

## **FEBRUARY 2017 – ADI NEWS ALERT**

This alert<sup>1</sup> includes:

### **Some MCLE Opportunities for Panel Attorneys in Early 2017**

2017 opened with several excellent opportunities for professional learning and MCLE credits. Coming up:

**ICWA:** On Wednesday, February 8, at noon, panel attorney Joanne Willis-Newton will discuss some important recent decisions interpreting ICWA and effecting some changes in the law.

**DNA testing and review of prior convictions:** On March 8 at noon in ADI's library, Brent Neck and Bryn Kirvin, deputies from the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, will explain recent advances in DNA testing and how they may affect some past convictions, leading to possible exoneration. They will introduce the office's new Conviction Review Unit, which will review cases that will possibly benefit from the changes in technology.

**California Appellate Defense Counsel annual conference:** Registration is now open for CADC's Annual Conference and Seminar March 10-11, 2017 at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley in San Diego. California Supreme Court Justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegar will give the keynote address on Friday afternoon, and the two-day conference will be filled with informative and inspiring presentations, including criminal and dependency break-out sessions, providing a total of up to 9.5 hours of MCLE credit. Both one- and two-day registrations are available. For more information, see CADC's website: <http://cadc.net/registration>

**NACDL post-conviction conference:** "[They Blinded Me With 'Science': Examining the Reliability of Forensic Evidence in Innocence Claims](#)," sponsored by the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys. Thursday, March 23, 2017, Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. See also the March 8 brownbag at ADI, above, on DNA testing and review of prior convictions.

**Past seminar:** My personal apologies for failing to get the word out about the February 3 post-*Miller* seminar presented by the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center. I wrote up the announcement with instructions for posting it on our website, but failed to click "send" until too late. I hope everyone who would have wanted to go got the word by other means, and I deeply apologize to anyone who missed it. - Elaine Alexander

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<sup>1</sup>As always, panel attorneys are responsible for familiarizing themselves with all ADI news alerts and other resources on the ADI website.

## ADI MCLE Resources

Consult ADI's [Calendar of Events](#)<sup>2</sup> regularly to take advantage of programs, meetings, seminars, etc., in our area of practice.

ADI is a certified MCLE provider for both general credits and for specialization credits in appeals and writs. Most ADI-sponsored seminars are in brownbag form and take place at noon in our library. Most are available by webinar, as well as in person – just sign up for the webinar in response to our emailed announcement. We have a series of brownbags dedicated to general and criminal law and also a series on dependency practice. Panel attorneys may come to either or both. Most programs are free.

*Tip:* If you miss a program sponsored by ADI, check the [MCLE Materials](#)<sup>3</sup> page. For most past programs, you can find a recording and the handouts. These provide an opportunity for self-study MCLE credit. In January 2017, for example, we had two counsel from the State Bar Office of Chief Trial Counsel speaking on the bar's disciplinary system and common ethics problems. Their recorded presentation and powerpoint are posted on our website and can provide 1.5 hours of self-study ethics credit.

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<sup>2</sup>[http://www.adi-sandiego.com/news\\_alerts/calendar\\_events.asp](http://www.adi-sandiego.com/news_alerts/calendar_events.asp)

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