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FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

1.) FEBRUARY LUNCH & LEARN WEBINAR



DATE:	Tuesday, February 18, 2025
TIME:	11:30 am to 1:00 pm
PRESENTER:	Blake Stutzman, Godoy Medical Forensics
TOPIC/PROGRAM:	THC/Cannabis Toxicology: Recognizing Impairment
MCLE:	1.0 Credit Hours
COORDINATOR:	Dr. Roger Andersen, CDLA Executive Director
COST:	FREE!
REGISTRATION LINK:	https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/recognizing-impairment

Description:

This is a 60-minute presentation that reviews several different types of medical records. With the legalization of marijuana and the recent innovations in the delivery and ingestion of Cannabis in both psychoactive and non-psychoactive forms, there has been a surge of Cannabis related cases in the criminal arena. This presentation is designed to educate attorneys and investigators on the DRE process and how it applies when Cannabis is the drug perceived to be resulting in impairment.

Highlights:

1. Chemical breakdown/Toxicology
2. Retrograde extrapolation discussion
3. DRE – a review of the 12-step evaluation
4. Scientific studies
5. Court cases
6. Pitfalls Objectives

Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, the attendee will: 1. Be familiar with the chemical breakdown of THC and understand the psychoactive vs non-psychoactive metabolites. 2. Have an understanding of the DRE 12-step process. 3. Be aware of the pitfalls of Field Sobriety Tests and the DRE examination. 4. Be familiar with some studies and court cases related to THC and DRE examinations



PRESENTER: BLAKE STUTZMAN

Blake Stutzman earned his BS in toxicology from Northeast Louisiana University. Blake began his career in forensics in 1998. His years include working in both public and private labs. During that time, he gained the knowledge and foundations of his career working in the narcotics and toxicology division. He also served as a qualified expert witness and presented scientific data and results to judges and jurors. In his private lab experience, he gained knowledge of analyzing samples for DOT, workplace and federal agencies. In addition, he has also presented facts in depositions for civil cases. He has had the opportunities to make presentations to vast audiences including DAs and law enforcement officers as well as public defenders and private attorneys.

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.) WEBINARS AVAILABLE 24/7 ON DEMAND

The January Lunch & Learn Webinar **-VISUAL COMPONENTS OF DUI FIELD TESTING** - presented by **Dr. Steven Rauchman** - is now available for viewing at any time on-demand via our website.

CDLA members can access **23 programs** and even earn MCLE credit!

VISUAL COMPONENTS OF DUI FIELD TESTING - NOW AVAILABLE!

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.

3.) NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS IN JANUARY

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4.) MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PHILIP HACHE



I began practicing DUI and criminal defense in 2008. Although being a DUI and Criminal defense attorney is a second career for me, I always knew in the back of my mind it is where I would end up. This probably started as a result of one of my grade school teachers regularly scolding me for defending other students who were in trouble. It's possible that hearing her regularly yell "you're not a lawyer, mind your own business" planted the seed that I needed to become a lawyer.

Born and raised outside of Boston, I went to college in Connecticut where I majored in Performing Arts Management. I moved to Los Angeles in 1997 after college to begin my career in the music industry both creatively and on the business side. After working at one of the biggest Talent Agencies (ICM) followed by one of the biggest Music Management companies (H.K. Management), I settled in as the senior agent at a boutique music agency, American Artists.

At American Artists I was the responsible agent for classic rock acts that had their hits in the 70's and 80's including the Marshall Tucker Band, The Atlanta Rhythm Section, The Fixx, The Georgia Satellites, Alvin Lee, and the Blasters, as well as the east coast booking agent for some current acts at the time including the Flaming Lips.

While working in the music business, the lingering notion of going to law school never left the back of my mind. In 2004 while working at American Artists during the day, I went to law school at night, graduating from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles in 2008. Following my graduation from law school I secured a job at a criminal defense firm. It was there that I learned what a "mill" is. Without any law firm or court experience as I worked full time as a music agent while in law school, I went off to my first day at the law office. On my way in I got a call from the office manager telling me not to go to the office but instead gave me instructions to visit 3 different courts, the case numbers, the defendants' names, and nothing else. I wasn't even told what the charges were. I was a bit taken aback to say the least as I had never been in court before and had no instructions on what they wanted me to do, and they knew that. It was the very definition of being "thrown into the deep end." Working during the day with very little guidance and reading criminal and DUI defense practice guides by night, it was not long before I realized that firm was not for me, and I decided to start my own law practice.

The experience was just what I needed at the time to understand the new industry I had chosen and set my sights on the "type" of attorney I aimed to become. I chose to be the attorney my clients could depend on to get them through the sticky situation they found themselves in. I knew that I had the work ethic, sensitivity and compassion to guide clients through our complicated court system, while working to attain the best resolution, whether that be negotiating a plea or proceeding to trial.

