July 2024 News Alert

Staff Changes

Donna Chirco joined our dependency staff on Monday, June 10th. She's been on our panel for many years as well as having worked as a trial attorney at Juvenile Defenders. We're very excited to welcome Donna!

ADI & Court Holidays

- Thursday, July 4th

Setting up Direct Deposit with the JCC

If you are not set up for direct deposit and receive your claims checks in the mail, we strongly recommend that you apply for direct deposit. Receiving electronic payments will eliminate problems associated with receiving paper checks (e.g., lost in the mail, damaged, stolen). It takes a long time to have the check re-issued by the State Controller's Office through the JCC.

For more information about the direct deposit form (FAQ's) and location where you can download the form itself, go to the JCC's website at

http://www.courts.ca.gov/4201.htm.

ADI Website Updates

Claims Handout
A walkthrough of how to start and complete a claim through ADI's claims portal. The Claims Handout is available on the website. (See Panel Attorneys tab -> Claims.)

Issue Spotting Article
Staff Attorneys Siri Shetty and Pauline Villanueva's Issue Spotting Article is now available on our website under Legal Resources -> General Appellate Practice. The article covers issue spotting in criminal cases, with a spotlight on guilty plea/parole admission appeals, probation revocation appeals, and juvenile delinquency appeals. It includes a comprehensive checklist applicable in all criminal appeals. We highly recommend this article especially for counsel new to appellate work.

The article is available for attorneys within the Court Appointed Counsel System. Register here for access.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness
The seminar below is presented by OSPD and covers the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program's new rules.

The JCC is willing to certify the number of claimed hours that a panel attorney has billed in a given year. The JCC announcement is posted on ADI's website and discusses the application process for panel attorneys to get their hours certified by the JCC.

As always, we strongly encourage counsel to continue claiming their actual time on claims and avoid self-cutting.

MCLE Opportunities

Public Service Loan Forgiveness: New Rules Regarding Panel & Contract Lawyers

July 18th from 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. | Remote Only

Jane Fox, Legal Aid Society Chapter Chair, New York Association of Legal Aid Attorneys

Chris Guillory, Director of Training and Supervision, Main Commission on Indigent Legal Services

Jason Gundel, Capacity Building Attorney, OSPD

Rose King, Director, Criminal Trial Support Unit, Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services

Presented by OSPD – Information about the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program and recent changes expanding the definition of "qualifying employment."

Registration link

New CARE Court Fundamentals Course OPEN!

As part of its CARE Court Respondent Counsel Training Grant, OSPD has built a FREE 3.5 hour online course that introduces defenders to the practice of representing respondents in CARE Court. It is designed to prepare attorneys, social-workers, and other non-attorney staff to understand the basics of representation, as well as the unique considerations that apply to CARE Court. Participants are able to receive MCLE Self Study Credit for their hours working on the course (up to 3.5 hours).

Registration link

SVP Trainings

Unpacking SVP Trials
July 16th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Registration Link

Recognizing SVP Appellate Issues
July 25th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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