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1.) FREE WRITING WEBINAR ON 11/9/22



PROGRAM: *Effective Legal Writing for Attorneys: How to Easily Improve Your Writing*

DATE/TIME: **Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

PRESENTERS: **Don Bartell and Lara Gressley** (Bartell, Hensel & Gressley)

MCLE: 1.0 credit (60 minutes of content)*

REGISTRATION: <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/effective-legal-writing>

WEBINAR DESCRIPTION

This webinar will demonstrate specific legal-writing techniques that will help attorneys make their writing more concise and direct, and therefore more persuasive. Through specific examples of typical

legal-writing problems and their solutions, the webinar will help participants improve the clarity and focus of the briefs, letters, and other written work that is crucial to any legal practice.

In this webinar presented by CDLA attorneys Donald Bartell and Lara Gressley, you will learn the basics of legal writing, a lawyer's most important tool, including tips and techniques for drafting briefs, pleadings and memos. Participants will also understand the most common mistakes and problems lawyers encounter in their writings -- and how to avoid them.

PRESENTER: DON BARTELL

Donald Bartell is in private practice in Riverside California, He enjoys writing.

PRESENTER: LARA GRESSLEY

Lara received her undergraduate degree at the University of California, Santa Cruz and attended law school at Santa Clara University. In private practice, Lara still practices criminal defense and has also become one of the preeminent criminal appellate attorneys in California. Lara has written appellate briefs filed in the California Court of Appeal, California Supreme Court, and in the United States Supreme Court. She regularly handles petitions for writ of habeas corpus in state and federal courts where actual innocence and ineffective assistance of counsel are issues.

Lara lectures lawyers across the state with respect to research and writing, appeals, writs, motions, and trial work. She has lectured for California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, California DUI Lawyers Association, California Public Defenders Association, and National College for DUI Defense. Lara is the past President of the California DUI Lawyers Association and a selected Southern California Super Lawyer in Appellate Law for 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. Lara is a Christian, a vocalist, and speaks conversational Spanish.

*NOTE: Brief presentations from CDLA's valued **Sponsors** will be made at the start of this webinar:

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2.) SAVE THE DATES: CDLA HOLIDAY DINNER MEETINGS



Although the members of the CDLA ***Seminar Planning Committee*** are finalizing the location and program, we ask that you **SAVE THE DATE** to be able to participate in our end-of-year holiday dinner meetings. Participants will be able to earn 2.5 MCLE credits for attendance.

Southern California Holiday Dinner Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2022

6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Event Coordinator: Erica Madrid

Northern California Holiday Dinner Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2022

6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Event Coordinator: Peter Johnson

Please note that the location/venue, program/speakers, cost, and registration information will be sent to all CDLA members during the ***second half of October***.

These dinner meetings provide an excellent opportunity to network and socialize with your fellow CDLA members – and to obtain training, information, and MCLE credits for important professional development topics.

3.) WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2022!

NEW MEMBERS AS OF AUGUST 2022

Adrian Yeung (Law Office of Adrian Yeung)
Susan Hartman (Law Offices of Susan L. Hartman)
Rachel Wilber (Wilber Law Offices, P.C.)
Anna Yum (Law Offices of Anna R. Yum)
Adrian Kamada (Humboldt County Public Defender Office)
Kendall Simsarian

Jeremy Elias (Lee Law Group)
Lorena Tejeda (Tejeda Law)
Mary Ann Bird (Bird & Van Dyke, Inc.)
Patrick Kolasinski (The Law Offices of Patrick Kolasinski)
Michael Weimer (Law Office of Michael Weimer)

NEW MEMBERS AS OF SEPTEMBER 2022

Kevin Fard (Kevin Fard Attorney at Law)
Jeremy Listman (Los Angeles County Office of Public Defender)
Edwin Samuels (Edwin E. Samuels Attorney at Law)
Nicholas Jaime (Law Offices of Anna R. Yum)

4.) MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PHILLIP CRAWFORD



PHILLIP CRAWFORD (with Darwin)



CDLA board member Phillip Crawford practices in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. At least 95% of his cases are DUIs. Phillip is known by judges, prosecutors, and his fellow defense attorneys as a “trial dog” who is never afraid to put twelve jurors in the box.

One DDA described Phillip as a “fearless advocate” who goes “above and beyond” for his clients, adding, “I have a mountain of respect for what you do.” One local cop described Phillip’s cross-examination as “Intimidating.”

