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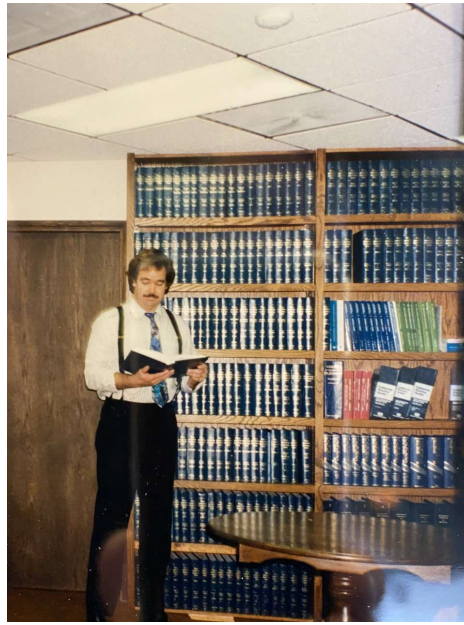
1.) DON BARTELL CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A Celebration of Life ceremony was held on Saturday, November 5 for past CDLA President & Director **Donald Bartell**, who passed away on October 2, 2022. Special thanks to CDLA Director **Phillip Crawford** who organized this special event and shared these photos taken at the Commemorative Air Force – Inland Empire Wing in Riverside.





Lara Gressley



Don Bartell (in his younger years!)



Charlie Unger



Mike Donaldson



Don's sister Mary



Don's plane

2.) NorCal HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Due to very low registration to date, the Southern California Holiday Dinner Meeting which was scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2022 in Long Beach has been cancelled. (The few people who registered have received full refunds.)

However, registration is still open for the:

Northern California Holiday Dinner Meeting

DATE: Thursday, December 15, 2022

TIME: 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Trader Vic's (Emeryville)

PRESENTER: David Lewis

PROGRAM: 50 Years of Forensic Toxicology: What You Really Need To Know

MCLE: 2.0 credit hours

MASTER OF CEREMONIES/COORDINATOR: Peter Johnson

CONTACT: peter@jjlaw2.com

COST: \$80.00

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/NorCalHolidayDinnerMeeting>

CLOSEST HOTEL FOR OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS (one mile from restaurant):

Hilton Garden Inn San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge
1800 Powell Street
Emeryville, CA 94608
510-658-9300

These dinner meetings provide an excellent opportunity to network and socialize with your fellow CDLA members - as well as to obtain training and information on important professional development topics and earn MCLE credit!

GUESTS ALLOWED! Unlike our free webinars offered throughout the year, you are allowed to bring guests to these dinner meetings. After you REGISTER YOURSELF, please click on REGISTER GUEST. (The cost for a guest is also \$80.00)

Please contact the event coordinator (Erica or Peter) for additional information about these programs.

Of course, please contact me if you have any problems registering, receiving your Certificate of Attendance, or accessing the evaluation form for each program.

3.) WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: NOVEMBER 2022

CDLA is pleased to welcome the following new members who joined (or rejoined) in November (through Monday, November 21):

MEMBER	FIRM	EMAIL
Daniel Barton	Noland Barton & Olmos, LLP	dbarton@nbl.law
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4.) SEEKING ADDITIONAL SPONSORS – MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS

The **Seminar Planning Committee** (President Manny Daskal; Peter Johnson; Phillip Crawford; Erica Madrid; Lynn Gorelick) has recently updated our Sponsorship Program (attachment). This revised program will be effective immediately for all new Sponsors and effective upon renewal of our current Sponsors.

I am asking your assistance in identifying some new CDLA Sponsors.

If you have a networking connection or professional/personal relationship with a company that you believe would benefit from CDLA sponsorship, please send me his/her contact information.

NOTE: Since 3 of our 7 Sponsors represent the **insurance** industry, we will not be accepting any new insurance sponsors at this time.

Sincere thanks for any prospects you may send me for follow-up...

5.) MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PETER JOHNSON



Peter Johnson is currently serving his second term on the CDLA Board of Directors. As a Board Member Peter seeks to bring learning opportunities to members from both fundamental and advanced perspectives; as well as provide opportunities for members to network and share information related to the Court's in Northern California.

Peter became an attorney in 1993 and joined his wife Carin Johnson forming their current firm, The Law Office of Johnson & Johnson since 1998. Peter's side of the practice focuses on DUI, criminal defense and civil rights cases. Carin's side of the business focuses on juvenile dependency practice with emphasis on allegations

of physical abuse, including bone and brain injuries amongst others. Together they have created and maintained a very successful and dynamic practice. The secret to the longevity – married couple – practicing law together (imagine that) is the ability to have what are essentially two very distinct sides of the practice, although sometimes cases do overlap. Peter and Carin worked together in a 10 week trial to attain an acquittal for a single father accused of killing his young child. In another instance Carin handled a dependency case to completion then turned it over to Peter to file a civil rights lawsuit resulting in a 3.2 million dollar verdict in federal court. Peter handles cases throughout most of Northern California.

