



December 2024 News Alert

Dear Panel Members,

From all of us at ADI, to all of you - we wish you a warm and joyous holiday season, and a beautiful 2025!

Warmly,
~ ADI

Staff Changes

We welcome Ariana D'Agostino in her new role as a staff attorney. Ariana joined ADI as a law clerk in May of 2023. She returned as a post-bar law clerk in September and recently passed the California State Bar Exam. We're thrilled that she has decided to join our staff.

[Ariana's Bio](#)

ADI and Court Holiday Closures

ADI will be closed on the following dates:

- Christmas Eve & Day - December 24 - 25, 2024
- New Years Eve & Day - December 31, 2024 - January 1, 2025

Court of Appeal will be closed on the following dates:

- Christmas Day - December 25, 2024
- New Years Day - January 1, 2025



JCC Branch Holidays

Wednesday, December 25th is a branch holiday, claims will be processed as follows:

- Claims approved December 19 through 24th will be sent to accounting December 24 (one day early) and will be sent to ADP on Thursday, December 26th (as usual).

Claim Payments Reflected in 2024's 1099

Payments issued up to and including December 30, 2024 will be included in the 2024 tax year 1099.

- Any claim approved up to and including Tuesday, December 24, 2024, will be included.
- Any claim approved on or after Wednesday December 25, 2024, will not be included in 2024. It will be on 2025's 1099.

MCLE Compliance Extensions

The State Bar of California has extended the upcoming compliance deadlines for all groups. The deadlines are as follows:

- Compliance Group 1 (Last names A-G): Extended to a single 38-month cycle ending March 29, 2025. Report deadline: March 30, 2025.
- Compliance Groups 2 and 3: Extended to a single 38-month cycle ending March 29, 2026, or 2027. Report deadline: March 30.

After the single 38-month cycle, each group returns to a standard 36-month cycle starting March 30 of their respective year and ending the day before the deadline 36 months later.

[View on State Bar Website](#)

ADI Website Updates

Our website committee has been updating documents in our [Forms & Samples](#) page of the website. The following were updated this month:

- Pitchess Augment
- Petition for Review, Oversize
- Petition for Review, Expand Issues
- Settled Statement, Superior Court
- Record Correction, Protected Person's Identity
- Record Correction, Juror Identity
- Petition for Review
- Petition for Rehearing
- Petition for Rehearing, Untimely

Delinquency Law Articles Updated

- [Sealing Past Juvenile Delinquency Records \(2024\)](#)

New Criminal Law Articles

Retired Judge J. Richard Couzens has graciously shared the following resource with ADI and the panel:

- [California Racial Justice Act of 2020 \(2024\)](#)
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MCLE Opportunities

Use of Technology for Cloud Computing & Remote Work

December 3rd from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Remote

Presented by ADI

Staff Attorney Christine Johnson will discuss the issue of technical competence as it relates to remote work and the use of cloud storage.

1.0 hour of Technology & Law MCLE credit is offered for this training.

[Register Here](#)

New Legislation 2024

December 10th at 12:00 p.m. | Remote

Presented by FDAP

As 2024 draws to a close, a host of new legislation relevant to our work and the people we serve will be enacted into law. Please join FDAP Staff Attorneys Cheryl Anderson and Kaiya Pirolo for an overview of new criminal, juvenile delinquency, and civil commitment laws. The length of the webinar will depend on the number and complexity of new laws enacted this year.

1.0 hour of general and appellate and criminal specialization MCLE credit is offered for this training.

[Register Here](#)

CAP-LA “Appellate Practice Selected Topics” Seminar

January 21, 2025 from 8:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. | Hybrid

Presented by CAP-LA

Panel members from all appellate projects are welcome and encouraged to attend. Topics include Updates in Criminal Case Law, the Racial Justice Act & the Improper Use of Peremptory Challenges, Perspectives from the Bench, Protecting Your Client at Resentencing, and Ethics.

5.0 hours of general and appellate and criminal specialization MCLE credit is offered for this training, including 1.0 hour of Recognition and Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession and 1.0 hour of Legal Ethics.

[View Details](#)

What is AI?

January 25, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Hybrid

USD School of Law Community Defenders, Inc.

As uses of artificial intelligence expand, including its use in case preparation and courtrooms, criminal defense attorneys must learn its uses, ethical considerations, and potential challenges in criminal trials, appeals and postconviction cases. This seminar will present updated information in the rapidly-changing and developing field of AI and related strategies by speakers well-versed in this field.

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