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SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

1.) CDLA OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023



At its Annual Meeting held on Friday, August 12th at 2022 *Annual Kuwatch Conference*, the CDLA Board of Directors elected the following Officers for the 2022-2023 year:

President: Manny Daskal

Vice President: Manny Barba

Treasurer: Philip Gagnon

Secretary: Virginia Landry

Congratulations to all of the CDLA Officers on their election for the upcoming CDLA year!

(President Manny Daskal – front row center above in pink shirt - is featured in the *Member Spotlight* section below.)

2.)SALUTE TO 2021-2022 PRESIDENT JOSHUA PRICE



The Board expresses its deep appreciation for the leadership that 2021-2022 President **Joshua Price** provided this past year during a period of significant change and transition for our Association. Coping with the lingering impact of the pandemic, the hiring of a new Executive Director, the passing of our beloved long-time Treasurer (Terry Wapner), and planning for CDLA's first annual conference since 2019, Josh was the right person at the right time to realign the Association and position it for growth and vitality in the years ahead. On behalf of the CDLA Board as well as its entire membership, thank you Josh!

Update: Josh and his wife Alicia recently welcomed a beautiful 9 pound, 21 inch girl - Zaraiya Brynley Price - into the world, joining her two big brothers in Familia Price. All are healthy and well! Cheers to Josh & family!



3.)REPORT ON THE 2022 ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE

Back after three years, the 2022 Annual Kuwatch Conference received very positive evaluations from the 160 attendees as well as our Sponsors. CDLA acquired more than 20 new members who joined us by signing up during their conference registration. CDLA now has more than 350 members and anticipates being back to 400+ members by the end of the 2022-2023 year.

Special call-outs for their conference support and recognition:

- Manny Barba for serving as Master of Ceremonies on Friday and handling all IT arrangements.
- Philip Crawford for serving as Master of Ceremonies on Saturday and hosting the Awards Luncheon.
- Peter Johnson for chairing the Sponsors presentations on Saturday and conducting the Sponsor raffles.
- Alison Bermant for receiving the President's Award.
- Secretary Virginia Landry for conducting the Officers election at the Annual Meeting of the Board.
- Treasurer Philip Gagnon for his heartfelt remarks honoring the service of past president Josh Price during the Awards Luncheon.
- Lynn Gorelick for her moving remarks honoring Terry Wapner when the Kuwatch Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to our former Treasurer posthumously at the Awards Luncheon.
- Our valued Sponsors for their on-going financial support to our Association.
- Our eight presenters who covered a diverse variety of topics relevant to DUI defense.
- Intercontinental Mark Hopkins Hotel personnel who went above and beyond in serving our needs for this conference as well as the beautiful and newly renovated facilities.
- Finally, my wife Mary who helped me plan, set-up and cover the CDLA check-in/information table throughout the entire conference.

4.)DAVID BALL'S KEYNOTE PRESENTATION, E-BOOK, AND VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE TO CDLA MEMBERS

Dr. David Ball was a keynote presenter at the 2022 CDLA Annual Kuwatch Conference and has generously shared his 2-hour Zoom presentation as well as his e-book and video with CDLA members. Please follow this process to access his presentation - as well as all of our free on-demand webinars:

- 1.) Log onto the CDLA website: **californiaduillawyers.org**
- 2.) Click **ON-DEMAND WEBINARS**
- 3.) In the section titled CDLA ON-DEMAND (FREE!) WEBINARS, click **DETAILS**.
- 4.) Click on **THE RULE-OUT METHOD OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE - A GAME CHANGER**
- 5.) **LOGIN** to access this recording - as well as Dr. Ball's e-book and video
- 6.) Click on **RULE OUT METHOD OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE** and the Zoom recording will appear as well as David's e-book and video.

Note that this presentation is not eligible for MCLE credits (but all of the others are!)

Please contact me if you have questions or difficulty accessing his presentation, e-book or video.

5.)COMING SOON: FALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Don Bartell and **Lara Gressley** will be presenting a free webinar for CDLA members in mid-October on how to improve your writing skills. (Don presented the same webinar through NCDD on July 29.) Stay tuned for date, time, and program specifics.

The CDLA Seminar Planning Committee will also be scheduling (in-person!) holiday dinner meetings in both Northern California and Southern California. Details forthcoming...

6.)MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: NEW CDLA PRESIDENT MANNY DASKAL



Newly elected CDLA President **Manny Daskal** is originally from Detroit, Michigan. He graduated with a B.S. from Wayne State University.

After graduation, Manny moved to California where he spent several years involved in community organizing. Manny became involved in the initial start-up of a community food co-op that now numbers about 30,000 members. He also helped start a very successful rural Health Center and the local hospital district.

Manny describes this public service background - as well as having gone to an urban college in the 60's in the heart of downtown Detroit - as giving him an affinity to the "counter-culture".

Manny moved to Humboldt County in Northern California, recognized by many as the center of the United States marijuana culture. After spending a number of years in this isolated rural environment he broadened his horizons by setting forth on world travel and resided in Switzerland, Spain, and Morocco. Returning to the United States, he then began law school.

While earning his J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law, Manny worked for the Massachusetts Public Defenders office. He handled the entire arraignment calendar as well as an assigned caseload - as a third year student! Manny then opened a solo practice in Boston handling primarily Federal drug cases.

Returning to California, Manny practiced with and took over Robert Cogen's practice. (At that time Robert was considered one of the top criminal defense attorneys in the country, nationally recognized as the attorney who developed the "species defense.")

Manny's expertise in DUI includes training in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Standardized Field Sobriety Tests as both a student and instructor as well as completion of the Drug Recognition Expert course. He also has technical training on the several different breath test devices used in California. He has lectured a number of times and is published on marijuana, particularly as related to DUI. He consults regularly with attorneys across the country and enjoyed the opportunity to hear Dr. Marilyn Huestis at our recent conference.

Manny has been a member of CDLA since the mid-90s after meeting a fellow rural California member, "Fast Eddy" Kuwatch. He has been member of the National College of DUI Defense since 1997. He has also been a staff member and lecturer for NCDD. He has been a member of NORML and NACDL for over 20 years.

Manny and wife Denise ("the love of his life") have a daughter Lilian who graduated from Brandeis University, having been awarded the Cunningham Award for excellence in writing.

Manny states, "My favorite part of lawyering is the unbelievable connection with people ranging from the challenged to the amazing intellectual capacity of our members. I love trying to follow the thoughts and thought patterns of CDLA members, truly the brightest and most gifted of lawyers. It is this intellectual stimulation that keeps me young and continually striving to bring my 'A' game for my clients. I am continually astounded by how much I learn from CDLA members."

7.) CALL FOR REFERRALS!

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining CDLA? If so, please send Executive Director Roger Andersen (ed@californiaduilawyers.org) his/her name and email address. CDLA has developed a flyer that Roger sends to prospects describing the value of a CDLA membership and the fantastic programs/services we offer.

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