

# CULVER MARINA BAR ASSOCIATION

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## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at:  
6:00 p.m.

## Location

Truxton's American Bistro,  
8611 Truxton Ave.,  
Los Angeles, CA. 90045  
310-417-8789

To RSVP, call Karena  
at 310-827-7171

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**The Officers and Board of Directors of the Culver Marina Bar Association would like to wish all of our Members a safe and joyous Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.**

## JANUARY 2012 MEETING

**WHO:** LASC Assistant Presiding Judge David Wesley  
**WHAT:** Update on the Los Angeles County Superior Court  
**WHEN :** January 17, 2012 at 6:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Truxton's Bistro, 8611 Truxton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045(In Westchester off of Manchester Boulevard)  
**WHY:** Good food, good conversation and MCLE credit  
**HOW:** much does it cost? \$40 for members / \$50 for nonmembers

## MEMBERSHIP AND NEW ON-LINE DIRECTORY

We still have members that have not paid their dues for 2012 and who have not turned in the new membership application form identifying their areas of practice and the status of their affiliations with the Los Angeles County Bar Association. The application is available at our website, at the following web address:

<http://culvermarinabar.org/newsletters/11cmbaapp&practiceareas.pdf>

We are in the process of updating our on-line Directory and members who have not paid their 2012 dues or turned in the new application forms may not be listed in the directory when it is completed, so we need to get everyone to submit their application along with their bar dues so that we can update the on-line directory. Please follow the instructions to complete the form and send in your form and your dues ASAP.

## **URGENT ACTION REQUEST**

The Conference of California Bar Associations has asked our Association to bring the following information to the attention of our Members:

Have your clients or your practice suffered as a result of budget cuts? The Judicial Council of California - Administrative Office of the Courts is gathering reports on the effects of judicial branch budget reductions on legal practitioners, their clients, and court users. The Council is seeking reports of the impact this budget crisis is having - in human terms; detailing specific incidents. Your submission should include enough information to enable the Judicial Council to aggregate similar stories and present a picture of the cumulative effects on the public. Your report should include, at a minimum:

1. The trial court at which the incident you are describing occurred;
2. The type of case you or your client brought before the court;
3. The specific reduction in programs or services that impacted you or your client; and,
4. The immediate, subsequent or residual effect that the reduction had on you and your client, and what that means in terms of access to and the delivery of justice.
5. Your contact information should the Judicial Council need to follow up with you on your submission.

It is not enough to say the lines are long, or that there is a backlog in processing judgments, but if that is the effect you are reporting, please articulate how that impact is felt by your client, what the result of it is on your client's life or well-being.

Please submit reports to:  
Donna Hershkowitz  
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Office of Governmental Affairs  
Judicial Council of California - Administrative Office of the Courts  
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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

We are pleased to announce that CMBA Member, Gregg A. Martin, a Partner in Hamburg, Karic, Edwards & Martin LLP, has been included in the Business Litigation section of the 2011 Super Lawyers Business Edition.

Please join us in congratulating Gregg Martin on his achievement.

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- January 1, 2012 - HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!
- January 12, 2012 - Board of Directors Meeting at The Warehouse Restaurant
- January 17, 2012 - The day after my sister turns 50! No wait, it's Dinner and MCLE with David Wesley, the Assistant Presiding Judge of the L.A. Superior Court.

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