

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS**

Serving on the Board of Directors of the SCCBA is a rewarding experience, as well as an honor and a privilege. The Directors of the SCCBA are the heart and soul of an organization that provides invaluable services to the Santa Cruz County legal and general community. The Director position puts you in contact with all aspects of lawyering in Santa Cruz County, including continuing legal education, bench bar relations, and the Lawyer Referral Service. Being a Director provides each member with the opportunity to give back to a community that affords us all with the opportunity to do good work and live well.

Being a Director comes with responsibilities to the Board and to the SCCBA's members to make a meaningful contribution to the work of the Association; it should not be entered into lightly. What follows are general guidelines for what is expected of Directors.

1. The major role of the SCCBA's Board of Directors is to set policy for the organization, oversee finances and its financial wellbeing, and determine the viability of programs and projects. Board members are expected to actively support the SCCBA's mission, programs, and activities.
2. Each Board member is expected to become familiar with the Director's Manual, with particular attention to the SCCBA Bylaws, and prepare for and attend board and committee meetings and retreats.
3. Each Board member is expected to attend annual events such as the Annual Meeting and the Fall Fling, MCLE events and events sponsored by associated Bar groups such as the Trial Lawyers, Advocates and Women Lawyers.
5. Board members are expected to actively support the Association's activities by serving on committees, participating in Board projects and taking leadership roles in Association activities.
6. Board members are expected to promote membership in the Bar Association, Bar services such as the LRS and other recruitment activities.
7. Board members are expected to solicit or provide financial sponsorship for the Annual Meeting, the Fall Fling, or other SCCBA sponsored events.
8. Board members are expected to contribute or solicit articles for the quarterly Bar Briefs magazine.

Every organization is only as effective as its directors and managers. The SCCBA Board of Directors needs committed, active members who relish the opportunity to serve and participate in Bar activities. Whether you're a newer bar member or have been around for decades, your willingness to serve will be rewarding and appreciated.