



May 2025 News Alert

Dear Panel Members,

We have some retirements, moves, and a new addition to our dependency staff.

On May 2nd, longtime dependency staff attorney Linda Fabian will be retiring. Linda was a panel attorney for 19 years before she joined ADI in 2007. While her primary practice has been dependency, shortly after arriving at ADI, we welcomed her with a black binder full of SVP, MDO, and other mental health caselaw. In true Linda style, she welcomed the challenge and became the only staff attorney assisting in these cases. Linda's absence will surely be felt at ADI - her institutional knowledge, her grace under pressure, her patience which guides her steady hand, and her holiday cookies! We are grateful for her many years of service, and we wish her well in her retirement.

On May 30th, Ariana D'Agostino, our law clerk turned post-bar clerk turned staff attorney, will be moving out of state. She'll be leaving ADI's staff and joining our panel. Ariana was our first law clerk hired in the post-COVID era, and she has such a bright future ahead of her. We will miss her thoughtfulness, her curiosity, and her zeal for the law. We wish her well in her move, and look forward to seeing her on our panel.

On June 30th, staff attorney Leslie Rose will be retiring. Leslie joined ADI in 1986. I, like many of you, have never experienced ADI without Leslie Rose in the house. Leslie has a knack for making us all smile, even under the most stressful circumstances. We will especially miss her institutional knowledge, hospitality, her optimism, her generosity, especially with those delicious pies and stews, and her practical approach to the practice of law! We are grateful for her many years of service, and we wish her well in her retirement.

Christy Peterson will be joining our dependency staff attorney team on May 15th. She has been on ADI's panel since 2007, and we are so excited to have her join ADI. Look forward to reading her bio once she arrives at ADI!

Finally, ADI is hiring a criminal law staff attorney. Please see the posting below, and submit any applications to me at lkh@adi-sandiego.com by Friday, May 16th.

Criminal Law Staff Attorney Opening

Appellate Defenders, Inc. (ADI) is hiring a full-time criminal law staff attorney. Join us in the rewarding work of representing indigent parties in the California Court of Appeal and supporting dedicated attorneys who are appointed by the appellate courts.

ADI is a non-profit law office that also acts as an administrator under the Rules of Court, rule 8.300(e) for the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeal.

We offer a collegial, collaborative, and committed environment with attorneys who are dedicated to improving the quality of indigent appellate representation in California. We encourage and support our staff attorneys with a hybrid work environment, allowing for work on and offsite, with flexibility at heart.

Applicants must reside within California, southern California preferred.

Job Posting

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](#)

Electronic Transcripts in Criminal Cases are Coming!

The superior courts are transitioning to electronic transcripts in lieu of paper copies. This will be phased in county by county, and it will likely take months for the superior court to fully convert to electronic transcripts.

ADI will receive all electronic transcripts, including supplemental transcripts. Transcripts will either be emailed to counsel (only short transcripts) or shared via a OneDrive link. The OneDrive link will be available for one week.

How to use the OneDrive link?

You do not need to have a Microsoft account to download the transcripts. When the link prompts you to sign in, simply enter the email address the link was sent to. OneDrive will then send a verification code to that email address. Enter the verification code to download your transcripts.

What if my client cannot receive an electronic copy?

The printing of the electronic file and/or transcripts received from the court for the client is compensable at actual cost, if reasonable, when the record is requested by the client and the client is unable to receive an electronic file. Please continue to claim the expense on "Other Expenses", Line 10 in ADI's claims program.

MCLE Opportunities

Website Updates

Recent Updates to Legal Resources

- Exhibit Review Procedures (2025)
- Working with Trial Counsel (2025)
- Understanding Your Appeal (Criminal) (Spanish)

General Appellate Practice

Recent Updates to Forms & Samples

Dependency

- Exhibit Transmission, Superior Court
- Brief, Oversized

Criminal & Delinquency

- Exhibits, Transmission for Copying (San Bernardino only)
- Exhibits, Request to copy
- Expert Fee Request
- Expediting Appeal, Shortening Time, Calendar Preference
- Fares, Clerical Error
- Understanding Your Appeal (English)

Forms & Samples



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