

9:30am – 10:30am | Meritage Ballroom, Salon V – VI  
**Zumba with Judge Smith**

9:00am – 11:00am | Meritage Ballroom, Salon IX – X  
**ABI Mock Individual Chapter 11 Hearing**

9:30am – 11:30am | Meritage Ballroom, Salon VII  
**Insolvency Law Committee Board Meeting**

10:00am – 11:00am | Petit Verdot  
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11:15am – 12:00pm | Carneros Ballroom  
**Lunch Served 11:30am – 12:00pm Only**

12:05pm – 1:50pm | Carneros Ballroom  
**Keynote Luncheon & Judges' Roundtable**

**Coffee Break 1:50pm – 2:15pm**

**Annoucements 2:15pm – 2:30pm**

2:30pm – 5:00pm | Carneros Ballroom  
**Education Programs**

5:15pm – 6:30pm | Oakville Terrace  
**Insolvency Law Committee Reception**

6:30pm – 9:30pm | Event Piazza  
**Young Insolvency Professionals Welcome BBQ**  
Preregistered event, ticket required

**Meeting Space and Property Map-Pages 8-9**

## Saturday, May 16

7:00am – 8:00am | Meritage Ballroom, Salon IX – X  
**Ethics Program**

7:30am – 12:30pm | Carneros Foyer & Oakville Terrace  
**Exhibits Open**

7:30am – 1:30pm | Meritage Ballroom Foyer  
**Registration Desk Open**

8:00am – 9:00am | Carneros Ballroom  
**Judges' Roundtable Breakfast & Program**

**Stretch Break 9:00am – 9:15am**

9:15am – 10:30am | Carneros Ballroom  
**Education Program**

**Coffee Break 10:30am – 11:00am**

11:00am – 12:15pm | Carneros Ballroom  
**The Bankruptcy Bachelor – Gameshow**

10:00am – 11:00am | Vineyard Deck  
**Yoga in the Vineyard – Guest Activity**

12:30pm – 5:00pm | Meritage Ballroom, Salon IX – X  
**Young Insolvency Professionals Program**

1:30pm – 5:00pm | Meritage Ballroom, Salon VII – VIII  
**Consumer Bankruptcy Program**

1:30pm – 6:30pm | Eagle Vines Golf Club  
**Annual Golf Tournament**  
(Bus Departs Front Drive at 12:45 – Tee-off at 1:30 pm)

2:00pm – 3:00pm | Estate Cave  
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Optional Activity

3:00pm – 4:30pm | Estate Cave Entry  
**Vineyard Tour & Wine Tasting**  
Optional Activity

6:30pm – 10:00pm | Artesa Winery  
**Winery Dinner**  
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## Sunday, May 17

8:00am – 10:00am | Oakville & Rutherford Terrace  
**Farewell Brunch**

10:00am – 11:00am | Carneros Ballroom, Salon A  
**2016 Conference Planning Committee Meeting**

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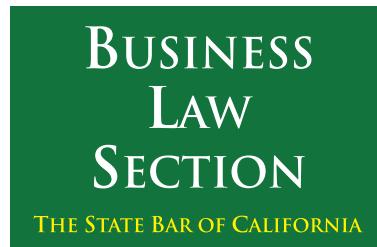


