

Who We Are: 2020 Incubator Participants



Aren Mark Avaness, Avaness Law

Consumer law; personal injury; workers' compensation (add'l language: Armenian)
Aren Mark Avaness is the founding attorney at Avaness Law, a firm that represents injured victims in personal injury and worker's compensation matters. As an underdog advocate, he firmly believes that everyone deserves to have quality legal representation and fights to the bitter end when his clients face tough opposition. He is a graduate of UCLA and Loyola Law School and is fluent in Armenian. Aren can be reached at (818) 724-7222, arenavaness@gmail.com, or via his website: avanesslaw.com.



Jason Barth, Barth Law

Real estate, business and construction law; general litigation; business transactions; business formation Jason Barth brings years of experience as a real estate broker to his legal practice. Whether negotiating real estate or business transaction or aggressively litigating a lawsuit towards trial, he is a zealous advocate that treats each case as his own. He is a graduate of UC Davis and Southwestern Law School and can be reached at (213) 908-5022, jasonbarthlaw@gmail.com, or via his website: barth.law.



Ethan Bearman, The Bearman Firm

Business formation, contracts and litigation; general civil litigation; employment law

Ethan Bearman brings over 25 years of business experience into his law practice to help his individual and business clients with the complexities of contracts, business formation, governmental regulations and legal disputes. A graduate of Loyola Law School, he is regularly featured on television and radio as a media personality and political commentator. He can be reached by phone: (747) BEARMAN / (747) 232-7626, via email at ethan@thebearmanfirm.com, or at his website: thebearmanfirm.com.



Carlo Brooks, Attorney at Law

Immigration; intersection of immigration and criminal law; appeals (add'l language: French)

Named as a 2019-2020 SuperLawyers Rising Star,
Carlo Brooks represents immigration clients with complex matters concerning criminal law and appeals. He also has expertise providing guidance on compliance with data laws and regulations. He is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Southwestern Law School, and also earned a PhD from Universite de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour in France. He is fluent in French, and can be reached at (310) 691-9373.



Simon H. Gabay Law Office of Simon H. Gabay

Taxation law (add'l languages: French and Hebrew)
Simon Gabay provides tax planning, litigation and resolution services to individuals of modest means. He is also committed to providing community outreach and education on tax matters. He is a graduate of California State University Northridge and Southwestern Law School. He is fluent in French and Hebrew and can be reached at (323) 374-5560, simon@sgabaylaw.com, or via his website: sgabaylaw.com.



George Lucero, Lucero & Yeretsian LLP

Personal injury; workers' compensation (add'l language: Spanish)

George Lucero is a founding partner of Lucero & Yeretsian, a plaintiffs' side law firm that represents individuals who have suffered various types of injury, from workplace accidents to vehicle collisions and more. George is a graduate of Arizona State University and Loyola Law School. He is fluent in Spanish and can be reached at (424) 279-4040, george@lyllp.com, or via his website: lyllp.com.



Silvia Luna, Luna Legal Firm

Employment law; premises liability; police misconduct (add'l language: Spanish)

Silvia Luna represents clients in cases involving employment discrimination, harassment and wrongful termination. She also represents clients who have been injured as a result of police misconduct. She is a graduate of California State Northridge and Loyola Law School and serves as a trustee on the Latina Lawyers Bar Association. She speaks Spanish and can be reached at (818) 203-1644.



John Nolte, Attorney at Law

Special education law; landlord tenant (add'l languages: Portuguese; Spanish)

John Nolte represents students in special education matters, from negotiating with school districts to litigating at due process hearings. He is also a community and housing rights advocate, and served as a member of the Pomona City Council. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University and UCLA School of Law. He is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish and can be reached at (909) 938-9991, or john@johnnoltelaw.com.



