

LATE SUMMER 2007 – ADI NEWS ALERTS

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Recruitment of new panel attorneys: ADI to present September 25 seminar for attorneys potentially interested in joining the panel

In the fiscal year that closed June 30, ADI had a record number of appointments, more than 3,000. This is the highest of any district or project in the state. All three divisions showed increases, but especially Division Two, as the Inland Empire (Riverside and San Bernardino) continues to experience rapid population growth. We expect the trend to continue this year. The entry of a “strike team” of outside judges into Riverside County to help clear the criminal background will contribute further, as will the addition of new judges to that county’s superior court. In light of these changes, ADI needs to build the panel by adding new attorneys and has launched a series of recruitment efforts. Persons who are already members of the panel are in a good position to know its requirements and to identify those who might have the qualifications for and interest in indigent appeals, on either a full-time or part-time basis.

As part of this effort, ADI will be presenting an informational seminar on September 25 for attorneys who might be considering applying to the panel. An announcement is attached. It includes some background about the project-panel system, with FAQ’s about it. It can be distributed to colleagues you think might be interested. Attorneys already on the panel but relatively new to it, who think they might benefit from the presentation as described in the announcement, are also invited to the seminar. Interested persons should RSVP to Dorothy Jimenez at dmj@adi-sandiego.com or (619) 696-0284, extension 18, by September 20.

Please help us maintain the strength of this system that is so vital to all of us.

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The manual is up to date, and we are doing our first printing of hard copies. Attorneys may purchase a copy for \$60.00, which basically covers our cost – printing, shipping and handling, applicable sales tax, etc. A CD version can be included at the extra cost of \$5.00, if ordered at the same time as the hard copy (or \$10.00 if ordered separately). An order form is at the end of this notice. Please send the order form and a check payable to Appellate Defenders, Inc., to office administrator Amy Spintman at ADI, 555 West Beech Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

Of course, as you know, the manual is available on ADI's website at no cost (<http://www.adi-sandiego.com/manual.html>). That version will always be the most up to date, given that we cannot continually reprint hard copies. Nevertheless, we are making it available in hard copy form, because many attorneys may prefer to work with a "real" book for everyday reference, always checking the online manual for any recent changes.

Associate counsel at oral argument must be preapproved by court

When an appointed counsel of record cannot appear for a scheduled oral argument and must have another attorney argue for them, they must notify the Court of Appeal ahead of time and get advance permission. The court does not want an appearance by associate counsel without such notice and permission.