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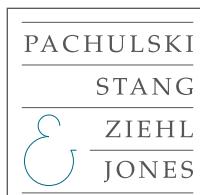
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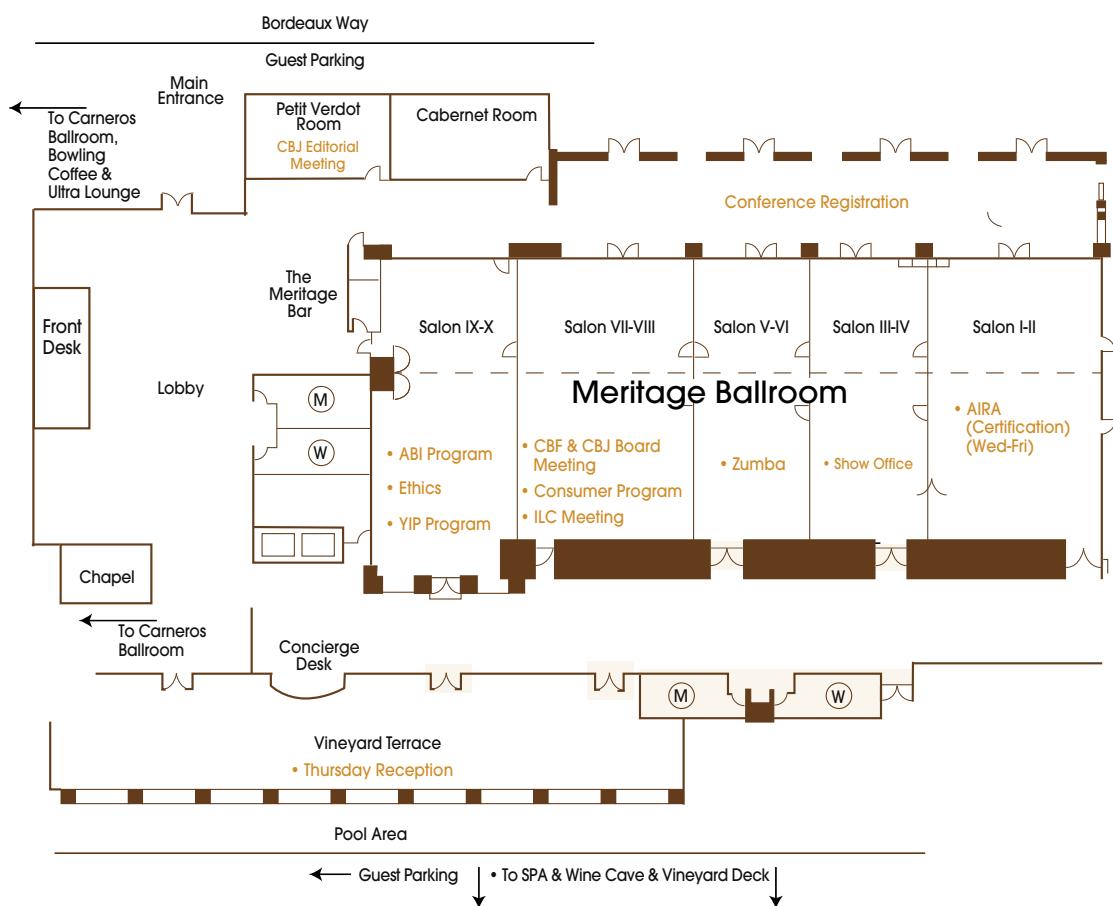
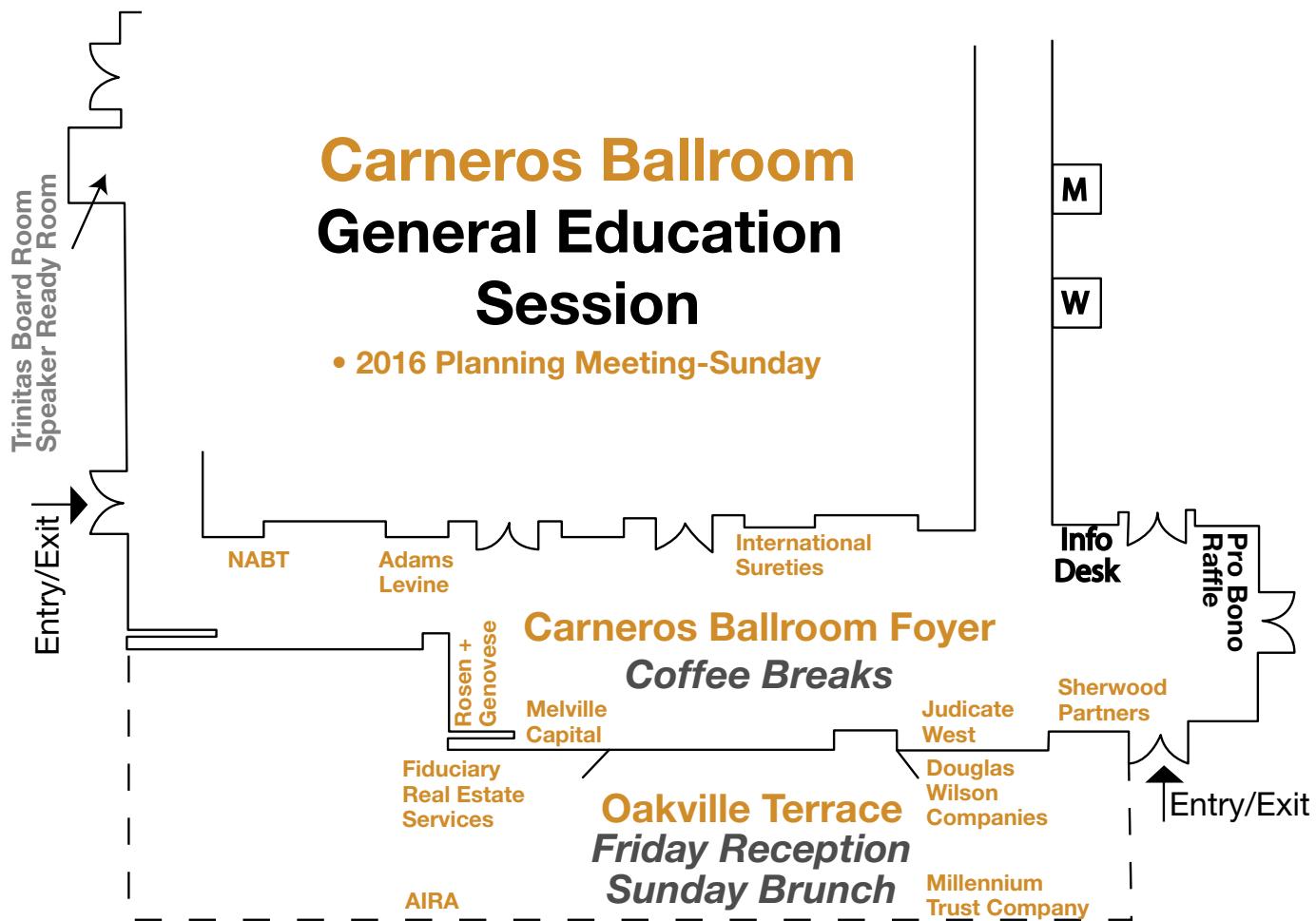
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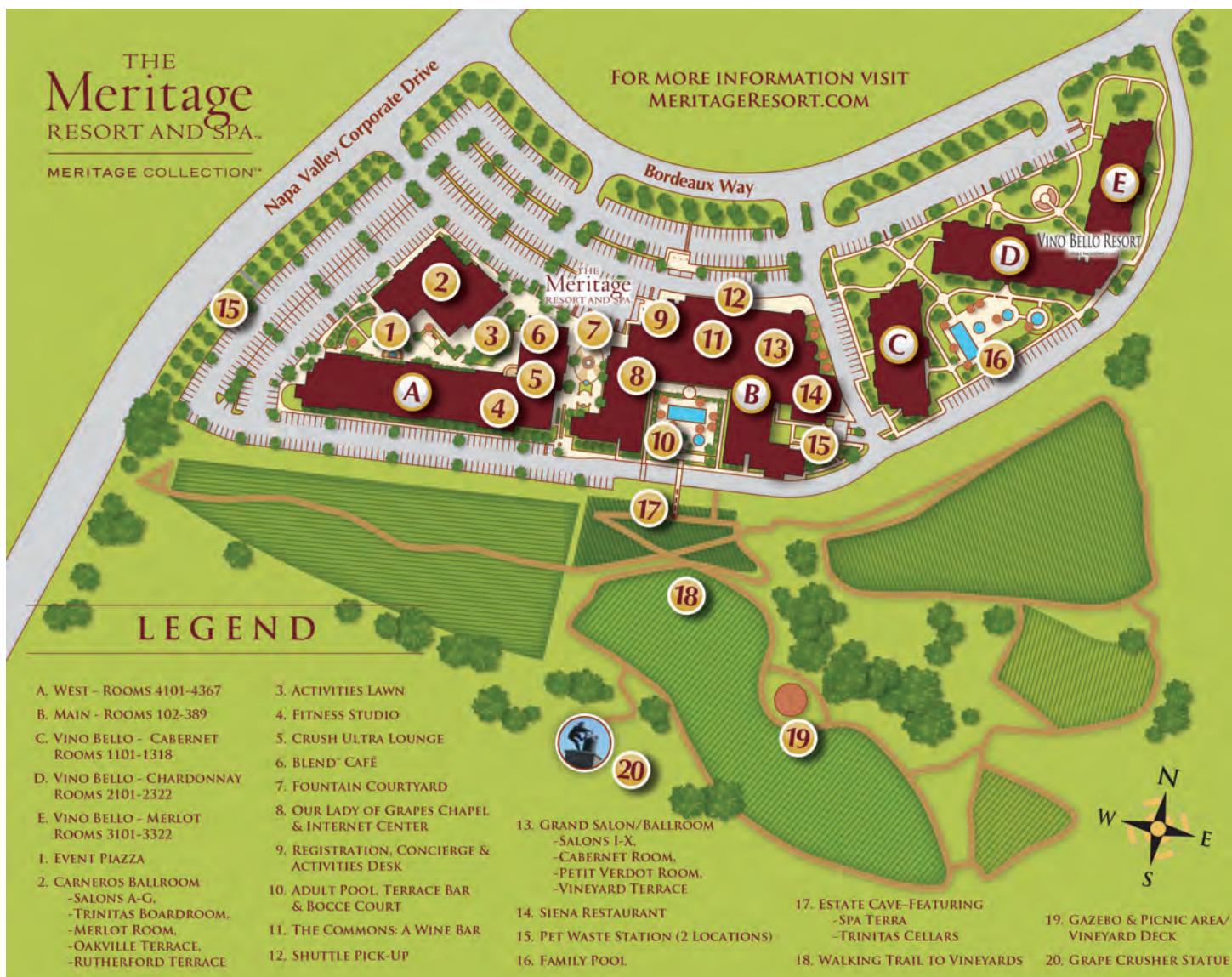


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## Message from the Co-Chairs

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Distinguished Guests,

Welcome to the CBF's 27th Annual Insolvency Conference. This year's conference continues CBF's long-standing tradition of bringing together a renowned faculty of judges and practitioners to discuss the leading issues in bankruptcy. The conference offers educational content for all of California's varied insolvency professionals and provides specialty educational opportunities directed to consumer and young insolvency professionals.

