



April 2025 News Alert

Dear Panel Members,

We hope you will join us for the Annual Defender Dinner, details are listed below!



2025 Annual Defender Dinner - Friday, April 25th

5:00 p.m. (No Host Cocktails) | 6:00 p.m. (Dinner)

Keynote speaker will be [Danalynn Recer](#) of Gulf Region Advocacy Center.

Award Presentations

- The Paul Bell Memorial Award will be given to Richard Levy.
- The Conant-Cleary Award will be given to Shervin Samimi.

We hope to see you there!

RSVP by April 11th

CADC's 31st Annual Conference & Seminar

Friday & Saturday, May 16th-17th | In-Person

Location: Liberty Station Conference Center

Registration is now open for CADC's Annual Conference and Seminar. 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 8.5 hours of MCLE credit.

For more information and to register, please visit CADC's website or click the button below.

Register for CADC Conference

Emergency Contact Information

ADI is asking panel attorneys to provide the name, phone number, and email of an emergency contact. If a panel attorney passes away or is incapacitated, ADI can coordinate the handling of any outstanding cases to ensure that the client is protected, and we can submit payment recommendations without a claim.

Please email your emergency contact to our panel management coordinator, Omar Palacio, by clicking the button below.

MCLE Opportunities

CDCR Insights: Classification, Programming, Re-Sentencing - A Correctional Counselor's Perspective

April 9, 2025 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Remote

Hosted by: ADI

CDCR Counselor Clarence Hogan will provide information on the programming and jobs available at a prison, the new California Model, how an incarcerated person is classified and assigned to a prison, the process for determining which incarcerated person merits resentencing letters, and prison mail regulations, tablet usage, and visiting.

1.0 hours of general MCLE credit will be offered.

[Registration Link](#)

The Ethics of Client Communication

April 23, 2025 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Remote

Hosted by: ADI

ADI staff attorneys Charles Anderson and Laura Furness will moderate a virtual discussion of strategies and ethical considerations when communicating with challenging clients. The presentation, which includes hypotheticals and polling questions, is relevant to both criminal and dependency appellate practitioners.

1.0 hours of MCLE Ethics credit will be offered.

[Registration Link](#)

Persuasive Legal Writing

April 29, 2025 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Remote

Hosted by: CAP-LA

Presented by Daniel U. Smith, retired Certified Appellate Specialist and member of the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers. In “Persuasive Legal Writing,” Mr. Smith teaches the key writing techniques that judges advocate to make legal writing persuasive. This is a general legal writing seminar on how to achieve clarity with writing that exemplifies brevity, simplicity, continuity and specificity. Attendees will receive a copy of “Persuasive Legal Writing” at no cost.

2.0 hours of MCLE credit will be offered.

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