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SAVE THE DATE: August 30 MCLE program with ethics credit, presented by Ninth Circuit Judge John Owens, recounting the story of an infamous law clerk with the U.S. Supreme Court

On August 30, 2017, ADI will be hosting a unique MCLE presentation by the Honorable John B. Owens of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The entertaining program qualifies for legal ethics credit. It will take place at noon, in the Paul Bell Library. The program will also be available as a webinar through WebEx.

During the program, Judge Owens will discuss the infamous Ashton Embry, law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Joseph McKenna,² and the ethical responsibilities of judicial law clerks. Judge Owens himself served as a law clerk for the Honorable J. Clifford Wallace of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and for the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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

²See *The Clerk, the Thief, His Life as a Baker: Ashton Embry and the Supreme Court Leak Scandal*, Journal of Supreme Court History, <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1540-5818.00033/full> .

The program will be at the Appellate Defenders, Inc., Paul Bell Library, We will circulate WebEx log-in details and more information about the program later this month.

Raising attorney awareness of metadata in documents: Anna Jauregui-Law's article

Attorneys are becoming increasingly aware of the pitfalls of metadata in documents they produce. Confidential or sealed information may inadvertently be revealed if counsel do not take proper precautions. ADI staff attorney Anna Jauregui-Law explores this subject in her article recently posted on our website, [Redaction of Filings Containing Confidential or Sealed Information and Removing Metadata](#).³

Presentation on California Supreme Court practice by a court attorney: summary by Patricia Ihara

On June 22 Ben Vance, staff attorney with the California Supreme Court, spoke at an ADI MCLE program. The program offered highly practical and substantive guidance. ADI staff attorney Patricia Ihara has prepared a brief [summary](#)⁴ of some main points for the use of the whole panel.

As is usual, the written materials and a recording of the presentation are available on the ADI website's [MCLE page](#).⁵ Attorneys who did not attend the live seminar/webinar may listen to the recording for MCLE self-study credit.

Clarification of California Supreme Court TrueFiling rules being sought

A number of panel attorneys and the projects have asked questions about the new [Supreme Court rules on TrueFiling](#) in that court. The projects have compiled a list and are seeking clarification from the court.

If you have a question about a document you need to file before the projects can get answers and publish them, please contact the California Supreme Court clerk's office directly. Please let the project that assigned the case know what you were told, so that everyone gets consistent answers. Claims questions about petitions for review should be presented to the project.

³[http://www.adi-sandiego.com/news_alerts/pdfs/2017/REDACTION and META DATA_June_2017.pdf](http://www.adi-sandiego.com/news_alerts/pdfs/2017/REDACTION_and_META_DATA_June_2017.pdf)

⁴http://www.adi-sandiego.com/pdf_forms/MCLE_with_Ben_Vance.pdf

⁵http://www.adi-sandiego.com/practice/mcle_materials.asp