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MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

1.) MAY LUNCH & LEARN WEBINAR



TOPIC: *Sevilla on Civility:
Civility is More Than a Requirement; It's a Professional Imperative*

WHEN: Tuesday, May 20, 2025
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

MCLE: Approved for 1.00 hours of MCLE General participatory credit,
Including 1.00 hours of Civility credit

COST TO CDLA MEMBERS: Free!

REGISTRATION: <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/sevilla-on-civility>

PRESENTER: Chuck Sevilla



After receiving his law degree from the University of Santa Clara, Chuck Sevilla earned a master's degree (LL.M) from the Urban Law Institute at George Washington University Law School. He spent two years as an attorney in Washington, D.C., for VISTA, Volunteers in Service to America, before moving to San Diego to serve as a Federal Public Defender. Chuck rose to the position of Chief Trial Attorney in the San Diego Federal Public Defender office. In 1976, he was recruited to establish and head the Los Angeles office of the California State Public Defender office. Later he became the Chief Deputy State Public Defender for the State of California. In 1983, he and longtime friend and colleague, John Cleary, established the law firm of Cleary and Sevilla. In 2004, John Cleary retired from the practice to teach at Moscow State University in Russia under the auspices of the Fulbright Program, the U.S. government's flagship program in international educational exchange. Chuck continues his full-time criminal defense practice.

Chuck has argued cases at all appellate levels, including several times before the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a frequent speaker and presenter at legal conferences. Chuck has published books on legal humor and three novels about a fictional New York City defense lawyer, John Wilkes. He has authored numerous law review articles and is the co-editor of a legal text, [California Criminal Defense Practice](#), used by lawyers and in law schools throughout the country.

WEBINAR CONTENT:

Civility is more than a requirement; it's a professional imperative. This one-hour webinar explores how courtesy, respect, and empathy enhance legal practice, improve client outcomes, and bolster the justice system. Drawing on principles of behavioral empathy, the session provides practical strategies to avoid toxic communications, maintain dignity in challenging situations, and comply with the latest oath requirements under California law. Don't wait - secure your civility credit now and elevate your practice with the tools to build better relationships, enhance your reputation, and protect your well-being.

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.
- This webinar will be available on-demand 24/7 via the CDLA website (& eligible for MCLE credit)
- All attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance (1.0 credit hours) and be asked to complete a brief evaluation survey.

2.) JUNE LUNCH & LEARN WEBINAR: COUNTERING BIAS

CDLA's June *Lunch & Learn* webinar will address the important area of **implicit bias** – and will provide attendees with 1.5 hours of *elimination of bias* MCLE credit.

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

TOPIC: **Countering Bias**

PRESENTER: Tatiana Kline

MCLE: 1.50 hours of General Participatory
including 1.50 hours of Elimination of Bias Credit

REGISTRATION: Opens Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Brief presentations by our Sponsors will be made prior to the start of each webinar.

3.) NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As per CDLA's Bylaws, nominees to be placed on an election ballot to serve a 4-year term on the Board of Directors can come from two sources: from the Board of Directors itself & from the membership.

If you are interested in serving on the CDLA Board of Directors for a 4-year term (from August 2025 to August 2029) - or would like to nominate another CDLA member to serve - the following is the **member nomination process** that must be followed:

- The nominee must provide endorsements from at least twenty (20) CDLA voting members using the CDLA nomination form or a letter of endorsement bearing the nominator's signature and bar number. (Please contact me to obtain a copy of the Nomination Form.)
- Endorsers need to send their letters of endorsement or nomination form directly to the nominee.
- Once the nominee has received 20+ letters/nomination forms, he/she needs to email the package of letters/forms to CDLA Executive Director Dr. Roger C. Andersen (ed@californiaduilawyers.org)
- The hard/firm deadline for receipt of all 20+ endorsements is **Friday, May 9, 2025**.
- After verifying the 20+ endorsements, Dr. Andersen will notify the nominee that his/her name will be placed on the election ballot.
- Each nominee will be requested - but not required - to provide a head-shot photo and a short bio, including the reason(s) for his/her candidacy which will be included with the election ballot.
- As per our bylaws, all nominees will be accorded "a reasonable opportunity...to solicit votes and a reasonable opportunity for all members to choose among the nominees."
- Nominees are authorized to use CDLA's listserv for this purpose.
- The results of the election will be shared with all members in July.
- Terms for newly elected Directors will begin following CDLA's annual conference this August.
- Information about the role, meeting schedule, and responsibilities for serving as a CDLA Director is included below

Please contact me for additional information and/or questions regarding this member nomination process.

