

## U.S. Attorney's Report to the District

### Second Annual Sacramento Region Diversity Career Fair

On September 30, the local legal community held the second annual Sacramento Region Diversity Career Fair on the campus of the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law to connect legal employers with diverse lawyers and law students for current and future job and internship openings. The United States Attorney's Office worked closely with McGeorge, the UC Davis School of Law, and the Federal Bar Association's Sacramento Chapter to make the idea of such a career fair in our community a reality for the second year in a row.

The fair was once again an unqualified success. Diverse lawyers and law students spoke face-to-face with representatives of a wide variety of law offices in the area, including private law firms, prosecutor's offices (including the U.S. Attorney's Office), criminal defense offices, federal and state courts, other public agencies, non-profit organizations, and bar associations. This year, 70 employers participated in the fair, about twice as many as last year. Additionally, for the first time, the fair included an interview component. Attendees also heard from a panel of diverse federal and state court judges and a court executive who talked about their experience of working in the Sacramento legal community. For those who could not attend the fair in person, there was an online platform for them to electronically submit job and internship applications to potential employers.

Also present at the fair were representatives of all the affinity bar associations in Sacramento, including the Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento (ABAS), Cruz Reynoso Bar Association, Leonard M. Friedman Bar Association, Sacramento Filipino American Lawyers Association (SacFALA), South Asian Bar Association (SABA), SacLegal Sacramento's LGBTQ+ Bar Association, Wiley Manuel Bar Association (WMBA), and Women Lawyers of Sacramento (WLS), as well as the Sacramento County Bar Association and Yolo Unity Bar. These bar associations once again co-sponsored the fair, underscoring their continued support for the event.

I am proud that my Office played a principal role in planning and hosting this groundbreaking event for the second year in a row. I am grateful for the partnership we have with our two local law schools and the Federal Bar Association's local chapter to work on the shared goal of promoting and encouraging diversity in our profession. The Diversity Career Fair is a significant step toward opening the legal profession in our community more to lawyers and law students from traditionally underrepresented groups and creating a more diverse local bar, something that will benefit both the bar and the very diverse community we serve. We in the U.S. Attorney's Office are determined to make the Diversity Career Fair an annual event for many, many years to come.

If you would like to communicate with our office, please contact the main number in Sacramento, or submit a suggestion by clicking on the button below. Thank you.

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