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## NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### 1.) DON BARTELL MEMORIAL THIS SATURDAY



CDLA is honored to sponsor a special memorial service for **Donald Joseph Bartell** who passed away of natural causes on October 2, 2022 in Riverside, California:

**Saturday, November 5, 2022**

**2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Commemorative Air Force

Inland Empire Wing

6936 Flight Rd.

Riverside, CA 92504

<https://www.inlandempirecaf.com/>

**RSVP needed by Thursday, November 3:**

Email Phillip Crawford at [pjcrawford.esq@gmail.com](mailto:pjcrawford.esq@gmail.com)

Subject line: **RSVP Don Bartell**

Please indicate the names of attendees in your message.

## **2.)EFFECTIVE LEGAL WRITING FOR ATTORNEYS: 11/9/22 FREE WEBINAR**



**PROGRAM:** *Effective Legal Writing for Attorneys: How to Easily Improve Your Writing*

**DATE/TIME:** **Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

**PRESENTER:** **Lara Gressley & Mike Donaldson** (Bartell, Hensel & Gressley)

**MCLE:** 1.0 credit (60 minutes of content)\*

**REGISTRATION:** <https://www.californiaduillawyers.org/effective-legal-writing>

### **WEBINAR DESCRIPTION**

This webinar will demonstrate specific legal-writing techniques that will help attorneys make their writing more concise and direct, and therefore more persuasive. Through specific examples of typical legal-writing problems and their solutions, the webinar will help participants improve the clarity and focus of the briefs, letters, and other written work that is crucial to any legal practice.

In this webinar presented by CDLA attorneys Donald Bartell and Lara Gressley, you will learn the basics of legal writing, a lawyer's most important tool, including tips and techniques for drafting briefs, pleadings and memos. Participants will also understand the most common mistakes and problems lawyers encounter in their writings -- and how to avoid them.

NOTE: Brief presentations from CDLA's valued **Sponsors** will be made at the start of this webinar.

### **3.) CDLA HOLIDAY DINNER MEETINGS: REGISTRATION OPEN!**

#### **Southern California Holiday Dinner Meeting**

DATE: Thursday, December 1, 2022

TIME: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Parker's Lighthouse (Shoreline Village, Long Beach)

PRESENTER: Ed Barley

PROGRAM: Cross-Examination of the State's Expert

MCLE: 1.0 credit hours

COORDINATOR: Erica Madrid

CONTACT: Erica@MadridLawFirm.com

COST: \$80.00

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://www.californiادلawyers.org/SoCalHolidayDinnerMeeting>

#### **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

COORDINATOR: Peter Johnson

CONTACT: peter@jjlaw2.com

COST: \$80.00

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

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 or regarding any CDLA membership issue!

#### **4.) WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: OCTOBER 2022**

CDLA is pleased to welcome the following new members who joined us in October, 2022:

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>FIRM</u></b>	<b><u>EMAIL</u></b>
Logan Noblin	Law Offices of Anna R. Yum	<a href="mailto:Inoblin@annaymlaw.com">Inoblin@annaymlaw.com</a>
Gabrielle LaCarre	Middlebrook & Associates	<a href="mailto:gabrielle@kerncountydui.com">gabrielle@kerncountydui.com</a>
Lee McCoy	Law Office of Rodney Gould	<a href="mailto:lee@rodneygouldlaw.com">lee@rodneygouldlaw.com</a>
Jansi Muradyan	Law Offices of Jansi Muradyan Duarte	<a href="mailto:jdmuradyan@gmail.com">jdmuradyan@gmail.com</a>
Bernie Cerna	Law Offices of Lawrence & Peck	<a href="mailto:bernie@lawrencepeck.com">bernie@lawrencepeck.com</a>
James Franckowiak	SkyFine USA	<a href="mailto:jimfran26@yahoo.com">jimfran26@yahoo.com</a>
Brian McGinity	McGinity law Office	<a href="mailto:admin@bmclaw.com">admin@bmclaw.com</a>
Edward Raminez	Law Office of Edward Ramirez	<a href="mailto:edwramirez@aol.com">edwramirez@aol.com</a>
Kyle Winningham	Sanctuary Insurance Services LLC	<a href="mailto:kyle@sanctuaryinsurance.com">kyle@sanctuaryinsurance.com</a>
David Canty	Law Office of David Canty P.C.	<a href="mailto:david@davidcantylaw.com">david@davidcantylaw.com</a>
Sabrina Darwish	Darwish Law	<a href="mailto:sabrina@darwish-law.com">sabrina@darwish-law.com</a>

## 5.) MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: CHRISTOPHER MCCANN



Christopher McCann practices throughout Southern California, including in Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties. He has offices in both Santa Ana (OC) and Lakewood (LA). Chris' practice is typically about 90% DUI defense, alongside a number of civil rights cases.

