

WHITTIER BAR ASSOCIATION MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

May 2014

MAY MEETING – 1 HOUR GENERAL MCLE CREDIT

Manoj S. Mate, Esq., will join us to discuss “American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters”



One of our most cherished national ideals, expressed eloquently by Abraham Lincoln, is “government of the people, by the people, for the people.” It is a principle enshrined in our Nation’s founding documents, from the Declaration of Independence’s assurance that governments derive their powers from the consent of the governed, to the opening three words of the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, “We the People.”

The right to vote is the very foundation of government by the people. For this reason, striving to establish and protect every citizen’s right to vote has been a central theme of American legal and civic history. Much of the struggle on voting rights began decades ago, but the work is far from complete, and a citizen’s right to cast a ballot remains at risk today.

As we approach the 50th anniversaries of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the 2014 Law Day theme, **American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters**, calls on every American to reflect on the importance of a citizen’s right to vote and the challenges we still face in ensuring that all Americans have the opportunity to participate in our democracy.

Mr. Mate is an Assistant Professor of Law at Whittier Law School, and teaches in the areas of constitutional law, international law, and election law. He received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Berkeley, and his J.D. from Harvard. You can find out more about Mr. Mate on his website at: <http://manojmate.wordpress.com/>

When: Monday, May 19, 2014*
(*This is the 3rd Monday of the month due to the Memorial Day holiday)
6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – No host cocktails
6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Dinner
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – MCLE

Where: The Rusty Monk
6749 Greenleaf Ave. (at corner of Philadelphia)
Whittier, CA 90601

Cost: Members and Non-Members \$40
Judges \$20

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Please note: If you RSVP and do not end up attending, and we cannot cancel your meal in a timely manner, you will be invoiced for it. Thank you in advance for your consideration. In addition, please RSVP with any dietary restrictions.

SAVE THE DATE ! OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014