The educational program of the conference will center around the topic of *The Bankruptcy Code: Battered, Broken or Just Right?* In reflecting on the past ten years since the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act has been enacted, many changes in the bankruptcy code, our practice and the economy have taken place. This year's program will address topics all bankruptcy and insolvency professionals will benefit from and provide an opportunity to mingle with fellow members and distinguished guests.

The conference will start Friday morning with CBF's educational partner, the American Bankruptcy Institute, which will present a mock confirmation hearing in an individual's chapter 11 case. Issues unique to individuals in Chapter 11 will be explored in the course of the mock hearing.

The CBF is pleased to welcome the Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr. as our keynote speaker. Mayor Brown served over 30 years in the California State Assembly, spending 15 years as its speaker, and later served as the 41st mayor of San Francisco. He presided over San Francisco's rapidly expanding economy as a result of the start of the "dot-com" era. During his tenure as mayor, he encountered first hand income inequality and how it affects society. While the disparity in wealth has always existed, Mayor Brown will comment on how it is getting more disparate. The first of two Judges' Roundtables will follow Mayor Brown's address and focus on how business and consumer bankruptcy cases are affected by the economy and what can be done to enhance protections of the most economically vulnerable.

Friday's educational programs will include two panel discussions by distinguished speakers, *Aging Like a Fine Wine – BAPCPA 10 Years Later, and Bearing Fruit? – The Supreme Court's Continued Foray into Bankruptcy Jurisdiction Post-Stern*. Immediately following the second program, all conference attendees are invited to the annual State Bar Business Law Section's Insolvency Law Committee cocktail party.

Saturday's panels offer an array of more important bankruptcy topics. Our early morning Ethics panel will discuss debt collection practices and attorney ethical issues and our second Judges' Roundtable will discuss evidentiary issues as well as tips on presenting evidence and making impactful evidentiary objections in bankruptcy court. Following the Judges' Roundtable, an esteemed panel will address the revisions to the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act and other laws and rules affecting bankruptcy and insolvency practitioners. The morning concludes with the world premiere of *The Bankruptcy Bachelor*, a brand new game show produced and hosted by the Honorable Sheri Bluebond. Separate afternoon sessions on Saturday include the Young Insolvency Professional program and the Consumer Bankruptcy program, as well as CBF's annual golf tournament, a vineyard tour and other vineyard activities. Saturday evening will beckon us to Artesa Winery, with its sweeping panoramic views of the Napa Valley and unique dining opportunity in its barrel room.

Special thanks to President Peter L. Fear, educational Co-Chairs Caroline Djang, Michael Lauter and Michael Lubic, program book Co-Chairs Kyle Everett, Mark Shinderman and Kelly Ann Tran, YIP Co-Chairs Michael T. Delaney and Kerry Moynihan, consumer program co-chairs Wesley H. Avery and Hagop Bedoyan, ABI program chair Jeffrey Pomerantz, pro bono program chair Robert Marticello and our judicial liaison the Honorable Peter H. Carroll, for their outstanding work and dedication over the past year to make CBF's 2015 Insolvency Conference a tremendous success. Additionally, we thank each of the session producers, speakers and JBS & Associates staff whose hard work makes CBF an outstanding venue for timely educational sessions. Last, and most important, we express our gratitude and thanks to our sponsors, without whom this conference could not exist.



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- Beautiful Napa
- Bowling
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- Selfies
- FX (special effects)
- Animals

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- A photo can only win one category
- Limit 5 photos per entrant
- Email Entry to: [bovitz@bovitz-spitzer.com](mailto:bovitz@bovitz-spitzer.com), specify category in subject line. Cell phone snapshots are fine, but we welcome higher resolution photos.
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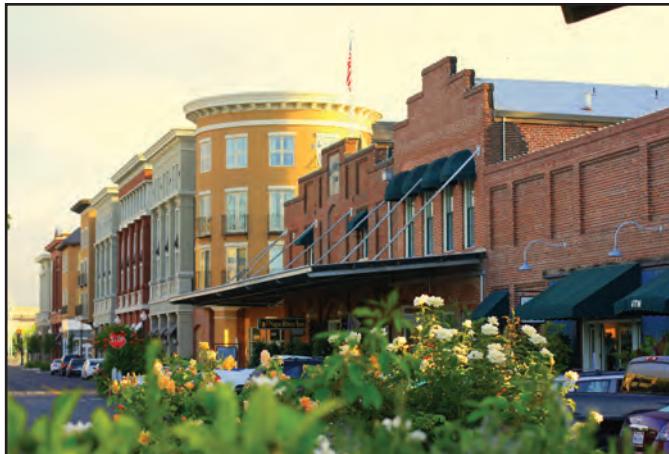
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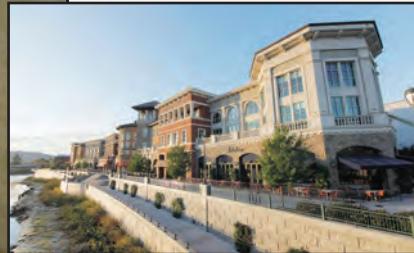
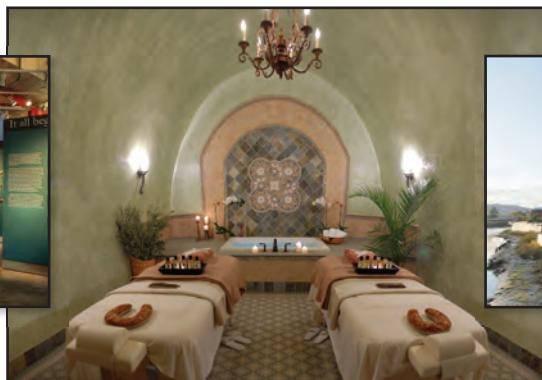