Ana Poladyan, Poladyan Law

Health care law; personal injury; transportation law (add'l languages: Armenian; Spanish)

Ana Poladyan brings years of experience as a business-owner in the fields of health care and transportation to her law practice. She provides advice and counsel to individuals and businesses. She is a graduate of Mount Saint Mary's University and Loyola Law School. She speaks Armenian fluently and Spanish conversationally, and can be reached at (818) 648-8077, or poladyanlaw@gmail.com.



Erika A. Williams Law Office of Erika A. Williams

Special education law; juvenile justice; and record clearance

With a background in policy and courtroom advocacy, Erika Williams is a champion for children and youth. In addition to helping clients with legal matters, she also strategically connects them with supportive community services. She is passionate about helping families in crisis and works to meet their legal needs in creative and affordable ways. She is a graduate of UC Berkeley and Southwestern Law School, and earned a Master of Public Administration degree from California State University Dominguez Hills. She can be reached at (323) 739-1647, info@erikawilliamslaw.com, or at her website: erikawilliamslaw.com.



Sarkis Yeretsian, Lucero & Yeretsian, LLP

Personal injury; workers' compensation (add'l language: Armenian)

Sarkis Yeretsian is a founding partner of Lucero & Yeretsian, a plaintiffs' side law firm that represents individuals who have suffered various types of injury, from workplace accidents to vehicle collisions. A seasoned negotiator, Sarkis fights to get the best deals possible for his clients in the most efficient manner, and aggressively litigates his cases when a settlement is not possible. He is a graduate of UCLA and Loyola Law School, and is fluent in Armenian. He can be reached at (424) 279-4040, sarkis@lyllp.com, or via his website: lyllp.com.

Need Legal Assistance?

LAIC participants are solo practitioners serving all of Los Angeles County. These dedicated attorneys are available to provide a comprehensive range of legal services assisting clients of modest means. Furthermore they, and other attorneys, are members of the Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, a nonprofit public service that allows the public to find a qualified attorney and to collect general information about common legal issues. There is no cost to access the LRS and no fee to receive a referral to an attorney. After exchanging basic information of a case, clients will be referred to a qualified attorney. Each referred client receives a free 30-minute consultation, but note LRS attorneys do not provide free legal services. Every LRS attorney has proven he /she is qualified in a particular area of practice and has met qualifications and standards, including carrying malpractice insurance and maintaining good standing with the State Bar of California. Contact the LRS by phone: (213) 243-1525 (Monday through Friday, 8:45 am to 5:00 pm) or online: www.smartlaw.org. Additional referral services can be found at www.calbar.ca.gov/Public/NeedLegal-Help/Lawyer-Referral-Service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may qualify for free legal services from legal aid agencies. Legal aid agencies are nonprofit organizations providing free legal services to individuals below a certain income level. To find a legal aid organization in your area, please visit LawHelpCa.org. The California Judicial Branch also offers legal information and court forms at www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm.

What is LAiC?

Loyola Law School-Los Angeles, Southwestern Law School and UCLA School of Law are all law schools operating in Los Angeles County, the most populous county in the United States. In January 2015, these law schools initiated an attorney incubator program that supports graduates in establishing community-based law practices serving modest means individuals in the county. The Los Angeles Incubator Consortium, or "LAIC," is a collaboration among the three law schools, local legal aid organizations, and the Los Angeles Law Library. Each new solo practitioner in the twelvemonth incubator program commits to providing 100 hours of pro bono service to clients of local legal aid organizations, including Bet Tzedek, Community Legal Services, Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles and Public Counsel. Consortium partners offer legal training, mentoring on effective law practice management, case strategies and other guidance for new solos. These partnerships ensure new solos are building relationships with legal service providers in the area and staying connected to populations that most require legal assist.





Together, the new solos, law schools, the Los Angeles County Law Library, and local legal aid organizations that comprise LAIC are building an effective legal service delivery model that serves modest means individuals and communities that may not qualify for pro bono legal services. The county's geographic area and vast need for legal services necessitates a collaborative effort like the one we have undertaken. We hope you will support LAIC's new solos and program. In doing so, you will help us promote greater access to legal services for all.

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