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November 2025 News Alert

Dear Panel Members,

We wish each and everyone of you a Thanksgiving filled with joy, laughter and the unbounded love from family and friends. We hope this season brings you the much-needed time off from the hustle and bustle of your work life.

Thank you for your tireless dedication to indigent defense. You are the stars that shine brightly and guide the path to justice!

Warmly,

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Court & ADI Holidays

The Court & ADI will be closed on Veteran's Day (Nov. 11th) and for Thanksgiving (Nov. 27th and 28th).





Notable Legislative Action

The Governor has signed [AB 1071](#) to expand the Racial Justice Act and [AB 1376](#) to prevent endless probation in juvenile cases by limiting the length of the term of non-custodial probation.

Statewide Policy for Project Office Approval for Expert/Investigator & Translator Expenses

The Administrative Presiding Justices have increased the total amount project offices can approve for investigators, experts, and translator fees. Effective immediately, project offices can approve up to \$1,700 in fees. *These amounts will increase in future years as follows: Effective July 1, 2026, Project Offices can approve up to \$1,900 in fees. Effective July 1, 2027 and forward, Project Offices can approve up to \$2,100 in fees.*

To obtain pre-approval in the Fourth Appellate District, consult with the assigned staff attorney before incurring any investigator or expert expenses. Pre-approval is not required for translator fees.

Capital Appointments Available

Interested in expanding your practice to include capital work? The California Supreme Court is inviting qualified panel attorneys to accept appointment in capital appeals. These cases are challenging, analytically rich, and fully supported by [CAP-SF](#) consultation at every stage.

To learn more about appointment and compensation, click the link below!

Capital Appointment Recruitment

MCLE Opportunities

Latest RJA Legislative Changes: AB 1071 Recap November 5th from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. | Zoom

Presented by Brooke McCarthy, Racial Justice Act Attorney, OSPD-IDID

Join OSPD for a nuts and bolts overview of the most recent changes to the Racial Justice Act. The most recent RJA legislation [AB 1071] clarifies discovery provisions, the need to impose a remedy, and multiple post-conviction procedural components. During this session, presenters will walk through the statutory changes, its impact on pending litigation, and provide practical tips for defenders moving forward. There also be a Q&A session and an attempt to explain why certain changes were or were not made if participants are interested.

1 hour of MCLE Credit is offered for this training.

Registration Link

ADI Website Updates

We've updated our Delinquency Articles:

- Juvenile Fines & Fees Chart (Updated)
- Juvenile Justice Realignment - SB 823 (Updated)

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