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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Our country is going through many changes; we are hopefully on the road to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic as more people get vaccinated. However, defeating the pandemic is only one part of the crisis that our country is currently facing. We must fight to defeat systematic racism. The guilty verdict from the George Floyd case is a start; however, we must not celebrate this as a victory for justice and let it fade away. The road to racial justice has just begun and it will take each and every one of us to take a stand and make a difference. Our country was founded on the very principle that ALL PEOPLE ARE CREATED EQUAL with fundamental rights of LIBERTY and JUSTICE FOR ALL. We all enjoy the freedoms and benefits which our founding fathers fought for, but a mere three months ago we witnessed how fragile our democracy can be. It is up to each one of us to take responsibility and defend our freedoms and fight for justice for ourselves, for our neighbors, for our community, for our country. We are all in this together and only together will we be able to make changes. Let us take a lesson from warriors such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Cesar Chavez, Harriet Tubman, Dolores Huerta, Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez, Rosa Parks, and so many others who without notoriety have fought for equality and justice.

As the HBA remains committed to being part of the change towards racial justice, we also remain committed to our mission statement to: promote **education, unity, and excellence** in the Hispanic legal community. Our commitment to the future generations of legal professionals has been supported by all of our members for 43 years now.

Our total gratitude to all of our sponsors and members for your commitment to the HBA which allows us to provide scholarships every year. It was because of all of you, that we were able to celebrate our 43rd Annual Scholarship Fundraiser & Installation Dinner last month. Our virtual event, was a sold out success, and despite the pandemic, our community came together to provide scholarships to very deserving law students, THANK YOU!





Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us via zoom! [Our Cinco de Mayo Celebration will be on May 6, 2021](#). We will be celebrating virtually with Oaxacan Mezcal Passion Fruit Margaritas! Each attendee will be provided a margarita kit with all ingredients for two drinks. Come learn from a mixologist in our virtual class. [Register](#) today and come network and meet new people. Very special thank you to our sponsors for all their support!

Orange County Hispanic Bar Association Celebrates Cinco de Mayo with authentic Oaxacan Mezcal Passion Fruit Margaritas!

Thursday, May 6, 2021
6:00 - 7:00 pm
COST: \$40.00

Learn to make this fabulous Margarita with a Premium Mixologist in a Virtual Class. Complete Kits containing all ingredients will be sent to each guest!!

Each Kit contains ingredients for "two" drinks

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As our Cinco de Mayo Celebration is fast approaching that means our summer events are almost here, save the date!

- June 2021: Event TBD (stay tuned!)
- July 2021: Angels Baseball Game
- August 2021: End of Summer Mixer
- September 2021: Judge's BBQ

We will send details of these and other events in the following weeks, we hope you can all join us, it will be a great summer for the HBA and we want to share it with all of you.

We love having fun and getting to know our members via our virtual events, but are also committed to further our goals, one of which is mentoring future generations of legal professionals.



Our mentee, Tiffany Kemp expresses her gratitude for the mentorship program and shares her experience:

I registered to attend the resume workshop with OCHBA back in December of 2020. I was seeking the Lord for guidance in search of a new job. In Matthew 6:33 says "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." I stepped out on faith and updated my resume. I had been at my previous job for almost 6 years driving 90 miles.. I thank Briana Koeppel for her wonderful tips at the workshop, because it helped me tremendously in obtaining my new position as a Legal Discovery Support Representative.

OCHBA offers wonderful mentorship for law students; I was paired with Shelly Aronson in January 2021. Shelly has provided me with some tools for exam writing for law school. I am a visual learner and some learning styles I do not adapt to well at all. She has provided great feedback on how to improve my writing. I have received some great feedback from her as well. One of my struggles with exams is the time conditions. Secondly, I really did not understand about outlining every exam. Thirdly, I wanted to make sure I was issue spotting every exam. Shelly has taught me to just outline an essay first and practice, practice, practice, especially under timed conditions. I have been practicing and doing better.

Make a difference in a law student's journey, join us and become an attorney mentor. Please email us at mentors@ochba.org if you are interested in becoming a mentor.



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It is our pleasure to welcome new and returning members to the HBA, we're so happy to have you!

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Please stay tuned for our upcoming events, remember to [renew your membership](#) to receive member pricing.

Hope to cheers with all of you with delicious margaritas at Our [Cinco de Mayo Celebration!](#)