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DEAR PANEL MEMBERS,

Wishing everyone a joyous 2024!

ADI will be launching its re-designed website later this month. Visitors will be automatically directed to the new site.

The new ADI website will combine the public site and SharePoint confidential website. Materials on the confidential website are still limited to active members of the Court-Appointed Counsel Program. Once the new site is launched, the SharePoint site will be inactivated. Follow the instructions on the new website to create an account and access the confidential materials.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynelle Hee at ikh@adi-sandiego.com.

Staff Updates

Dependency staff attorney, Michele Cella, retired in December. She was a panel attorney prior to joining ADI in 2016. We wish her well in her retirement.

If you need assistance for any case assigned to Michele Cella, contact Lynelle Hee at ikh@adi-sandiego.com. We also have an out-of-office email response on Michele's email that will direct you to the correct person.

Court & ADI Holidays

- Monday, January 1st – New Year's Day
- Monday, January 15th – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

ADI Website Additions

- RECALL OF SENTENCE – Penal Code section 1172.1, by J. Richard Couzens, published with permission, on the Recent Changes in the Law page, linked in the new discussion about AB 600.
- New Laws for 2024, by Garrick Byers, published with permission, in the Criminal Law section of the SharePoint site.

MCLE Opportunities

CSI: Behind the Forensic Curtain | Hybrid Seminar

Presented by the 2024 USD School of Law Community Defenders, Inc. on January 20, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. This seminar will offer counsel essential tools for understanding scientific evidence and making the most effective use of it in court. For information about the program agenda and how to register, click [here](#).

Dependency and Criminal Case New Legislation Discussion and Open Forum | Remote Seminar

Join us for a one-hour program on Thursday, January 18, 2023, at noon. The program will be hosted by ADI staff attorneys Cristina Sanchez and William Melcher. During the first half hour, Cristina and Bill will discuss several new laws relevant to dependency and criminal law taking effect in 2024. One half hour (0.5) of general and appellate specialization MCLE credit will be given for this portion of the program.

The second half hour will be an open forum for staff and panel attorneys. We encourage panel attorneys to discuss and brainstorm any specific issues they are currently encountering with their cases including how the recent changes in the law can be utilized. In anticipation of this discussion, panel attorneys are encouraged to email any specific questions or topics they would like to discuss. Please direct your dependency questions or topics to Cristina at CMS@adi-sandiego.com and criminal questions or topics to Bill at WPM@adi-sandiego.com

A registration link will be circulated shortly before the seminar.

What's New in Division Three | In-person and Remote Seminar

We are pleased to announce that Presiding Justice Kathleen O'Leary will travel to San Diego on February 5, 2023, for an in-person MCLE presentation at ADI's Paul Bell Memorial Library. With her will be Associate Justices William Bedsworth, Maurice Sanchez, and Thomas Delaney. Additional justices may join, this event is still in the planning stages. The presentation will also be available online.

The time of the presentation is still TBD. Ideas for potential questions and topics are welcome. They should be submitted to Helen Irza at hsi@adi-sandiego.com.

~ Lynelle