4.) WEBINARS AVAILABLE 24/7 ON DEMAND

The March Lunch & Learn Webinar – *Work Smarter, Not Harder – AI Tools for DUI Attorneys* - presented by **Patrick Kolasinski** - is now available for viewing at any time on-demand via our website.

CDLA members can access **26 programs** and even earn MCLE credit!

Work Smarter, Not Harder – AI Tools for DUI Attorneys – [NOW AVAILABLE!](#)

EFFECTIVE OPENING STATEMENTS

THS/CANNABIS TOXICOLOGY: RECOGNIZING IMPAIRMENT

VISUAL COMPONENTS OF DUI FIELD TESTING

DEFENDING PROFESSIONAL LICENSES IN CALIFORNIA: CROSSOVER CASES INVOLVING DRUG & ALCOHOL ISSUES

SQUARE PEG IN A ROUND HOLE: DISRUPING TRADITIONAL ADDICTION RECOVERY

DOING BATTLE WITH THE DMV

CHEMICAL BREATH TEST MACHINES

FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS: FACT, FICTION, OR VODOO 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

HOW TO ACCESS A CDLA WEBINAR (in 5 easy steps!)

- 1.) <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/>
- 2.) **MEMBER LOGIN**
- 3.) **ON-DEMAND WEBINARS**
- 4.) **SEE COURSES YOU OWN**
- 5.) **SELECT COURSE - VIEW COURSE – LESSON**

IMPORTANT!

- 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 receive a Certificate of Attendance 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.) LAST CHANCE! SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPRING DINNER MEETING



Thursday, May 1, 2025

Gulliver's Restaurant

14482 Macarthur Blvd.

Irvine, CA 92612

NETWORKING RECEPTION: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

DINNER & PROGRAM: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

MEMBER COST: \$115/person*

GUEST COST: \$115/person*

*Includes dinner, drink coupon, raffle ticket, & DMV Quick Reference Guide

MCLE: 1.5 credit hours

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Peter Johnson

EVENT COORDINATOR: Dr. Roger C. Andersen

SPOUSES & GUESTS: Welcomed!

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/spring-dinner-meeting>

TAKE-HOME BONUS! All attorneys attending will receive a copy of a *DMV Quick Reference Guide* prepared by Peter Johnson and Richard Middlebrook. This comprehensive Guide is worth the cost of the evening alone.

TOPIC/PROGRAM:

An Attorney Collaboration lead by Peter Johnson & Richard Middlebrook



Peter Johnson



Richard Middlebrook

W.T.F.D.M.V. : All Things DMV

DMV Driver's Safety is a Chaotic Mess. Join us for a discussion on how to deal with:

- phone v. in-person hearings
- jammed calendaring
- continuances
- out of area hearing officers
- challenging hearing officers
- winning DMV hearings

6.) NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS IN APRIL

MEMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	COUNTY
Megan Virga	megan@virgalawfirm.com	916-444-6595	Sacramento

7.) SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: BREATHE EASY INSURANCE

After a DUI in California, bad things can happen to your clients' auto insurance. Skyrocketing rates. Non-renewal notices. Soon your clients may find themselves scrambling to find new insurance so they can file a new SR-22 and keep their drivers' licenses active. Refer your DUI clients to Breathe Easy Insurance (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 can send SR-22s and digital proof of insurance the same day. Refer one DUI client to Breathe Easy Insurance Solutions and we will win you over. Have your client call: [855-366-7287](tel:855-366-7287) today. Email: partner@breatheeasyins.com for more information or digital or printed partner-referral materials.



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8.) 2025 ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 5

The 2025 *Annual Kuwatch Conference* will be held on Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16, 2025, at the Margaritaville San Diego – Gaslamp Village.

The conference starts at 12:30 pm on Friday with a keynote address by Judge Christopher Plourd. We wrap up on Saturday at 4:15 pm with our "traditional" end-of-conference raffles. (Last year our Sponsors provided over 20 raffle prizes to lucky attendees.)

The Friday night Networking Reception and the Saturday Awards Luncheon will be held on the hotel's rooftop **5'O'Clock Somewhere Bar** (below).



Registration Opens: Monday, May 5, 2025

If you have any questions about any of these items – or regarding your CDLA membership, please contact me! Thank you for being a valued CDLA member!

Roger

Dr. Roger C. Andersen

Executive Director, California DUI Lawyers Association



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