Seventeen years later, I am still going strong and feeling prouder than ever at the path I have chosen. I still enjoy fighting the good fight and collaborating with other attorneys on tips and tricks to

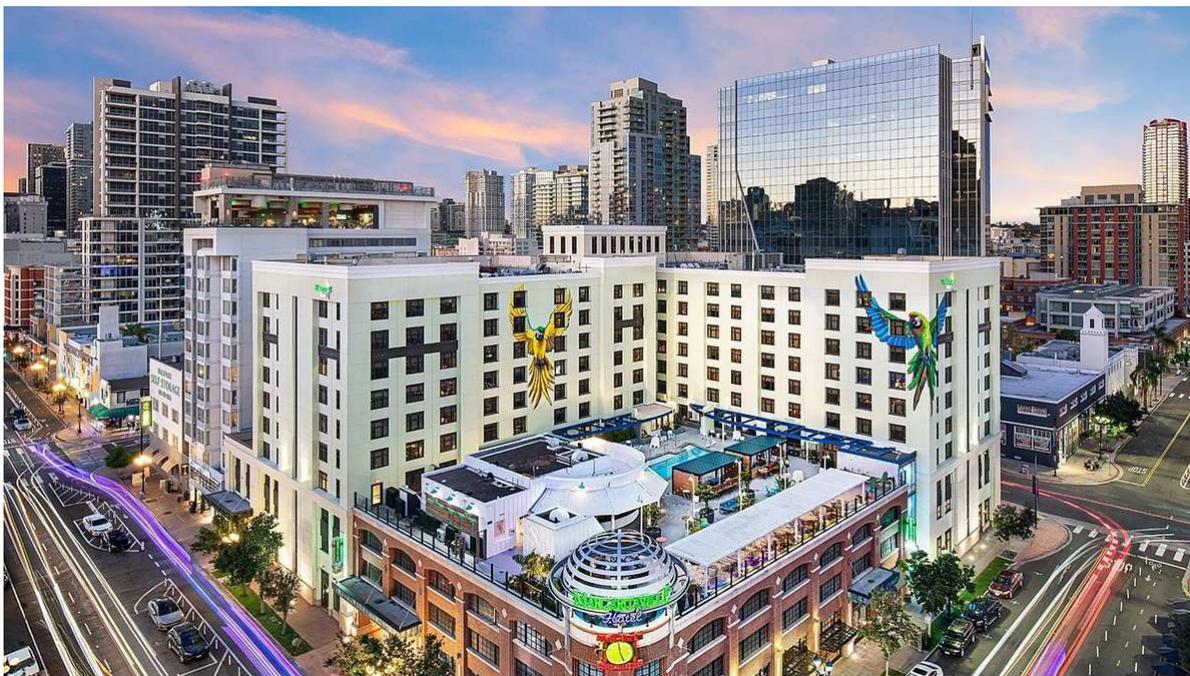
keep improving. A good portion of my practice revolves around DUI Defense and DMV related matters ranging from APS, Negligent Operator and Physical and Mental hearings, including DMV writs throughout SoCal. I also handle other misdemeanor and felony Criminal matters, Juvenile matters, as well as Restraining Orders (both for Petitioners and Respondents).

I still do some writing and recording of music and enjoy watching sports, exercising and playing tennis, but the majority of my Mindspace (outside of family) is spent thinking about DUI, DMV and criminal defense.

I am very grateful for our CDLA group and the thoughts, opinions and advice I see and receive from our group members. Being a solo practitioner it is great to have others to bounce ideas with or get reassurance on something even when I am 95% sure of the answer already, because I feel better being 99.9% sure. I am always happy to give my thoughts and opinions to others or to bounce ideas back and forth. It's an honor to be a member of CDLA. Thanks, Phil Hache

5.) KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR 2025 ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE

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



Our conference will kick off with a major keynote address by **Judge Christopher Plourd**.

Famed criminal defense attorney **Barry Scheck** recommended Judge Plourd:

“We were on a Legal Task Force call as part of the Organization of Scientific Area Committees of NIST (National Institute of Science and Technology) when Judge Plourd began talking about a potential scientific issue that had relevance to DUI cases. For that reason alone, I immediately realized he would be a great keynote speaker for CDLA. Aside from being a very well-respected judge and leader in the forensic science community, Judge Plourd has done more to prevent unreliable bite mark evidence from convicting the innocent than anyone I know...”



Judge Christopher Plourd Judge Christopher Plourd was appointed to preside over the Superior Court of Imperial County by California Governor Jerry Brown. Prior to taking the bench, he was in private practice at the Law Office of Christopher J. Plourd, a staff attorney at Defenders Inc., and assistant public defender at the Imperial County Public Defender's Office in El Centro. Early in his career, Judge Plourd served as law clerk to Justice Don Work from Fourth District Court of Appeals in San Diego.

The Conference Planning Committee is planning an exceptional two-day experience.

(Early/discounted registration will open on April 1, 2025.)

6.) REMINDER ABOUT LISTSERV PROTOCOL & THE FINAL WORD!

Just a soft reminder to please include your contact information (email and telephone) when issuing or responding to a CDLA member's listserv message. This allows you to directly contact another member without copying the entire listserv - and cuts down on listserv "clutter".

Also, if you have a specific program, event, membership, or payment issue, please contact me directly and not via the listserv.

Dr. Roger C. Andersen

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