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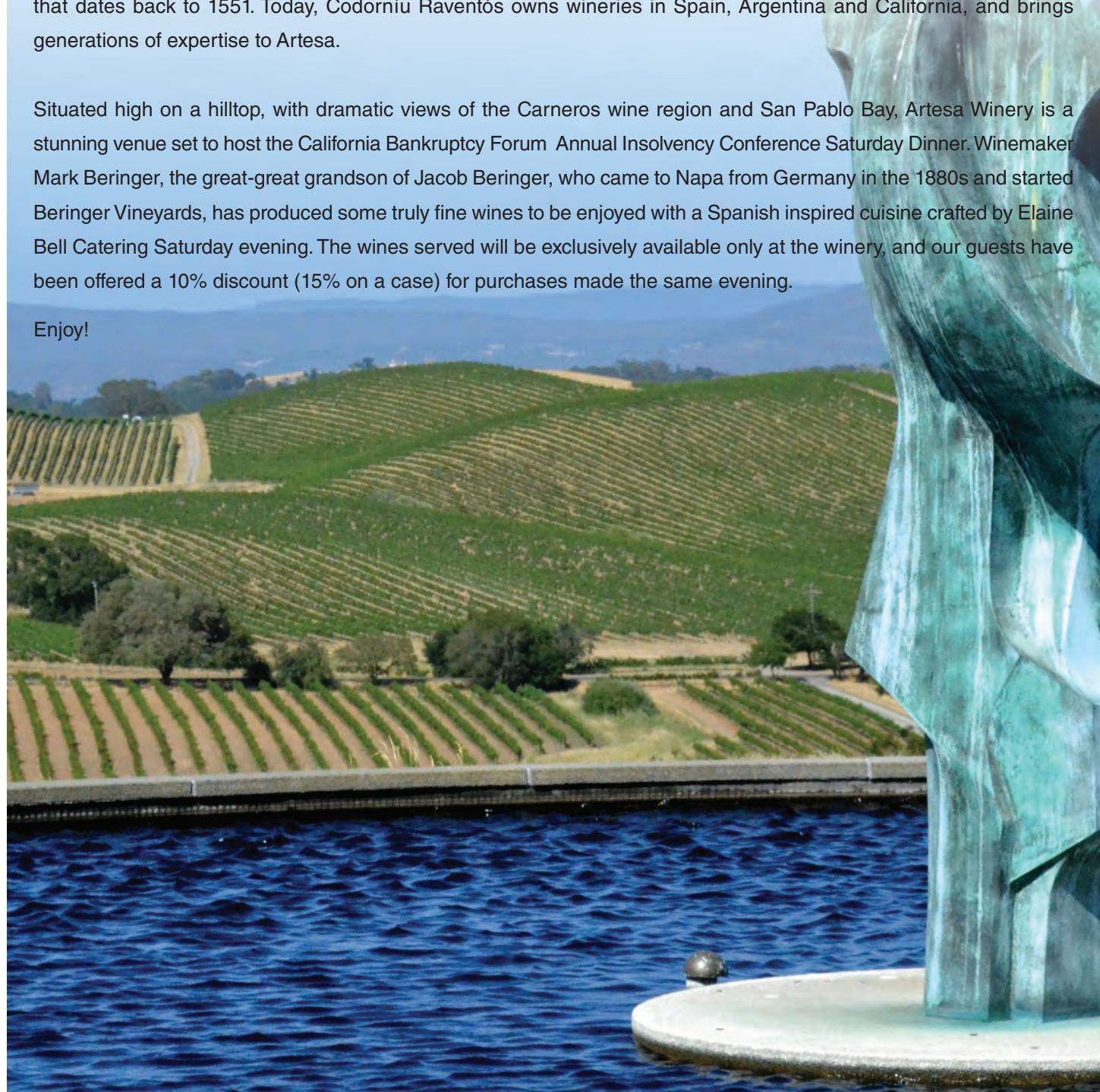
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In May 2013, the CBF Board approved the CBF Pro Bono Project, with the following key elements: (1) CBF sets aside \$10 per CBF conference registrant, plus voluntary donations from conference attendees; (2) the CBF Forum(s) closest to the Annual Conference location are to propose an appropriate use of the fund; and (3) CBF anticipates that the fund will be used by legal aid or similar non-profit groups in the area providing pro bono bankruptcy services.

**With your help, the CBF Pro Bono Project is making a meaningful difference.** In connection with the 2013 Annual Conference held in San Diego, \$5,830 was raised and donated to a project identified by the San Diego Bankruptcy Forum. That project involves a self-help web video for pro se debtors on the topic of reaffirmation agreements that is being produced by the Law Library Justice Foundation in San Diego.

Last year, CBF used a crowdfunding competition between the Orange County Bankruptcy Forum and the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum to determine which of two worthy proposals should receive the majority of the funds raised. Every \$10 donated towards a proposal counted as a vote in favor of that proposal. The OCBF's proposal received the majority of the votes, and, with the help of the crowdfunding competition, a total of \$10,466 was raised. As a result, the LABF received the \$10 per vote for its proposal (\$1,690) and the OCBF received the balance of the funds (\$8,776). The funds contributed to the OCBF's proposal are being used by self-help desks in Santa Barbara and Orange County to enable pro se filers to consult with attorneys over the Internet. The funds contributed to the LABF's proposal are being used to help the self-help desks in Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley buy the computer equipment and additional library resources they need.

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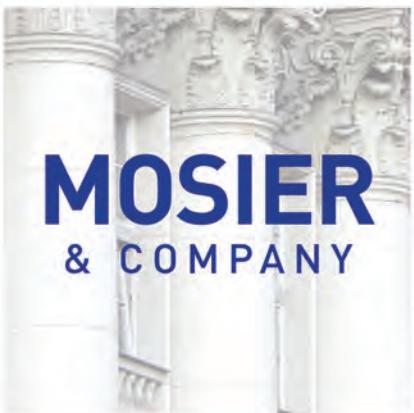
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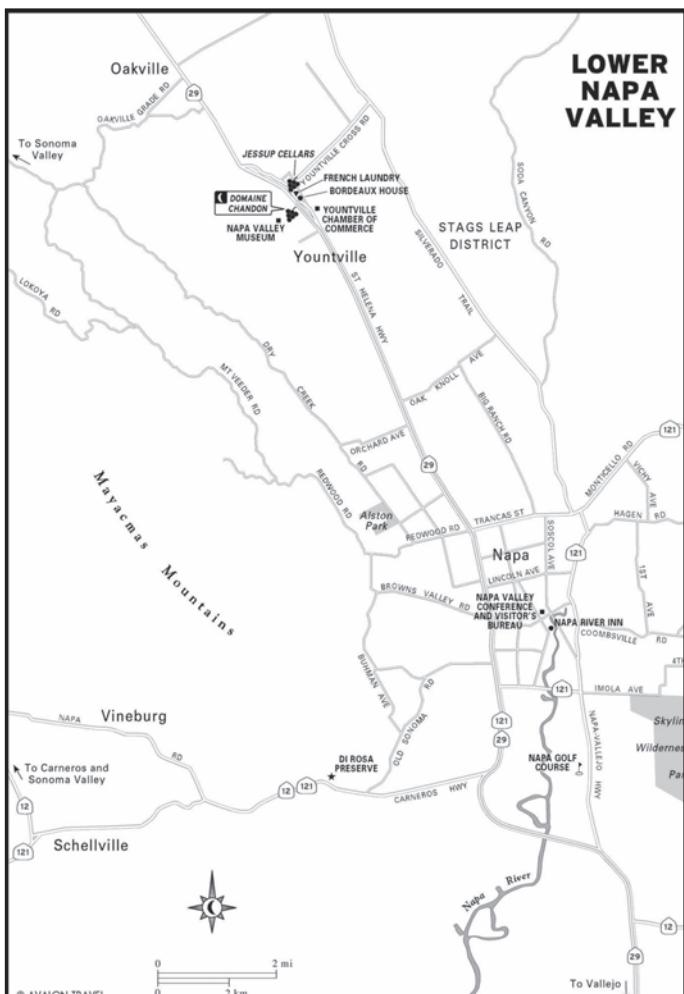
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# Dining In Napa Valley

By Rebecca Meekma



The Napa Valley is nearly as famous for its culinary destinations as it is for its vineyards. From celebrity chef-driven odes to haute cuisine to upstart locavore gastropubs to everything in between, the Valley has it all.

