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DEAR PANEL MEMBERS,

Staff Changes

In September, William Melcher joined ADI as a staff attorney. Bill has been a panel attorney with ADI since 2014. In addition to his panel practice, he maintained a private practice which specialized in criminal appeals and complex litigation. We are thrilled to have Bill join ADI.

Staff attorney Arthur Martin will be relocating to the state of Washington, and his last day at ADI will be Friday, October 6th. We will really miss Art, but he won't be too far away because he's re-joining the panel.

Court Matters – Augment Motions

Division Three has asked that counsel include a bulleted list of items being requested in the augment motion. In addition, the court has asked that counsel avoid filing multiple augment motions when one can be filed. (The court is aware that sometimes multiple requests cannot be avoided.)

Transcript Counts in Claims

When ADI receives a copy of the transcript, we enter the “Total Pages” in our Case Management System. We then auto-populate the “Total Pages” in the transcript field when counsel creates a claim.

Our page count is intended for internal purposes only and we populate the claim simply to assist counsel in completing the claim. We caution counsel not to simply rely on our page count, but to verify the page count when entering the number of pages read. Our page count can be less accurate because it only considers the original record filed and can sometimes fail to take into account the block numbering.

MCLE Programs: Virtual Programs

How to Prepare an Effective Petition for Review – October 5th from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

California Supreme Court Staff Attorney Taylor Fuentes will provide insight on how to prepare an effective petition for review. Ms. Fuentes currently works on the Criminal Central Staff and has served as an interim chambers attorney for then-Associate Justice Patricia Guerrero and Associate Justice Kelli Evans. Before joining the California Supreme Court, Ms. Fuentes worked as a law clerk for ADI. A registration link will be circulated shortly before the seminar.

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

~ Lynelle