

OPEN LETTER FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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We, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the OCBA (including 2017 OCBA President Michael Baroni), write this letter to clarify a number of points about the recent President's Page that appeared in the January edition of this magazine. In the column, Mr. Baroni expressed his personal views on a number of issues. The OCBA has heard from a number of members, as well as several non-members, expressing disappointment and, in some instances, outrage at the opinions expressed by Mr. Baroni in his January President's Page. The OCBA also has heard from a number of people expressing their appreciation for the sentiments expressed by Mr. Baroni.

Mr. Baroni and the Executive Committee embrace the rich diversity of people, viewpoints and ideas in the OCBA membership. And while the discussion of controversial legal issues may be appropriate, we do not believe the Orange County Lawyer magazine is the proper forum to debate national political issues or to express polarizing political opinions. We want to make it clear that neither the OCBA as an organization nor the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors necessarily endorses the views expressed by Mr. Baroni in his President's Page; they are solely the opinions of Mr. Baroni. And, to the extent those opinions appearing in an OCBA publication offended any of our members, we sincerely apologize.

Michael Baroni, 2017 President

Nikki Miliband, President-elect

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Scott Garner, Secretary

Todd Friedland, Immediate Past President