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November News Alert

Dear Panel Members,

This month's content includes:

- Court & ADI holidays
- ADI Claims Portal New Communications Feature
- MCLE Opportunities
- Helpful website resources for claims & assisted attorneys

We also wanted to wish you a beautiful holiday season, filled with all that you cherish.

Warmly,

ADI



ADI Claims Portal
New Communications Feature

To streamline communications regarding claim revisions, we have released a new feature in the claims portal.

When a claim is unlocked for corrections or additional information, you will receive an email notification from CMS Panel Alerts (Do Not Reply) account.

The notification will include the case number and advise you that the claim has been unlocked and requires your attention.

Once logged into the claims portal, you will see a ringing bell notification on your "My Board" dashboard.

Open the claim, and a new tab titled Communications with Panel Attorney will be visible in Steps 5 through 9 and Step 13. The tab will identify the individual requesting the changes. You may respond directly in the claim by clicking the plus (+) sign and entering a note. Once submitted, ADI will see your note. (If needed, you may communicate directly with the requestor outside of the claims portal.)

After the claim has been updated and resubmitted, the notification bell will automatically disappear.

Should you have any questions or have issues with this new feature, please contact Lori Olthoff or Kathy Hall.

MCLE Opportunities

Juvenile Delinquency Appellate Seminar

November 5, 2026 12:00-1:30 p.m. | Via Zoom
Hosted by CAPLA
Presented by: Former FDAP Staff Attorney Richard Braucher and SDAP Executive Director Jonathan Grossman

Youth justice is one of the most interesting and rewarding areas of appellate practice. However, much has changed within the last 5 years. Our legislature shut down California's youth prison system after more than a century of abuse and transferred responsibility for the state's highest needs youths to the counties. This realignment to the counties resulted in a new statute, Welfare and Institutions Code section 875, whose goal is to reduce incarceration and release youth for treatment in their communities. At the same time, the legislature overhauled the law on transfer to the adult system in Welfare and Institutions Code section 707, intentionally making it more difficult for courts to commit 16 to 17 year old youth to the adult system. However, the changes to section 707 render current law analytically challenging for all participants in the transfer process.

This webinar, presented by juvenile justice experts Richard Braucher and Jonathan Grossman, is a brisk tour of these subjects, designed to rapidly familiarize attorneys with the history of juvenile justice, nuts and bolts of the evolving law, and best practices.

1.5 hours of MCLE credit will be offered.

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Preparing Your SDAP Compensation Claim: A Practical Guide for Panel Attorneys

November 18, 2026 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Via Zoom

Join SDAP and Assistant Director Anna L. Stuart for a practical, nearly line-by-line guide to preparing compensation claims. We'll cover what to include, where to claim particular tasks, and when a fuller explanation can help SDAP advocate for the fullest compensation available for your work. We'll explain SDAP's first and second reviews, including common reasons we may unsubmit a claim or request clarification before transmitting it to the Judicial Council of California (JCC). We'll also provide an overview of subsequent JCC review and auditing.

Submit your questions through the Zoom registration form, and SDAP will aim to address them throughout the training.

Register

Claims Resources at ADI

Trying to submit claims before the new year?

ADI has a number of resources available on our website to help appointed counsel navigate the claims process. We hope these are helpful in capturing your time and getting paid for your work.

In the 3-part video walk through on how to start and submit a claim through ADI's portal, staff attorneys walk through each step and each line of the hours and expense worksheets explaining where to claim your time.

The claims handout is a step-by-step pdf walk through the ADI claims system including when to submit a claim, where to submit the claim, helpful tips, and a line-by-line guide on claiming your time and your expenses.

We have links to the compensation guidelines, the statewide claims manual, and our claims portal.

All claims resources are available on our Claims page, click just the link below.

Claims

Are you an assisted or assisted-modified attorney?

Take a look at the resources specifically designed for attorneys new to ADI's panel.

- ADI Roadmap to Resources
- Draft AOB Components
- Issue Memo Components

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