CBF has fabulous educational and networking opportunities, including the highly anticipated luncheon featuring keynote speech by Willie Brown, former Mayor of Oakland, and the Saturday Evening dinner at Artesa Winery planned for your stay in Napa. Should you want to venture away from the conference to try some of the area's justly famous gastronomic wonderlands we've rounded up some favorite recommendations.

Scoring a prime-time reservation last minute can be a challenge. Try arranging your schedule to dine at off-peak hours. A relaxing late lunch or an afternoon happy hour are great ways to take advantage of Napa's culinary treasures. And it all tastes better with a glass of one of the region's wonderful wines. Just don't forget to arrange transportation so you can enjoy responsibly.

## Yountville

15 miles up Route 29 from the Meritage, Yountville is the de facto food capital of the Napa Valley.

Thomas Keller's **French Laundry**, which constantly tops national Best Of lists, serves exquisite meals in a more traditional, yet contemporary setting. Service, presentation, atmosphere and most importantly, the food are unrivaled, as is the cost. Keller's bistro **Bouchon** and family-style prix fixe meals at **Ad Hoc** are guaranteed pleasers as well. Much of the produce served in these restaurants comes from the lovely gardens that Keller has planted across the street from French Laundry.

Michael Chiarello (you know him from his eponymous TV shows and Top Chef Masters) is famous for bold Italian flavors featuring his Napa meets Mediterranean style. **Bottega** is his current flagship where diners can find hand-made pastas and fabulous wine pairings, some from Chiarello's own well-regarded vineyard.

**Lucy at the Bardessono Hotel and Spa** provides contemporary ambiance featuring seasonal, field-to-fork cuisine, grown on-site or sourced locally. For a change of pace, try breakfast at Lucy – duck confit hash, perhaps? Enjoy their lovely outdoor seating.



**Redd** brings global flavors, especially Asian, to wine country. Chef Richard Reddington worked in top kitchens in New York City, Los Angeles and San Francisco before opening his eponymous spot in 2004. Tasting menus and a la carte ordering is possible at both lunch and dinner. And don't miss the more-casual **Redd-Wood**, featuring wood-fired pizzas and an osteria-style menu.

**Napa Dining** Downtown Napa is about 4 miles north of the hotel, via 221.

Celebrity chef Masuharu Morimoto has opened **Morimoto Napa** at the Riverfront; this is his first west coast restaurant, showing Napa's culinary clout. Featuring the Asian fusion cuisine and top quality sushi and sashimi that Morimoto is known for, Morimoto Napa attracts a younger and stylish crowd for the tasty food and the glam atmosphere. Plus, a fab bar/lounge area and foodie shopping.



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# LA TABERNA

The recently opened **La Taberna**, an authentic Spanish tavern/bar, has brought tapas to Napa. Word on the street says it has a relaxed, hipster vibe and the food is unlike anything else in Napa. Suckling pig, oxtail empanadas and fried pork belly are small plate stand outs. No reservations.



**1313 Main** is a wine bar and restaurant, with flights of Napa's finest available for your enjoyment. The food is top notch, too. Great Happy Hour.



**Kitchen Door** by chef Todd Humphries in the Oxbow Public Market (which is worth a visit on its own) features "multi-ethnic, ingredient-driven comfort food." An open kitchen and wood-fired oven anchor the airy space.

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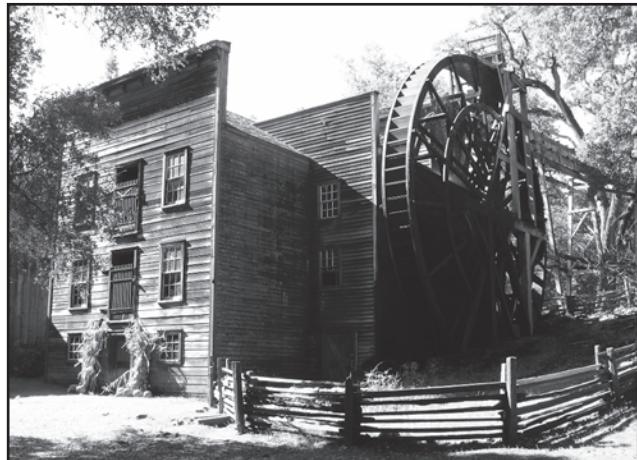
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# SNAPSHOT OF NAPA VALLEY'S EXCITING PAST

By Gretchen Arroyo

Long before the sprawling vineyards, wineries, restaurants and the wine train, people have been drawn to the beauty and natural resources of Napa Valley. Few would guess at the colorful past that included warring Native American tribes, surly prospectors, writers, and Spanish explorers. Today Napa is a mecca for wine enthusiasts and foodies from all over the world.

Francis Castro and Father Jose Altimura were the first Europeans to explore the Napa Valley in 1823. When the first white settlers arrived in the early 1830s, there were six tribes in the valley speaking different dialects. They were constantly battling amongst themselves. Napa Valley truly was the Wild West. Padre Jose Altimira, founder of Mission San Francisco Solano in Sonoma led an expedition into Napa Valley. The Napa and Ulcus tribes occupied part of the area where the City of Napa now exists. Spanish priests converted some of the natives, but many died during a smallpox epidemic in 1838 while others were dispersed by Spanish soldiers. Settlers also killed several over claims of cattle theft.



*Bale Grist Mill built in 1846 is one of only two water-driven mills remaining west of the Mississippi River.*

When California was granted statehood in 1849, Napa Valley was in the Territory of California, District of Sonoma. In 1850 when counties were first organized, Napa became one of the original counties of California. At the time, its boundaries also included Lake County to the north. In 1847, The City of Napa was founded by Nathan Coombs. The first business establishment in the town was a saloon built by Harrison Pierce, a former miller at the Bale Grist Mill. Napa's first general store was opened a year later in 1848 by Joseph P. Thompson. The first record of a ship navigating the river was the Susana in 1842. John Sutter's schooner the Sacramento landed in 1844 to pick up a load of lime and deliver passengers. By 1850, it was not uncommon to see steam ships sailing up the river delivering supplies and travelers from San Francisco eager to take in the beauty of the valley and the warmer climate.

By this time, in the mid-1850s, Napa's Main Street rivaled that of many larger cities. Crowded hotels, horses tied up and down Main Street, brothels and saloons even gambling could be found in town. It wasn't until 1859 when the first commercial winery opened in the town of Napa by John Patchett. The vineyard itself along with the winery was located in what is now the city limits of Napa. But, Charles Krug is credited to opening the very first commercial winery in Napa Valley in St. Helena.

