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## JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

### **1.) CDLA WELCOMES THREE NEW DIAMOND PARTNERS!**

#### **LIFESAFER IGNITION LOCK**

***LifeSafer is CDLA's exclusive provider of ignition interlock devices.***

LifeSafer is a partner attorneys can trust, backed by more than 35 years of ignition interlock experience. For more than 25 years, LifeSafer has also proudly supported CDLA as a sponsor, reflecting our continued commitment to the legal community and the clients they serve. We can also provide support with MAU-related needs to help make the process easier for both attorneys and clients.

From the first appointment, LifeSafer is focused on making the experience as simple and manageable as possible. Our devices are designed for everyday use, with one simple breath test. When questions come up, clients have access to chat support, 24/7 call support, and an online account where they can find FAQ guidance, reschedule appointments, and manage payments. CDLA members can also receive personalized support from our dedicated LifeSafer California Business Development Director, Michele Horning.

For assistance, please contact:

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## **BREATHE EASY INSURANCE**

***Breathe Easy Insurance is CDLA's exclusive provider of SR-22 insurance.***

After a DUI in California, car insurance rates can skyrocket, and policies may not be allowed to renew. Soon your DUI clients may find themselves scrambling to find new insurance so they can keep their SR-22s and their drivers' licenses active.

Refer your DUI clients to Breathe Easy Insurance ([www.breatheeasyins.com](http://www.breatheeasyins.com)) to take the stress out of satisfying their SR-22 requirements. Our agents can instantly compare multiple DUI-forgiving rates over the phone, and we typically request SR-22 filings and email digital proof of insurance the same day in California.

Refer one DUI client to Breathe Easy Insurance Solutions and let us win you over.

Have your client call: [866-822-7755](tel:866-822-7755) today.

Email: [partner@breatheeasyins.com](mailto:partner@breatheeasyins.com) for more information or digital or printed partner-referral materials.



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## **Keepr ALCOHOL MONITORING**



***Keepr is CDLA's exclusive provider of portable alcohol monitoring devices.***

Keepr® Alcohol Monitoring is a modern solution designed to provide courts, probation departments, treatment programs, and other monitoring authorities with a discreet, portable, and cost-effective alternative to traditional alcohol monitoring methods.

For many individuals involved in the criminal justice system, alcohol monitoring is a required condition of supervision. Attorneys often hear the same concerns from their clients: traditional monitoring options can be expensive, intrusive, and disruptive to daily life, particularly when wearable devices are involved.

Keepr Alcohol Monitoring was developed to address these concerns while still providing reliable alcohol monitoring and accountability. Keepr combines a compact, pocket-sized breathalyzer with a guided mobile app and secure monitoring portal to support scheduled and on-demand testing.

The system captures test results, participant photos, and timestamps for each testing event, allowing monitoring authorities to review compliance activity and generate reports as needed. Unlike traditional wearable monitoring devices, Keepr Alcohol Monitoring allows participants to meet monitoring requirements without wearing a device on their body, helping reduce stigma and minimize disruptions to work, family responsibilities, and daily activities. At the same time, our solution supports the accountability and monitoring objectives of courts, supervision programs, and treatment providers.

Today, Keepr Alcohol Monitoring is being evaluated and adopted by courts, probation departments, treatment providers, and community supervision programs seeking flexible monitoring options that balance participant accountability with affordability and ease of use. Keepr is part of Mindr, an established leader with 37+ years delivering alcohol detection, monitoring and safety solutions. Built on decades of industry expertise, Keepr combines modern technology with proven experience serving courts, supervision programs, treatment providers, and individuals nationwide.

As the California DUI Lawyers Association's exclusive portable alcohol monitoring partner, Keepr is proud to support the legal community by providing an alternative monitoring solution that addresses many of the challenges attorneys and their clients encounter throughout the supervision process.

For more information, contact: [keeprsales@yourkeepr.com](mailto:keeprsales@yourkeepr.com)

## **2.) CDLA PRESENTS SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR KERN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS**

On Friday, June 19, 2026, CDLA presented a day-long customized DUI training program to more than 140 people (in person and on-line) at the Kern County Public Defender's office. Special thanks to the following CDLA Directors and members who served as presenters:



Richard Middlebrook



Lara Gressley



Mike Donaldson



Ed Barley



Patrick Kolasinski



Jeanne Normandeau

**3.) 2026 ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE: REGISTRATION UNDERWAY!**

**NOTE:** Early Registration ends on Friday, July 10. Register now to avoid the increased registration rates effective after this date.

