

County of Sonoma
Board of Supervisors
Boards/Commissions/Committees Application

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BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE OF INTEREST Board of Trustees of the Sonoma County Law Library
HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A MEETING OF THIS BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE? YES ☒ NO ☐
IF SO, HOW MANY? Approx 70
NAME James J. Barnes
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HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU RESIDED IN SONOMA COUNTY? 50+
PRESENT OCCUPATION Attorney at Law

EDUCATION:

SCHOOL	MAJOR	GRADUATION DATE/DEGREE
UOP/McGeorge School of Law	Law	May 1981, J.D.
University of California, Santa Barbara	Political Science & Business Economics	May 1978, B.A.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE:

ORGANIZATION	DATES SERVED	POSITION
Sonoma County Public Law Library Board of Trustees	1999-2005; 2013-2020; 2021 to present	Trustee
Child Parent Inst. (California Parenting Inst)	2005 to 2010	Member of the Board of Directors

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/EXPERTISE:

I was a member of the Board of Directors of Food for Thought for 5 years; I am an active member in the Sonoma County Bar Association. I worked at the McGeorge law library for 2 years when I was in law school.

WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE?

To oversee the management of the Sonoma County Public Law Library

WHICH ACTIVITIES OF THIS BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE INTEREST YOU THE MOST?

The efforts to keep the library solvent and functioning at high level

WHICH ACTIVITIES INTEREST YOU THE LEAST?

Fundraising

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR GOAL AS A BOARD BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBER?

To work towards making the library solvent and as robust as possible. I am dismayed at the cuts in staff and research materials that has been caused by the financial problems with this law library and other law libraries throughout the state. The method of funding law libraries in California must be changed or augmented. It is critical that Law Libraries be funded at an appropriate level to provide all citizens of California with access to legal information and help, particularly for those individuals who cannot afford a lawyer.

WHAT DO YOU FEEL YOU COULD CONTRIBUTE TO SEE THESE GOALS REALIZED?

I am a member of the local Amicus Law Library friends for the Sonoma County Law Library and I am working with other members and other individuals to raise funds for the Library.

USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NECESSARY

PLEASE LIST TWO LOCAL REFERENCES AND THEIR PHONE NUMBERS:

Kim Tucker, (707)694-3808
Charles Jensen, (707)527-9911

Appointees will be required to take an Oath of Office & may be subject to filing an annual Statement of Economic Interest.


SIGNATURE

1-4-2023
DATE

Applications will be kept on file for two years. All applications are available to the public.
