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February 2026 News Alert



The Court and ADI will be closed on Lincoln's Birthday, Thursday, February 12, and President's Day, Monday, February 16.

Claims Corner

Reimbursement for Printing Electronic Transcripts for the Client

With the increase of electronic records, ADI is seeing more claims where counsel requests reimbursement to print out the record for the client. Sometimes these claims are delayed because reimbursement is not requested in the correct line or the claim omits necessary comments.

Printing of electronic transcripts received from the court, at actual cost, is reasonable, after two pre-requisites are satisfied:

1. the client requests a copy of the record; and
2. the client cannot receive an electronic file.

ADI recommends that counsel explore these two questions as part of the initial communication with the client.

Compensation for printing the transcripts should be claimed on the “Other Expenses”, Line 10 of ADI’s claim program. When claiming this expense, please note in the claim that the client has requested a copy and cannot receive the electronic record in order to avoid delay.

Dependency Cases - Record Review in Subsequent Appeals

Dependency cases often involve multiple appeals. In these successive appeals, the subsequent records often contain material duplicative of material in the earlier appeal’s record. If the court appoints the same counsel in these successive appeals, it is expected counsel will be familiar with duplicative portions of the successive appellate record. Counsel should bill their time to review the successive record; it is expected the review will be a bit quicker than the review of the original record because counsel is already familiar with the duplicative material. If counsel thoroughly reviews the successive, duplicative record in its entirety, counsel should provide an explanation as to why the thorough review was required, e.g., different minor, significant passage of time, different issue presented in the current appeal.

San Diego Superior Court Planned Outage

The San Diego Superior Court is modernizing the case management system for all criminal cases and the transition is planned over Presidents’ Day holiday weekend.

Several case types will be impacted with a temporary outage beginning at 6:00 p.m. on February 11th and running through Monday, February 16th.

To help ensure smooth operations and reduce delays, the court strongly encourages attorneys to electronically file documents across all case types before 6:00 p.m. on February 11th. In addition, they ask that attorneys avoid visiting the courthouse on February 13th unless absolutely necessary. For more information on the impact for each case type, click the button below.

[Details on Impact by Case Type](#)

CADC's Annual Conference

ADI encourages panel attorneys to attend CADC's Annual Conference and Seminar on March 20-21, 2026. This annual event will be held in-person only at the South San Francisco Conference Center. 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 8.25 hours of MCLE credit.

For more information and to register, please visit CADC's website.

The conference is a great opportunity to connect with panel members across the state!

[Register for CADC Conference](#)

MCLE Opportunities

An Appealing Life: Are State-Appointed Appeals For You?
February 10, 2026 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Remote
Hosted by San Diego County Bar Association

Do you know someone who might be interested in panel work? The San Diego County Bar Association is hosting an ADI webinar where staff attorneys talk about panel work and the role of the appellate projects in training and developing attorneys new to appellate law. (1.0 hour of general MCLE credit is offered for this training.) The link below has additional details and registration information. Please feel free to share with your connections.

[Registration](#)

ADI Website Updates

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Dependency Cases
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Dependency Law



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