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DEAR PANEL MEMBERS,

Staff Updates

Attorneys Helen Irza and Savannah Montanez have accepted positions at the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division One. Helen's last day was Friday, January 12th. Savannah's last day was January 31st. We wish them well in their new roles.

If you have a case assigned to either of them, please contact the front office at 619-696-0282 to find out who has been re-assigned to the case.

We are excited to announce that Robert Hernandez will be joining ADI as a staff attorney. He has been on our panel for many years. His first day will be February 5th.

Court & ADI Holidays

- Monday, February 12th – Lincoln's Birthday
- Monday, February 19th – President's Day

ADI Website Launched

ADI's new website has been launched, please visit us at www.adi-sandiego.com. This site combines our SharePoint confidential site with the public site. We have closed the SharePoint site now that the new site has been launched.

Confidential sections of the website include our MCLE programs, recent victories, and a handful of sensitive articles and panel forms. These items are indicated by a lock symbol. To view them, simply login to the site.

To access the confidential site, you must be an active panel member with one of the project offices. To register, click "Login" in the top right corner of the homepage. The site will take you to the login/registration page. Once registered, you can log in to the site and view confidential items. (Members of the SharePoint site will still need to re-register on the new site.)

The resources listed below have had their links updated. The ADI Practice Manual has been consolidated into one document with a single Table of Contents, internal links within the document, and consecutive pagination.

- ADI Guidebook
- ADI Practice Manual

Please feel free to contact Lynelle Hee at lh@adi-sandiego.com if you have any questions about the site.

MCLE Opportunities

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

Please join us on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. for a very special one-hour hybrid MCLE presentation featuring Presiding Justice Kathleen O'Leary and all seven associate justices from Division Three. Justice O'Leary will introduce the justices, share some thoughts and insights, and answer some of our questions.

The event will be held at the Paul Bell Library at ADI's office at 555 W. Beech Street, Suite #300, San Diego 92101. The program will also be available through Zoom. The program is pre-approved for one hour of general MCLE credit. The program also is pre-approved for one hour of appellate specialization credit.

A registration link was sent out on Wednesday, January 31st. If you did not receive one, please contact webinars@adi-sandiego.com. The event will be recorded.

CADC's Annual Conference | Remote Seminar

Registration is now open for CADC's Annual Conference and Seminar on March 22-23, 2024. The seminar will be held virtually again this year. The two-day conference will be filled with informative and inspiring presentations, including the Project Directors Roundtable, a report from CADC's lobbyist and criminal and dependency break-out sessions, providing a total of up to 9.0 hours of MCLE credit. For more information and to register, please visit CADC's website: <https://cadc.net/registration/>.

Mentoring and Training the Next Generation of Panel Attorneys

ADI is working on the recruitment and training of additional panel attorneys in all areas. To that end, we are compiling a list of panel attorneys interested and willing to mentor and help train less experienced attorneys seeking substantive experience with appeals. The compiled list will be provided to any interested attorneys who want real world experience with indigent appeals. Any relationship established between panel attorneys and such persons will be in accordance with any terms and conditions that those parties arrange directly. If you would like to be included on the list or for more information, please contact Elena Min at esm@adi-sandiego.com.

SB483 Appeals

We are starting to see many SB 483 appeals where the one year prior was either stayed or stricken at the original sentencing hearing, and the trial court now finds such cases are not eligible for resentencing. ADI has prepared a sample brief for these cases; please contact your assigned staff attorney to obtain a copy.

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

~ Lynelle

