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LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

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MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

1.) CDLA WELCOMES TAURUS TECHNOLOGY AS A NEW SPONSOR!

Taurus Technology (<https://taurus.technology/>) is a cutting-edge technology services company designed to safeguard businesses and individuals from the ever-growing array of online threats and elevate the next generation of businesses through AI and technology services. Taurus employs highly skilled engineers whose mission is to provide you with the best technical solutions possible. We take great care of our team so they can focus on taking care of you.

Services offered:

Cybersecurity: Cybersecurity is at the heart of all of our services.
Networking: Efficient solutions tailored to your business.
Cloud Productivity: Unlock the potential with our cloud solutions
Datacenter: Robust services built on security and scalability
Communications: Seamless solutions to connect your team
Help Desk Support: Reliable support available 24/7
Get access to the most advanced experts in the Technologies!

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- No payment information required
- No obligation or contracts
- Innovative Solutions
- Strategic Guidance
- No pressure sales process

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2.) MAY FREE MCLE LUNCHTIME WEBINAR

DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 2024
TIME: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
PRESENTER: Mike Donaldson
TOPIC/PROGRAM: Doing Battle with the DMV
MCLE: 1.5 Credit Hours
COORDINATOR: Dr. Roger Andersen, CDLA Executive Director
COST: FREE!
REGISTRATION LINK: <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/DMV-battle>

WEBINAR DESCRIPTION

This 90-minute (1.5 MCLE credit hours) program will cover the basics of conducting a DMV DUI suspension hearing from requesting the hearing to reinstatement options after a suspension

PRESENTER: MIKE DONALDSON



Mike was born and raised in Temecula. Back when it was still a small town with only a single stoplight. He watched the town grow on the backs of the hardworking men and women that moved here to raise their families. Mike's mother was a school teacher, and his father worked building fences across the Temecula Valley.

Over the years, Mike saw many people, including close friends and family, land themselves on the wrong side of the law, mostly due to substance abuse issues. From the outside looking in, the criminal justice system never seemed like it fairly or adequately helped people who Mike knew deep down were good people, but were just struggling. The government never seemed like it wanted to do anything other

than put its boot on people's necks. Once Mike got his first experience in criminal defense, it felt like the perfect fit for somebody like him with a competitive sports background, and a desire to see people treated fairly.

Mike received an undergraduate degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and law degree at Santa Clara University School of Law. Throughout law school, Mike worked for the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office defending people charged with misdemeanors and felonies. After law school, Mike worked at the Merced County Public Defender's Office.

Mike came back home in 2015, and started a criminal defense practice. He later joined a small but nationally recognized DUI defense firm in Riverside, CA called Bartell, Hensel & Gressley. There, Mike got to practice with Don Bartell, perhaps the best DUI attorney California has ever had. Don passed away unexpectedly in 2022, but his spirit lives on. After Don's passing, Lara Gressley and Mike decided to continue to carry the torch forward and started Gressley & Donaldson. Lara is one of the best DUI and appellate lawyers in the state.

Mike is a graduate of Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyer's College (now Gerry Spence Method), a contributing author to DUI defense practice guides, a member of the California DUI Lawyers Association, the National College for DUI Defense, and has lectured lawyers across California on issues related to DUI defense. Mike is the past-president of the Southwest Riverside County Bar Association, and a part-time professor of Political Science at Mt. San Jacinto College.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Brief presentations from our Sponsors will be held prior to the start of this webinar.
- This program will be recorded and added to CDLA's Learning Management System.
- 19 CDLA webinars are available on-demand 24/7 via our website (& to earn MCLE credit!)
- The PowerPoint presentation will be sent to all attendees along with a Certificate of Attendance (1.5 credit hours) and a brief evaluation survey.

Please contact Executive Director Dr. Roger C. Andersen (ed@californiaduilawyers.org) with any questions or issues registering for this webinar!

3.) SAVE THE DATE/TIME: JUNE WEBINAR

Please save the date for CDLA's June free, live, MCLE webinar:

DEFENDING PROFESSIONAL LICENSES IN CALIFORNIA: CROSSOVER CASES INVOLVING DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

MCLE: 1.0 credit hours

Presenter: Lucy S. McAlister

(Registration will open Thursday May 2, 2024)

4.) WEBINARS AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

The April 2024 CDLA Webinar - **CHEMICAL BREATH TEST MACHINES** - presented by CDLA Expert **Ed Barley**, is now available for viewing 24/7 on-demand via our website. CDLA members can access 19 programs and even earn MCLE credit!