For the first time in its 37-year history, CDLA will be holding its annual two-day conference in **Monterey, California!**

As usual, our conference rates are among the lowest in the country. Also, we have secured a limited number of rooms at the Hyatt at the super-low room rate of \$275/night. The Education Committee has

developed a truly exceptional program with eight featured speakers. There will also be ample opportunity for social interaction and networking throughout the two days.



My wife Mary and I look forward to seeing all of you again in this beautiful venue.



**DATES:** Friday, August 7 & Saturday, August 8, 2026

**LOCATION:** Hyatt Regency Hotel & Spa Monterey; Monterey, California

**PROGRAM, SCHEDULE, COST:** [2026-annual-kuwatch-conference.pdf](#)

**FEATURED SPEAKERS:**

**Elizabeth Little:** High-Profile Trial to Everyday Practice: Strategies from the Karen Read Case

**Anthony Palacios:** SFSTs in Action - Insights from the Expert

**Richard Middlebrook:** DMV Litigation Update - Key Appellate Rulings Every DUI Lawyer Should Know

**Al Menaster:** DUI Case Law Update - One Battle After Another (virtual)

**Aaron Olson:** Finding the Flaws - Toxicology Errors and How to Expose Them

**Patrick Kolasinski & Lara Gressley:** Using AI to Streamline Your DUI Practice &

AI in DUI Defense - Ethical Boundaries & Best Practices

**Lucy McAllister:** Defending Professional Licenses in California - Crossover Cases Involving Drug & Alcohol Issues

**Bubba Head:** Winning the Unwinnable DUI - Impeaching Officer Credibility in Court

**MCLE:** 9 credit hours, including 1 credit hour in Technology and 1 credit hour in Ethics

**REGISTRATION:** <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/conference-2026>

#### **4.) SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

##### **RECENT MESSAGE FROM CDLA PRESIDENT RICHARD MIDDLEBROOK:**

It is with tremendous gratitude and appreciation that I share an important announcement regarding the future leadership of CDLA.

After five extraordinary years of service as Executive Director of the California DUI Lawyers Association, Dr. Roger C. Andersen will be retiring this fall as he approaches his 75th birthday in late September. While we will certainly miss Roger's daily leadership, we are profoundly grateful for the lasting impact he and his wife, Mary, have had on this organization, our membership, and the DUI defense community throughout California.

At its last meeting, the CDLA Board of Directors unanimously approved a comprehensive five-month transition plan developed by Dr. Andersen to ensure a thoughtful, organized, and seamless search for CDLA's next Executive Director.

CDLA Vice President Lara Gressley will chair the Executive Director Search Committee, and we officially began posting the position announcement this morning. Throughout June and July, Dr. Andersen will personally assist with the initial screening process and recommend finalists for consideration by the

Search Committee. The Board anticipates selecting and approving CDLA’s next Executive Director in late July or early August.

Our goal is to welcome the new Executive Director at the 2026 Annual Kuwatch Conference on Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8, 2026, in beautiful Monterey, California. Following the conference, Roger has generously committed to spending up to two additional months training and mentoring the new Executive Director on the extensive systems, operations, programs, and member services that make CDLA such a dynamic and successful organization.

In addition, Roger has graciously offered to remain available as a consultant for a limited period to help ensure continuity and a smooth transition of responsibilities.

Simply stated, CDLA would not be the organization it is today without Roger’s vision, dedication, professionalism, and tireless work ethic. Over the past five years, CDLA has experienced transformational growth. We have expanded our educational programming, strengthened our member services, increased our statewide influence, enhanced our technology and communications platforms, and built one of the most vibrant and respected DUI defense organizations in the nation.

Roger and Mary have been central to every aspect of that success.

We are equally excited about CDLA’s future. This transition represents not an ending, but the continuation of the tremendous momentum our organization has built together. The Board of Directors remains fully committed to advancing CDLA’s mission, strengthening our membership, and continuing to provide the highest level of advocacy, education, and support for California DUI defense attorneys.

Roger and Mary will also be coordinating the 2026 Annual Kuwatch Conference, as they have so successfully done for the past four years. This year’s conference will feature eight outstanding speakers addressing the most important and timely issues facing DUI practitioners today.

I strongly encourage every member to attend — not only for the exceptional educational program and networking opportunities, but also to personally thank Roger and Mary for their extraordinary service, friendship, and unwavering commitment to CDLA.

## **5.) NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS IN JUNE**

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### **3.) THE LAST WORD!**

If you have any CDLA membership issue, just call, text, or email me and I will assist you with the resolution of the problem.

Dr. Roger C. Andersen, Executive Director, California DUI Lawyers Association

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