



## September 2024 News Alert

**Dear Panel Members,**

We hope you enjoyed the summer months! We have several announcements as we move into Fall.

### CDCR Locator - URL has Changed

Both on the phone (916) 445-6713, and through the internet, CDCR provides location information of those prisoners incarcerated within its system. The internet locator also provides information about an inmate's parole eligibility date and when/whether parole suitability hearings have occurred. The URL of the CDCR locator has changed; it is now found at:

<https://ciris.mt.cdcr.ca.gov/search>

### Caseload & Case Offers

As with all other projects across California, ADI continues to receive an unprecedented number of new cases for appointment. We are so grateful to each of you for your dedication, perseverance, and willingness to continue to accept case offers on top of your overwhelming caseload.

Please continue to communicate with our paralegals and staff attorneys regarding your availability to accept offers. We make a note of each request in our appointment system, however, there have been times where we've had to send offers earlier to ensure that we're doing our best to locate appointed counsel for our indigent clients.

## Local Rule 2 – Applies to Criminal Matters Only

### Automatically Extends the Time for Filing a Brief when Counsel Files a Rule 8.340(b) Letter in Criminal Matters

The local rule will be amended to reference rule 8.340(b) [criminal cases] instead of rule 8.155(b) [civil cases]. The amendment is likely to take a few months. However, ADI has confirmed that the Fourth Appellate District will apply this rule in criminal matters beginning August 19, 2024. If you file a rule correction letter under rule 8.340(b), TrueFile a copy with the Court of Appeal so the time for filing your brief is automatically extended by 15 days from the date the omitted record is filed with the court.

## Panel Recruitment

### Do you know anyone interested in joining the panel?

Our recruitment committee has drafted a one-page document available for those interested in joining our panel. Please contact Pauline Villanueva or Laura Furness for a copy.

### Recruitment Survey

We are strategizing on recruitment of the panel. Do you have time to answer a four question survey? We would love to hear what drew you into panel work and how you get started.

To participate, click this link: [RecruitmentSurvey](#)

## Staff Updates

Paralegal Josephine Wang left ADI to begin law school at USD. Please welcome Ida Shamsaasef, our most recent hire to the paralegal team. She'll be in training for a few weeks. Look forward to receiving case offers from Ida shortly.

## Court & ADI Holidays



- Labor Day - Monday, September 2nd
- Native American Day - Friday, September 27th

## ADI Website Updates

Our website committee has been busy updating and creating new forms and samples for our website. The following documents have been added to our [Forms & Samples](#) page of the website.

- Letter to client, Delgadillo (New)
- Letter to client, Delgadillo (Spanish) (New)
- Letter to client, Wende (Updated)
- Letter to client, Wende (Spanish) (Updated)
- Appellant's Opening Brief (Updated)

We have also updated the Filing Rules Summary -> Petitions for review, answers, and replies. Access it at [Fourth District Resources](#).

## MCLE Opportunities

### Wellness Competence

September 25th from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Remote

Hosted by ADI & presented by the State Bar of California, Office of Professional Competence, Lawyer Assistance Program

The presentation will satisfy one hour of the MCLE Competence requirement and may include physical and mental wellness, well-being, or stress management in the context of the practice of law and the impact these issues can have on an attorney's ability to perform legal services with competence. We will provide login instructions and more details about the program soon.

### Office of the State Public Defender MCLEs

Details of the following MCLEs are posted on ADI's [Upcoming News & Events](#) page.

- Civility in the Legal Profession

- New Racial Justice Act Nuts & Bolts Online Course



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