- Chemical Breath Test Machines - RECENTLY ADDED!
- Field Sobriety Tests: Fact, Fiction, or Voodoo Economics
- THC/Cannabis: Recognizing Impairment

- DUI Forensics: How to Support Your Expert and Discredit the State Charlatan
- Head Trauma, Comprehensive and Intoxication: What to Look for in every Case
- California Primer for DUI & Criminal Defense Attorneys
- Ethics & Diversity in Your Legal Practice
- Human Factors
- Miranda & DUI with Lara Gressley

- Cross Examination of the State's Expert
- 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
- How to Challenge the THC Evidence in Every Case

After your sign in to your account on the CDLA website:

- 1.) MEMBER LOGIN
- 2.) ON-DEMAND WEBINARS
- 3.) COURSE LIST
- 4.) DETAILS
- 5.) SELECT THE COURSE YOU WANT TO VIEW

- A copy of the presentation, supplementary information, instructor bio, and a link to the assessment will also appear.
- Once you have watched (at least 90% of) the webinar and completed the assessment (with a 70%+ passing grade), you will "automatically" receive a Certificate of Attendance and MCLE credit via email.
- Print the Certificate, complete the bottom portion of this form, and retain a copy for your files.

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

5.) NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS IN APRIL

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6.) REGISTRATION OPEN! 2024 ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE!

CDLA's annual conference will be held on **Friday, August 2 & Saturday, August 3, 2024** in San Francisco at the Hyatt Centric at Fisherman's Wharf where we will celebrate our 35th anniversary!



DATES: Friday, August 2 and Saturday, August 3, 2024

VENUE: Hyatt Centric at Fisherman's Wharf - San Francisco

REGISTRATION: <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/2024-annual-conference>

MCLE: 9.5 MCLE credit hours

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

CDLA has arranged for a special room rate at the Hyatt for all reservations made before Monday, July 1, 2024. Register via link (highly recommended!) or telephone.

https://www.hyatt.com/shop/rooms/sfow?checkinDate=2024-08-01&checkoutDate=2024-08-04&rooms=1&adults=1&kids=0&corp_id=G-CDUI

(Your confirmation email will also contain the hotel link and reservation instructions.)

PHONE: 415-563-1234 (Ask for the "CDLA Annual Kuwatch Conference 2024")

Please contact me with any questions about our conference or any issues with registration.

7.) ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

Section 10.4 Annual Report of the CDLA Bylaws requires CDLA to annually notify each member of the right to receive a copy of this financial report as well as a statement of the place where the names and addresses of current members are located.

- The names and addresses of current members of the Board are located on the CDLA website.
- Any member who would like to receive a copy of the CDLA Annual Report should contact Executive Director Dr. Roger C. Andersen at ed@californiaduilawyers.org

8.) MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: ANN GOTTESMAN



Ann Gottesman was raised in Huntington, New York with her younger brother. Her father worked as a physicist for Northrup Grumman and her mother was a Hebrew teacher. She was raised in a secular Jewish home. Science, history, literature and social issues were often the topics of conversation around the dinner table.

After graduating with a B.A. in Psychology from Cal State Los Angeles, Ann attended Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles, where she graduated three years later with a Juris Doctor degree in 2005.

Ann had always known that criminal defense was the area of law that would be most rewarding for her. For the past 17+ years, her legal pursuits have been focused on the practice area of criminal law with a special interest in DUI defense.

While in law school, Ann clerked for Justice Earl Johnson, Jr. of the Second District Court of Appeal. She assisted Justice Johnson with the drafting of judicial opinions, one of which was published as a case of first impression. (*People v. Russell* (2005) 129 Cal.App.4th 776.)

In 2005 and 2006, Ann worked for Marilee Marshall & Associates, a Los Angeles Criminal Defense firm specializing in criminal appellate law. She then became an associate for the Law Office of Michael Cabrera, where she represented clients in criminal and immigration cases.

She then joined the Law Office of the Public Defender in Riverside, California, because she wanted to help ensure indigent defendants received a fair trial. While a Public Defender, Ann Gottesman has passionately represented clients in trial and preliminary hearings. Since 2009, Ann has been practicing in Pasadena, California as a sole practitioner focusing solely on DUI defense and Criminal defense, handling misdemeanor and felony cases in the Los Angeles County courts.

One of the reasons Ann finds criminal defense so rewarding is because she sees how seemingly limitless the government's power is when focused on an accused. Without dedicated defense lawyers, the government is free to strip people of their freedom, reputation and future. Holding the government to their burden and ensuring an accused gets all the protections the Constitution promises is critical to keeping the government from overreaching.

Ann lives in Los Angeles with her husband Mark, their 14 month old son Akiva and their elderly dog.



Please contact me for additional information about any of these items or if you have a question or problem with your CDLA membership. Thank you!

Dr. Roger C. Andersen, Executive Director

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