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December 2025 News Alert

Dear Panel Members,

It's been a year! As 2025 reaches a close, we hope you have an opportunity to rest and recharge. Warm wishes to each of you from all of us at ADI.



Court & ADI Holidays

The Court and ADI will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Days.

ADI will also be closed December 26th.



MCLE Opportunities

Appointed Appeals Essentials

December 9, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. | Remote

Hosted by CAP-LA

This training covers the basics of appointed appellate practice, from appointment to case closure. Designed for new panel attorneys or those wanting a refresher, it focuses on practical skills, common challenges, and strategies for producing clear, persuasive briefs.

Panel attorneys from all of the appellate projects are welcome and encouraged to attend. Topics to be covered: Pre-briefing Responsibilities, Issue Spotting, Overview of Sentencing, Brief Writing, and After the Opinion & Closing Out the Case.

4.25 hours of MCLE credit are offered.

[Registration](#)

New Legislation Webinar 2025**January 8, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. | Remote****Hosted by FDAP**

As 2026 arrives, a host of new legislation relevant to our work and the people we serve will be enacted into law. Please join FDAP Staff Attorneys Kaiya Pirolo and Liv Gee for an overview of new criminal, juvenile delinquency, and civil commitment laws. This webinar is eligible for MCLE credit, including appellate and criminal specialization credit. The length of the webinar is yet to be determined, depending on the number and complexity of new laws enacted this year.

[Registration](#)

Dependency Case Law Update**January 27, 2026 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Remote****Hosted by ADI**

Staff attorney Laura Furness will cover new California dependency cases, discuss trends, and share successes in dependency appeals.

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

Registration link will be posted soon.

ADI Website Updates

- ADI's Roadmap to Resources



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- Reminders to Dependency Attorneys Article (2025 Updated)

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