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President's Message



Dear Members and Friends of the Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County,

With the unprecedented health crisis the world is currently experiencing we at the HBA have decided to cancel all our social and networking events in order to do our part to flatten the COVID-19 curve. ***All HBA events are cancelled until further notice; we will keep you updated.***

We deeply care for our members and our community and wish for all of you and your families to remain healthy during these challenging times. Please do your part to help fight this virus by following the [CDC guidelines](#) and complying with [Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20](#) directing all individuals in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructures.

As attorneys we still have to follow our rules of ethics during this crisis and the OCBA put together a great webinar titled "[Don't let COVID Infect Your Ethics and Civility](#)" which included our past president Joe Chairez, we encourage our members to take a look at the materials which provide very useful information regarding this matter.

While navigating through these difficult times many of our legal professionals are facing various challenges from working remotely, layoffs, home-schooling children, managing staff and overall anxiety over this health crisis. Remember that there are resources available for all of us to deal with these different stress factors. The [CDC has provided resources to manage stress and anxiety](#), we encourage our members to explore the resources and use them as needed. Some important numbers are:

- Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

Most important to remember is that we are in this together and we have to take care of each other. Eat healthy meals, exercise, meditate, read, enjoy board games and other activities with your family, all of this will help to keep not only your physical health, but also your mental health during this time. Don't forget to be kind to one another, one act of kindness encourages others and that is a chain reaction we want to keep going perpetually.

Through these challenging times, we are grateful. Grateful for all of our members who continue to support the HBA in the midst of all of life's challenges. We want to wholeheartedly thank all of you for your faithful support. **THANK YOU** for making *our 42nd Annual Scholarship Fundraiser & Installation Dinner* a complete success!







We had an amazing night celebrating and dancing the night away with our Wally Davis Scholarship recipients. Thank you for attending and making it possible for the HBA to continue to provide scholarships for the future of our legal community.

Wishing you and your families health, we look forward to seeing all of our members soon.

Warmest regards,