Chris has been in practice for over 21 years, with the last 15 years of that as a solo practitioner. Prior to being a solo attorney, he worked for the Law Offices of Andrew M. Stein in Bellflower for 5 years, and for over a year as a parent's-side attorney in special education law.

"I always wanted to be a lawyer since I was a kid. I had two older brothers who felt 'might makes right.' I didn't like that, so I was drawn to the justice system where the playing field is leveled." As to why he chose criminal defense, he stated that, "I grew up in a small town in Michigan. My dad was a Libertarian. So, I always had a healthy distrust of government. And there's no better way to fight back against 'big brother' than to practice criminal defense!"

Chris credits his mentor, Andy Stein with where he is today. "I learned a lot from Andy. He is one of the best lawyers I've ever seen, and he's one of the nicest people you'll ever meet—when he's off the record! He taught me to be a fierce, thorough and outside-the-box-thinking lawyer first, and the business side will take care of itself." Importantly, he learned what he called the "Leslie Abramson Rule: Never compromise your values just to win a case."

Chris has garnered the begrudging respect of judges through his dogged determination in pursuing any thread to achieve the best result for a client. Now-retired judge Leland Tipton once told him, "Mr. McCann, you are like water dripping on stone." He considered it his greatest compliment as an attorney.

In that vein, Chris continues to fight against the Orange County District Attorney's attempts to get body-worn camera protective orders that prevent him from sharing evidence with his clients. "They ask for it in every case where there's a BWC, before they even know what's on it. Hundreds of cases a day. It's illegal. Most attorneys don't oppose it. I oppose every one and win. The only one I lost, I took a writ and won. No one else has done that. My goal is to eliminate them permanently. I'm already working on it."

Chris is married to his wife, Kim, whom he met at Pepperdine University School of Law, where she was an undergraduate. They live in Tustin and have two children and two dogs. When Chris isn't staying too late in the office, he enjoys golfing, camping, cooking, mixology and watching Michigan football.

Attorney Christopher McCann can be reached at [chris@cjmdefense.com](mailto:chris@cjmdefense.com) or (949) 596-0060.

## **6.) REMINDER: NEW IMPLICIT BIAS EDUCATION REQUIREMENT**

In January 2019, the Board of Trustees updated the State Bar's 2017–2022 Strategic Plan to include an objective focused on modifying the current elimination of bias MCLE curriculum and increasing the number of hours.

Concurrently, the California State Legislature advanced AB 242, adding Business and Professions Code section 6070.5 to require the State Bar to enact rules incorporating the topic of implicit bias and bias-reducing strategies into its MCLE curriculum for all attorneys.

Subsequently, rule 2.72 of the Rules of the State Bar of California, related to attorney MCLE requirements, was amended effective September 24, 2020, to incorporate this ***new implicit bias education requirement***. As such, on and after January 1, 2022, while all attorneys will still be required to complete 25 hours of MCLE every three years, the total hours must now include no less than seven hours as follows:

- At least four hours of legal ethics.
- At least two hours dealing with elimination of bias. Of the two hours, at least one hour must focus on implicit bias and the promotion of bias reducing strategies.
- At least one hour of education addressing competence issues.

Specifically, this new implicit bias education requirement will begin applying to attorneys in MCLE compliance group 3 who must report compliance for the period ending on January 31, 2023.

CDLA's Seminar Planning Committee\* is planning to offer webinars on legal ethics and implicit bias as part of its programs in 2023. Additional information will be transmitted via our listserv and monthly newsletters.

\*President Manny Daskal; Erica Madrid; Phillip Crawford; Lynn Gorelick; Peter Johnson; Dr. Roger Andersen

## **7.) THE LAST WORD**

Please contact me regarding any CDLA membership issue or problem with event registration. (I strive to have all issues resolved the same day or early the following day.)

If you have someone who may be interested in joining CDLA, please send me their contact information. I will follow up and let you know if they join our Association.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at the Northern California Holiday Dinner meeting on Thursday, December 15 at Trader Vic's in Emeryville.

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