

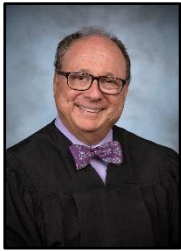


Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association *Presents*

State of the Court

VCTLA is pleased to bring back this yearly presentation by the leadership of the Court highlighting administrative and operational achievements, innovations, and ongoing initiatives to improve the administration of justice in Ventura County.

SPEAKERS



Matthew P. Guasco, Presiding Judge

He was appointed to the bench by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., on December 27, 2011, and elected by the Judges to serve as Presiding Judge for 2025 and 2026. A former civil trial and appellate litigator and professional mediator and arbitrator, Presiding Judge Guasco has served in the Criminal, Civil, and Family Law Divisions of the Court, and he served for six years on the Appellate Division, two of which as the Presiding Appellate Judge. In addition to his administrative duties as Presiding Judge, he conducts Mandatory Settlement Conferences in unlimited civil cases, and, until recently, he presided over the civil mental health calendars, including CARE Court. Presiding Judge Guasco is a faculty member of the Center for Judicial Education & Research and a judicial ethics scholar. A former President of the Ventura County Bar Association, Presiding Judge Guasco is a graduate of the University of California at Davis (B.A. 1980) and Golden Gate University School of Law (J.D. 1984)



Kate Bieker, Court Executive Officer

She serves as the court executive officer for the Superior Court of Ventura County. Previously she served as the court executive officer for the Superior Court of Contra Costa County for 7 years. She served the same court in a variety of other positions. Ms. Bieker has over 20 years of experience in court administration and her areas of expertise include court operations, facilities, information technology, and finance. She currently serves as chair of the Executive Committee of the Court Executives Advisory Committee and serves on the Judicial Council of California. She joined the Ventura Superior Court in April of 2025.

**Tuesday,
August 18, 2026**

**Reception:
5:30 PM**

**Dinner and Program:
6:00 -7:30 PM**

**Holiday Inn
600 Esplanade Dr.
Oxnard, 93036
No Walk-Ins**

**Registration is
available online at
www.vcba.org
vcba@vcba.org
805.650.7599**



The Ventura County Bar Association is an approved State Bar of California Multiple Activity Provider and LSMCLE for Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law (#2216). This participatory activity is approved for MCLE credit in the amount of 1 hour in GENERAL. VCBA certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing continuing legal education.

Please return with check payable to VCBA at 4475 Market St., Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003.

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

BAR No.: _____

MC VISA DISCOVER AMEX

CARD # _____

EXPIRES: _____ CVV CODE: _____ I authorize VCBA to charge the card

Signature: _____

Surf & Turf Plated Dinner & MCLE

\$85 VCTLA Section Members _____

\$100 VCBA Members _____

\$125 Non-Members _____

Total Enclosed _____



All reservations are considered "firm" on **8/11/26** and non refundable.