



January 2025 News Alert

Dear Panel Members,

Wishing everyone a very happy New Year!

Warmly,
~ ADI



ADI and Court Holiday Closures

- Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - New Years Day

Rule 2. Automatic Extensions for Briefs in Omitted Records (Amended Nov. 2024)

This rule was previously announced in August of 2024. The court has amended the rule to cite to the criminal rules, rather than civil.

The rule now provides,

“If a party requests the superior court to prepare an omitted part of the record under California Rules of Court, rule 8.340(b) and the party provides this court with notice of the request, the deadline for filing the party’s brief shall be automatically extended by 15 days from the date the omitted part of the record is filed with this court. This extension shall not shorten any other extensions of time that are granted.”

(Adopted, eff. Aug 19, 2024. As amended, eff. Nov. 1, 2024.)

As a result of this rule, counsel no longer needs to file an extension of time when filing a rule correction letter under rule 8.340(b). Simply serve the Court of Appeal with a copy of the rule letter, and the court will automatically extend the time.

Note: We have seen scenarios where the court has not automatically extended the time for filing the brief. In such a case, counsel can contact the court clerk to have the time automatically extended. We always encourage counsel to sign up for automatic email notifications upon appointment. With such notice, counsel will quickly know whether the discrete deadline isn’t automatically extended.

Fourth District Local Rules

**Come and learn with us at the Special In-Person
MCLE at ADI!**

January 28, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Hybrid

Presenter: Vincent Brunkow, Chief Appellate Attorney, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc.

Hosted at ADI

Philosophy, science, and research all support the use of story-based narratives to most effectively communicate with others. The goal of an appellate brief is to persuade judges to rule in favor of our client. But appellate briefs too often overlook storytelling techniques. This hybrid training will discuss the structure and components of good storytelling to empower participants to tell winning stories in their cases.

We highly encourage in-person attendance. ADI staff attorneys will be there, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

1.0 hour of general MCLE credit is offered for this training.

If you are joining us in-person, please RSVP by January 24, 2025 to Deanna Lopas at dll@adi-sandiego.com, or Siri Shetty at sds@adi-sandiego.com.

For those who wish to attend virtually, the Zoom registration link is below. Zoom registration for the event will end at 8:30 a.m., two hours before the event begins.

Register Here

Getting Paid For Your Work: Navigating Claims Series

We have posted a new training series on the MCLE Materials page of our website. This series includes a step-by-step walkthrough for submitting a claim along with detailed instructions and answers to practical questions about how to get paid for your work.

It is presented in three segments, each about 30 minutes long.

- Part 1: Intro
- Part 2: Hours
- Part 3: Expenses

MCLE Materials

MCLE Opportunities

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.

[Register Here](#)

Upholding Civility in Appellate Advocacy: Professionalism and Respect in the Practice of Law

February 19, 2025 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Hybrid

Presenter: Donna Chirco, ADI Staff Attorney

In this virtual program, ADI Staff Attorney Donna Chirco will discuss the definition of civility, its impact on our practice and advocacy, and more.

1.0 Civility in the Legal Profession MCLE credit is offered for this training.

The registration link will be posted closer to the event. Registration will be open up until 2 hours before the event.

OSPD MCLE Presentations

Our website has additional seminars presented by OSPD, including:

- Measure Twice, Object Once
- Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention
- CDCR Credits, Release Dates, and Parole Consideration Dates
- Identifying and Challenging Digital General Warrants

[View MCLE Opportunities Here](#)

ADI Website Updates

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

- Sealed Document, Motion to File (Confidential Records)
- Petition for Review, Exhaust
- Settled Statement, Court of Appeal

New article on the [Legal Resources, Criminal Law](#) page:

- Proposition 36: Homelessness, Drug Addition, and Theft Reduction Act and Related Legislation (2024), by retired Judge Couzens

New resource on the [Changes in the Law](#) page:

- New Laws for 2025, by Garrick Byers



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