Peter is a graduate of St. Mary's College in Moraga where he played football on a scholarship and continued to play in various fledgling professional leagues for some years following college. Once that was out of his system he started to focus on his law career and really hasn't stopped since. He has traveled throughout the country and acquired 100s of hours of advance education in pretty much a

never-ending quest to gain subject matter and strategic knowledge. Likewise he has taken that knowledge and his experience and tried to pass it on to others speaking throughout the state and country dozens of times. This has also led to Peter being the current author of The California DUI Defense book published by Thompson Reuters.

Peter built a strong work ethic as a commercial fisherman in Alaska for 15 years and working long hours on the family farm and family restaurant amongst others. Peter's experiences in playing sports growing up has helped develop a strong mental toughness and resilience. "I often think about how moments in the courtroom are analogous to a 300 lb. lineman bearing down on you while you stand tall knowing you are about to be obliterated but look downfield to deliver a pass on point with no regard for yourself. The kind of unselfish beating you take as a quarterback with a crappy line is really not that far off from the level of resistance a criminal defense attorney takes on a daily basis.

Peter regularly goes to jury trial having completed nearly 150 jury trials. "Every case I take from the outset is handled as if it going to trial. If attorneys do not have that arrow in their quiver in my view they are not doing justice for their client. Probably not a popular view but I don't know how else to do it. On several occasions throughout my career I had to have an attorney come take a verdict for me in a completed trial because I was starting another one that day somewhere else. Trials are hard work but that is where my skill-set shines and far more often than not I accomplish great things for my clients."

When he is not in court Peter enjoys pretty much any outdoor endeavor, particularly camping, fishing, hiking and exploring new terrain; and in particular with at least one of his three boys along for the ride.

Attorney Peter Johnson can be reached at peter@jjlaw2.com or 925.952.8900.

6.) ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

Just a soft reminder that CDLA has now an active Learning Management System (LMS) included as part of our website. With just a couple of clicks, you can access any one of eight (8) educational programs that were offered in 2021 or 2022:

- DUI Drugs Webinar Part 1: Pharmacology Expert
- DUI Drugs Webinar Part 2: Drug Recognition Evaluation (DRE)
- DUI Drugs Webinar Part 3: Blood Analysis for Drugs
- Effective Opening Statements
- All Things AMP (Accepted Medical Practices)!
- Victim Restitution
- The Rule-Out Method of Criminal Defense: A Game Changer

- Effective Legal Writing for Attorneys

After watching these webinars - and passing a short assessment - you will be eligible to receive a Certificate of Attendance and earn MCLE credits (only exception is *The Rule-Out Method* by David Ball).

Please follow this step-by-step process to access any of these webinars:

- 1.) www.californiaduilawyers.org
- 2.) **MEMBER LOGIN**
- 3.) **ON-DEMAND WEBINARS**
- 4.) **SEE COURSES YOU OWN**
- 5.) **EFFECTIVE LEGAL WRITING FOR ATTORNEYS**

IMPORTANT NOTES

- You may need to log in a second time (first to our website and then to our Learning Management System)
- A copy of the PowerPoint presentation, information about the instructors, and a link to the assessment will also appear.
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- Once you have watched (at least 90% of) the webinar and complete the assessment (with a 70%+ passing grade), you will receive a Certificate of Attendance and MCLE credit via email.
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- Print the Certificate, complete the bottom portion of this form, and retain a copy for your files.

Please contact me if you have questions or difficulty accessing any of these presentations or do not receive your Certificate of Attendance after successfully completing a program.



7.) SAVE THE DATES! 2023 ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE



After months of researching different venues in the greater Los Angeles region, the Seminar Planning Committee (President Manny Daskal; Peter Johnson; Erica Madrid; Phillip Crawford; Lynn Gorelick) has selected the dates and site for next year's conference!

WHEN: Friday, August 11 & Saturday, August 12, 2023

WHERE: Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza

SCHEDULE: Friday from 1:00 p.m. to Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

MCLE (projected based on final schedule): 7 to 9 credit hours

REGISTRATION OPENS: February 1, 2023

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8.) THE LAST WORD

On behalf of the CDLA Board of Directors, special thanks for being a valued member of CDLA. I hope everyone has an enjoyable and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday break. Of course, contact me at any time regarding any program, membership, or other CDLA matter.

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