Nathan Coombs and many other important city founders and builders are buried nearby in Tulocay Cemetery. Many Bear Flag Riders are buried here with their adversary Salvador Vallejo. At the entrance is the tomb of Mary (Mammy) Pleasant who is considered the Mother of Civil Rights in California.

It was also in the late 1850's that the silver rush hit Napa valley and brought in a huge wave of miners, get rich quick

In what is now Napa County, 13 ranchos were granted by Mexico during the 1830's and late 1840's. Some of the rancho names still exist in one form or another. Caymus and Napa are two of the most notable. George C. Yount was an early settler in Napa County and is believed to be the first Anglo-Saxon resident in the county. In 1836 Yount obtained the Mexican grant Rancho Caymus where he built what is said to be the first log house in California. Soon afterward, he built a sawmill and grain mill, and was the first person to plant a vineyard in the county. Yountville was named in his honor after his death. Following the event of the Mexican-American War, Bear Flag Revolt in 1846 and the Mexican Cession in 1848, settlers were granted deeds from the original ranchos during the 1850s through 1870s. To this day, a number of streets and landmarks around the valley reflect the names of these ranchos and original grantees.

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schemes and Chinese immigrants. The Silverado mine is the most notable of all the mines in the valley and was located near the summit of Mt. St. Helena. The mine was immortalized by Robert Louis Stevenson in his classic *The Silverado Squatters*. The first wave of rural, foreign laborers from coastal villages of China's Canton province arrived in California, and at Napa County mines. Global investment bankers and national trading companies, especially British, imported this first wave of "cheap" workers to do the manual "dirty" jobs needed to build a country. In contrast, the 49ers were often literate, Anglo-Americans "from the East" concerned about the rights of labor. Gold rush wages were high with California enjoying an "island" demand for workers. This condition set in motion a clash that resulted in the White Workingman's Party movement. Napa Valley vintner Charles Krug was treasurer. The opportunistic "Socialist" Kearny led the Party to control the State government in the 1870s. These predominately "Irish-German" born newcomers eventually passed the "anti-stick" legislation that led to the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act by the US Congress.

At the dawn of the 20th century, Napa had become the primary business and economic center for the Napa Valley. The San Francisco, Napa and Calistoga railways established freight and passenger service in 1905. The railroad carried passengers from ferry boats in Vallejo to stops in Napa and other locations in the valley.

Agricultural and wine interests grew during this time, along with much of the light industry, banking, commercial and retail activity. This activity has continued up until this day. In the early 1970's through the mid 1990's, while the region gained worldwide fame as a desirable tourist destination, Napa languished as tourists bypassed the city. Downtown Napa finally began to recover and emerge from a long economic slumber in the 2000s, triggered by a significant growth in Main Street restaurants and hotels. The redevelopment of First and Main streets and the Napa Mill complex helped to stimulate investments along the Napa riverfront.



December 1938, Napa Valley laborer working between mines, lumberyards, and fields.

## Meet Trinitas Cellars Resident Wine Guru

Garrett Busch earned a BBA in Management Entrepreneurship and a Masters in Finance and Investments from the University of Notre Dame. After graduating, Garrett was appointed as the Director of Operations for his family's winery, Trinitas Cellars. In 2012, he was promoted to CEO and continues to serve in this role. He actively oversees all aspects of the business, including: production, sales, marketing, human resources, and finances. Garrett is not only involved in the business of the winery but also the winemaking. Since starting at the winery in 2010 Garrett has worked closely with Trinitas' Wine Maker Kevin Mills to develop one of the most diverse wine selections of any winery in Napa Valley. Garrett is involved in grape and vineyard sourcing, barrel sourcing, and consulting with Kevin on winemaking techniques and all blending sessions.



Garrett will be leading the "Shape of the Glass" optional activity on Saturday at 2:00pm. Stop by Registration in the Meritage Ballroom Foyer by Saturday at 10:00am to sign up.

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The Conference kicks off Friday with a keynote address by The Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr., two-term Mayor of San Francisco, legendary Speaker of the California State Assembly, and widely regarded as one of California's most influential politicians. Following the Hon. Brown's keynote address will be the Judges' Roundtable where practitioners and Judges will discuss how business and consumer cases are affected by the economy and what can be done to enhance protections for the most economically vulnerable in California and the United States as a whole.

Following the roundtable, *Aging Like a Fine Wine? – BAPCPA 10 Years Later*, will evaluate whether BAPCPA, the most comprehensive set of revisions to the Bankruptcy Code since 1978, has been a success or failure. *The final program on Friday, Bearing Fruit? – The Supreme Court's Continued Foray Into Bankruptcy Jurisdiction Post-Stern*, will explore the import of the Supreme Court's decisions in the area of Bankruptcy Court jurisdiction, including a discussion of the recent *Wellness* case under consideration by this Court this term.

Our Saturday slate of educational programs kicks off with our ethics panel: *Sour Grapes – Debt Collection Practices and Attorney Ethical Issues. How far is too far?* Our diverse group of ethics experts will start your day with an in-depth analysis of attorney ethical issues as they touch on debt collection practices. Once everyone's ethical compass has been properly calibrated, the Judges' Roundtable breakfast will follow in the general session room. This roundtable dialogue focuses on tips on "dos," "don'ts," and "don't-even-think-about-its" of oral and written advocacy in bankruptcy court. *The Latest Crush: Revisions to the UFTA and Other Insolvency Laws* will discuss recent revisions to laws and rules affecting bankruptcy and insolvency practitioners. Finally on Saturday, the inimitable Honorable Sheri Bluebond will present an exciting new game show, *The Bankruptcy Bachelor*, which is sure to educate, entertain, amaze, and warm the deepest caverns of your still-beating heart.

On Saturday afternoon, the sixth annual Young Insolvency Professionals program kicks off with presentations geared to the next generation of insolvency titans. The Conference also offers the Consumer Bankruptcy Program on Saturday afternoon. This year, the Consumer Program highlights current issues relating to Chapter 13, retirement plans, and the dischargeability of student loans.

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- Bachelor of Arts, San Francisco State University, 1955
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## FRIDAY EDUCATION

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**

**9:00 - 11:00AM | MERITAGE BALLROOM, SALON IX-X**

**INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER 11 CONFIRMATION MOCK HEARING:** This panel will conduct a mock confirmation hearing in an individual's chapter 11 case. Issues unique to individuals, such as the applicability of the absolute priority rule and best efforts under 1129(a)(15), will be explored in the course of the hearing.

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**Lunch Served in Ballroom Prior to the Keynote Address**

**12:05 - 1:50 PM | CARNEROS BALLROOM**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND JUDGES' ROUNDTABLE:** A roundtable discussion will follow the Keynote address, led by bankruptcy judges from throughout California. The roundtable will be used as a means for introducing attendees to the CBF community, and will be an important part of the commencement of the CBF Program.

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**1:50 PM - 2:15 PM**

**Coffee Break**

**2:15 PM - 2:30 PM**

**Announcements**

## FRIDAY, MAY 15

## 2:30 – 3:45 PM | CARNEROS BALLROOM

**AGING LIKE A FINE WINE? – BAPCPA 10 YEARS LATER.** Was the most comprehensive set of revisions to the Bankruptcy Code since 1978 a success or failure? What are the implications for bankruptcy and insolvency practice going forward? Our panelists will evaluate the impact of BAPCPA, ten years after its enactment, and provide differing views on its successes and failures, and what they can tell us about the future of insolvency practice.

