



# NEWS ALERT

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## DEAR PANEL MEMBERS,

I have a few announcements to share about some ADI staff retirements, oral argument status in the three Divisions, and some resources to help navigate the new laws.

### ADI Staff Changes

Our ADI staff is evolving as we announce two additional retirements. The first is a little late. Last year, Neil Auwarter retired after 32 years of service. Yesterday, David Rankin retired from ADI after 31 years. We are grateful for their many years of service and their dedication to our shared mission. I know we'll all miss their incredible sense of humor and their ability to make a person smile on a moment's notice and without warning.

As we move forward, Michelle Rogers will be our Panel Manager, and Anita Jog will now be our ambassador for all three divisions. Our CMS homepage has been updated. Your main point of contact for claims matters will be me and Omar Palacio.

### Oral Argument in Divisions 1, 2 and 3

**Division 1** will be transitioning back to in-person oral argument effective March 2022. The court prefers in-person argument, but counsel may opt to appear remotely without a showing of good cause until further notice. Additional details can be found on the [Court of Appeal website](#).

**Division 2** will be conducting oral argument remotely until further notice.

**Division 3** has returned to in-person oral argument. The court has a strong preference for in-person oral argument.

## Navigating the New Laws

Last week, the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Five issued *People v. Williams* (B311161) [2022 WL 556906]. The opinion followed a *People v. Serrano* (2012) 211 Cal.App.4th 496 brief and focuses on duty of candor to the court. These can be difficult situations for all of us. If you have any questions about how this opinion may apply to your case, please reach out to your staff buddy.

The Judicial Council has prepared a [Summary of Court-Related Legislation](#) which describes the laws of interest to the judicial branch, arranged by subject matter.

In addition, we've added the following articles to the [Recent Changes in the Law](#) section of our website.

- [A list and quick reference chart of the new laws effective January 1, 2022](#)
- [Selected Changes to California Sentencing Laws Effective 2022](#) (prepared by J. Richard Couzens)
- [New Laws for Criminal Practitioners](#) (prepared by Garrick Byers)
- Multiple summaries and analyses of specific laws

In the [Practice Articles](#) section:

- New Law Redefines Peremptory Challenge Procedures (AB 3070) To Eradicate Implicit Bias
- Applied Legal Storytelling
- [Discussion](#) about the Supreme Court's [Administrative Order 2021-04-21](#) regarding publication status of review-granted opinions (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.1115(E)(3))

In the [Juvenile Delinquency Articles](#) section:

- Juvenile Justice Realignment – Senate Bill No. 92
- Juvenile Justice Realignment – Senate Bill No. 823
- Fines and Fees Chart

Finally, in the [Dependency Practice Articles](#) section we've updated the Non-Party Records article.

*Thank you for your continued dedication to our clients. As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.*

*Lynelle*