“The longer I’m in this job, the more I realize how much more there is to learn. I couldn’t do this job without the help of other lawyers, particularly the lawyers in CDLA. We defense attorneys need to stick together. I am always willing to help another defense attorney in any way I can.”

Phillip held a lot of different jobs before becoming a lawyer. He also holds the distinction of having been arrested for civil disobedience six times in three different states. “I know what it’s like to be in handcuffs,” Phillip says. “It’s awful.”

Phillip met his wife, Julie, when she was in her last year of law school. She became an attorney and eventually convinced Phillip to go to law school. Phillip says, "I'm incredibly grateful to her. On most days."

According to Phillip, "One of the lessons I keep re-learning is that things tend to work out better when I get my ego out of the way and focus on what's important to the accused person I'm representing. As Paul Burglin says, 'Your ego is not your amigo.' Winning isn't always the most important thing. In fact, some of the most grateful people are those who got convicted at trial. The important things are to do your job with integrity and to keep striving to improve your skills."

When not practicing law, Phillip enjoys playing the piano, spending time with Julie, and hanging out with his smelly old dog, Darwin.

5.) NEW IMPLICIT BIAS EDUCATION NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL CA ATTORNEYS

The State Bar of California now requires all attorneys to include 1 unit of implicit bias education in their required 25 hours of MCLE every 3 years. This is in addition to the 1 unit of elimination of bias training that was previously required.

What are the full MCLE requirements now?

While all attorneys will still be required to complete 25 hours of MCLE every three years, the total hours must now include no less than seven hours as follows:

- At least four hours of legal ethics.
- At least two hours dealing with elimination of bias. Of the two hours, at least one hour must focus on implicit bias and the promotion of bias reducing strategies.
- At least one hour of education addressing competence issues

6.) IN MEMORIAM: RICHARD HUTTON



Richard Hutton, who passed away this week, dedicated most of his legal career to representing accused individuals. As a Certified Criminal Law Specialist of the California State Bar, he possessed expert knowledge to tackle even the most challenging kinds of cases. Rich tried more than 500 jury trials. His legal insight allowed him to lecture at the USC Advanced Professionalism Program and many bar association groups. He was a past President for the Board of Governors of the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (CACJ), the largest statewide organization of criminal lawyers in the country.

Rich also wrote numerous DUI-related articles, which have been published in prestigious periodicals. For his exceptional courtroom ability and results, Richard Hutton received the Jerry

Giesler Memorial Award *twice* from the Criminal Courts Bar Association. He was a former president of the Los Angeles County Criminal Courts Bar Association as well as the California DUI Lawyers Association. Rich also received the Criminal Justice Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Associations Award for Criminal Defense Attorney of the Year. Rich's annual DUI seminar was one of the most highly-regarded seminars nationally. They were always presented to full capacity with many attendees and presenters flying in from all over.

Richard Hutton was one of the most accomplished and experienced attorneys in LA County: creative, intelligent, and highly respected by his colleagues in the legal profession. He will be truly missed.

CDLA member **J. Michael Norris**: "The list of Rich's professional accomplishments is far too long to do it justice here, and others will detail them much more eloquently than I. He was a friend, a colleague, a mentor, a mensch, a trial lawyer, a leader, an educator, and so much more. His career spoke volumes about why someone should become a lawyer, and his character exemplified all of the ideals to which one might hope to aspire. Try as we might to emulate and imitate, though, there will only ever be one Rich, and we are lucky to have shared time with him, working alongside him in the place that he loved so much. He was the epitome of everything that a trial lawyer could be."

CDLA Vice President **Manny Barba**: "Rich Hutton was a great lawyer and an even greater teacher."

CDLA Member **Paul Burglin**: "We lost one of the great lions of the DUI defense bar. RIP Rich."

CDLA Member **Christopher McCann**: "He was a tremendous DUI lawyer and an even better man. I'd heard that he'd tried more DUI manslaughter cases than any other attorney in California. We've lost a great one."

7.) "WHO YA GONNA CALL?"

No, not Ghost Busters! Please contact me regarding any CDLA matter, including membership, program enrollment, etc. I strive to respond to all member inquiries the same day – and no later than the following day.

NOTE: Email is best for a quick response but you are always welcome to call me anytime.

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