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## 3:45 – 5:00 PM | CARNEROS BALLROOM

**BEARING FRUIT? – THE SUPREME COURT'S CONTINUED FORAY INTO BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION POST-STERN.** In the beginning, there was Marathon, followed by nearly 30 years of calm. But then came Stern. And then Bellingham. Now, with the Supreme Court delving into the thorny issues of bankruptcy court jurisdiction yet again, having recently heard oral argument in the Wellness International Network case, our panelists will analyze and debate the import of the Supreme Court's decisions in this area, and where they leave bankruptcy practitioners and judges.

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## SATURDAY EDUCATION

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**7:00 - 8:00 AM | MERITAGE BALLROOM, SALON IX-X**

**ETHICS PROGRAM: SOUR GRAPES – DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES AND ATTORNEY ETHICAL ISSUES.** How far is too far? Our panel of ethics experts will start your day with an in-depth analysis of attorney ethics issues as they touch on debt collection practices, including a discussion of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and other statutory pratfalls, both from the perspective of the creditor and the debtor.

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**8:00 - 9:00 AM | CARNEROS BALLROOM**

**JUDGES' ROUNDTABLE: DISCUSSION OF BEST PRACTICES FOR PRESENTING YOUR CASE.** Practitioners will have the opportunity to break bread with the Judges in attendance and discuss evidentiary “dos”, “don’ts”, and “don’t-even-think-about-its” as well as tips on presenting evidence and making impactful evidentiary objections in bankruptcy court.

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**9:00 - 9:15 AM**

**Stretch Break**

**9:15 - 10:30 AM | CARNEROS BALLROOM**

**THE LATEST CRUSH: REVISIONS TO THE UFTA AND OTHER INSOLVENCY LAWS.** This panel will discuss recent revisions to laws and rules affecting bankruptcy and insolvency practitioners – both in bankruptcy law and non-bankruptcy law – including the impact of the recent revisions to the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act and to the Federal Rules of Evidence and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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**10:30 - 11:00 AM**

**Coffee Break**

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | CARNEROS BALLROOM

**THE BANKRUPTCY BACHELOR.** Give love a fresh start. Join us for the world premiere of a brand new game show produced and hosted by the CBF's hitmaker, the Hon. Sheri Bluebond, that pits contestants looking to reorganize their affairs into a battle over that elusive *je ne sais quoi* that we all seek – knowledge of recent case law. One eligible bachelor will choose from among three eligible "bachelorettes," based on their responses to questions inspired by recent Ninth Circuit and Ninth Circuit BAP cases. A panel of judges will offer their insights on the cases that form the basis of the questions.

**Producers:**



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**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**12:30 - 1:30 PM | MERITAGE BALLROOM, SALON IX-X**

**JUDGE'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** In a rare opportunity to peek behind the veil, young insolvency professionals will join honorable members of the judiciary from across the state for lunch and a roundtable discussion, and have the opportunity to learn from the experiences and antidotes of the Honorable Scott H. Yun.

**Producer:**



**Kailey Crum**  
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**Speaker:**



**Hon. Scott H. Yun**  
US Bankruptcy Court, Central District

**1:45 - 2:45 PM | MERITAGE BALLROOM, SALON IX-X**

**INSOLVENCY 101: EVALUATING AN INSOLVENT ENTITY AND REHABILITATION STRATEGIES.** The rehabilitation of a corporation is a delicate process often involving a variety of complex issues. In the context of a hypothetical reorganization, the panelists will identify some of the usual suspects that lead corporations into dire financial straits, how to address these issues from a practical standpoint, and how to evaluate the available reorganization mechanisms. In so doing, the panelists will discuss various insolvency tools, including receiverships, assignments for the benefit of creditors, distressed work-outs, and, of course, bankruptcy, and the pros and cons of each for debtors and creditors.

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**2:45 - 3:00 PM**

**Coffee Break**

**3:00 - 4:00 PM | MERITAGE BALLROOM, SALON IX-X**

**STACKING THE DECK: IDENTIFYING AND PROTECTING ASSETS AND PRE-PETITION BUSINESS PERFORMANCE.** Orchestrating the successful reorganization of an operating enterprise requires preparation. The panelists will discuss the numerous factors to be considered, including adequate disclosures, privilege, operations during the preference period, and how to protect your client and yourself. The panelists will also discuss how to effectively identify assets and evaluate pre-petition strategies for protecting those assets to ensure a successful and smooth transition into bankruptcy.

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**Ron Oliner**  
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4:00 – 5:00 PM | MERITAGE BALLROOM, SALON IX-X

**CLEARING THE STARTING GATE: MAINTAINING BUSINESS OPERATIONS DURING THE FIRST 60 DAYS OF BANKRUPTCY.** Successfully reorganizing a business requires insolvency professionals to nurture the business and ensure the proper orders are immediately put in place to allow the business to continue its operations throughout the bankruptcy process. The panelists will discuss the variety of “first day” motions available and when such motions must be filed. The panelists will also address post-petition management of debtors, including the impact of bankruptcy on pre-petition receivers.

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*(Refer to page 8 for meeting space location)*

# CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY PROGRAM

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

**1:30 - 2:30 PM | MERITAGE BALLROOM, SALON VII-VIII**

**Recent Flies in the Ointment in Chapter 13 Practice.** Our distinguished panel representing bench, bar, and the trustee will explore challenging issues in Chapter 13 practice, including Chapter 20, post confirmation assets and appreciation issues, separate classification of student loans, plan modifications and the imperatives of Chapter 13 practice.

**Producer:**



**Lucy Ajdaharian**  
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Chapter 13 Trustee

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**Hon. Dennis Montali**  
US Bankruptcy Court,  
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**Jan P. Johnson**  
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**2:30 - 3:30 PM | MERITAGE BALLROOM, SALON VII-VIII**

**Pitfalls for Practitioners to Consider in Determining the Exemptability of Retirement Plans.** Exempting a retirement plan can be tricky, especially if it is self-directed, inherited, an IRA, or not ERISA-qualified. Our experienced panel representing bench, bar and the trustee will survey the traps that exist and discuss how to avoid them, as well as explore case law trends typified by the recent decisions, *Clark v. Rameker*, 134 S.Ct 2242 (2014) and *In re Hamlin*, 465 B.R. 863 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2012).

**Producer:**



**Sarah Boone**  
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**Hon. Scott C. Clarkson**  
US Bankruptcy Court,  
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**3:30 - 4:00 PM**

**Coffee Break**

**4:00 - 5:00 PM | MERITAGE BALLROOM, SALON VII-VIII**

**The Dischargeability of Student Loans: What Does the Future Hold?** An outstanding panel of prominent lawyers and judges will discuss case law trends in the dischargeability of student loans. The recent cases discussed will include, *Hedlund v. Educ. Res. Inst. Inc.*, 718 F.3d 848 (9th Cir. 2013).

**Producer:**



**Michael Fletcher**  
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# Local Flavor - Napa Cabbage Wraps

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## Ingredients:

- 1 extra large Napa cabbage
- 1 large red bell pepper
- 2 large carrots
- 2 medium cucumbers
- 1 (12 oz) package extra firm tofu
- 1 bunch of cilantro
- 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons GF low sodium tamari
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 lime
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- coconut oil

## Instructions:

1. Thoroughly coat grill pan in coconut oil.
2. Drain tofu, slice in half and press with cloth until dry, squeezing out as much moisture as possible.
3. Grill tofu 5 minutes on each side or until crispy.
4. To create the peanut dipping sauce combine peanut butter, sesame oil, tamari, garlic, juice of 1 lime, honey, red pepper flakes. Mix well. Add water to achieve desired consistency and additional salt to taste.
5. To prepare vegetables use a julienne peeler, creating vegetable noodles out of carrots and cucumbers.
6. De-seed and cut bell pepper into match sticks.
7. Wash and chop cilantro.
8. Rinse and dry cabbage leaves cutting off the majority of white stalk.
9. Layer tofu, bell pepper, carrots, cilantro and cucumber in cabbage leaves and roll up!
10. Use peanut sauce or toothpicks to secure leaves if necessary.



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Crisp, yet has a high acidity, letting the wine cut through the Cabbage's flavor and creamy dressing.

### Local Options to Try:

**2013 Spottswoode Napa and Sonoma County Sauvignon Blanc**, \$35. This Spottswoode wine has been one of Napa's best for almost three decades, and the 2013 is another success. The combination of Sonoma and Napa fruit—fermented in a combination of stainless steel, French oak and concrete eggs—is full-bodied but marked by a vibrant acidity and a beguiling nose of lime zest and honeydew.

**2012 Arkenstone Vineyards Howell Mountain Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc**, \$60. The Howell Mountain sub-region of Napa is known for reds, but Arkenstone winemaker Sam Kaplan said the soil of the estate's vineyards is also perfect for Sauvignon Blanc. This one has a wonderful satiny texture—supple and lush, balanced by a bright acidity and penetrating mineral finish.

**2013 Massican Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc**, \$28. Although winemaker Dan Petroski said his first vintage of Sauvignon Blanc was an “accident,” it was clearly a happy one. Produced from an old vineyard in Napa’s Pope Valley, this is an intensely aromatic, full-bodied and well-structured wine that Mr. Petroski said is nearly the equal in quality to the first Sauvignon he produced, in 2009.

**2013 Lail Blueprint Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc**, \$40. When Robin Lail decided to pull up a Merlot vineyard in Napa to plant Sauvignon Blanc, people might have thought she was mad, but thanks to superstar winemaker Philippe Melka, the decision has proved anything but foolish. This is a very rich, very lush take on the grape, fermented entirely in new French oak.

**2013 Hourglass Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc**, \$40. Founder Jeff Smith said his first winemaker, Bob Foley, “hated” Sauvignon Blanc, but his current winemaker, Tony Biagi, is a fan. This is the first Sauvignon Blanc vintage from Hourglass and it’s a winner. Bursting with aromas of citrus, lime and even honeysuckle, it’s a round, lush wine with a long mineral finish.

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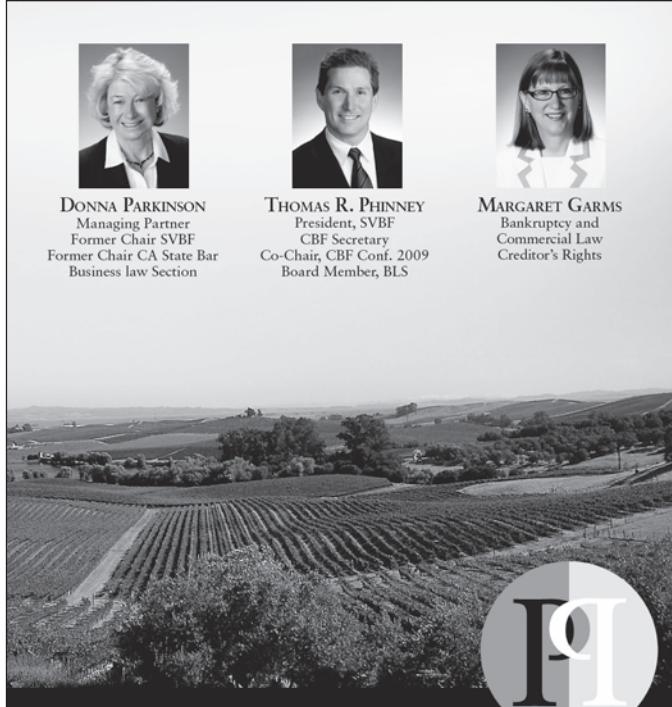
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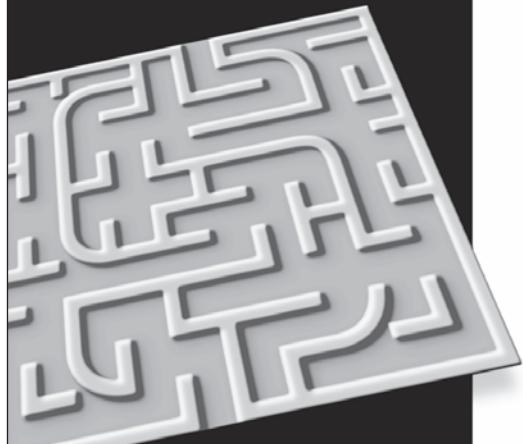
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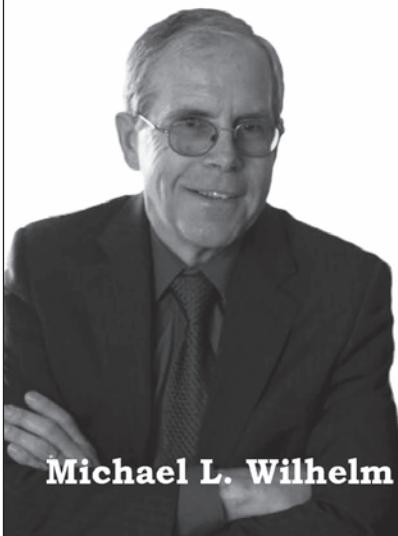
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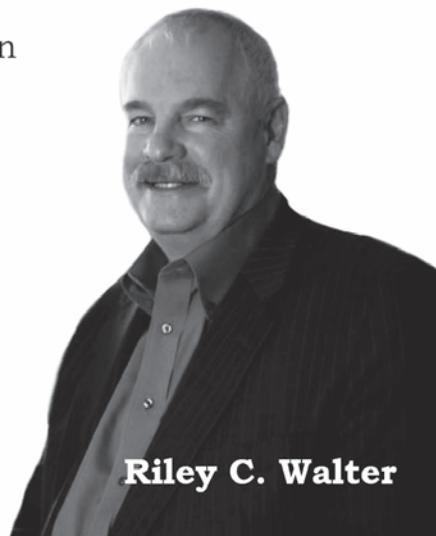
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