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## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

### 1.) NEW BRONZE SPONSOR: UR ARREST NEWS

**United Reporting Publishing Corporation (URPC)** ([unitedreporting.com/arrest-news/](https://unitedreporting.com/arrest-news/)) has been the leading provider of comprehensive arrest news since 1995. With publications to serve the general public ([Local Crime News](#) and [Crime Voice](#)), licensed professionals ([UR Arrest News](#)), and syndication partners ([Get Arrest Logs](#)), URPC reports on over 800,000 arrests annually.

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## **2.) OCTOBER WEBINAR**

*NOTE: This is the last CDLA webinar of 2023!*

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 18, 2023  
**TIME:** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
**PRESENTER:** Okorie Okorocha  
**TOPIC/PROGRAM:** *DUI Forensics: How to support your expert & discredit the state charlatan*  
**MCLE:** 1.5 Credit Hours  
**COORDINATOR:** Dr. Roger Andersen, CDLA Executive Director  
**COST:** FREE!  
**REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://www.californiaduillawyers.org/dui-forensics>

### **WEBINAR DESCRIPTION**

This 90-minute (1.5 MCLE credit hours) presented by CDLA Expert and Toxicology Expert **Okorie Okorocha** will provide everything need to attack and support evidence in both alcohol and drug DUIs. In addition, Okorie will share materials that attorneys need to attack or support DUI EVIDENCE

### **PRESENTER: OKORIE OKOROCHA**



CDLA Expert **Okorie Okorocha** is a Toxicology Expert. He has two Master's Degrees in toxicology and pharmacology. Okorie is highly knowledgeable in the areas of Toxicology and Pharmacology. He has served as a drug and alcohol expert witness in over 565 trials, helping juries understand complex scientific concepts and ensuring that proper procedures are carried out in the case before the court. Okorie has qualified as an Expert Witness in forensic toxicology and pharmacology in 51 of the 56 California counties, as well as 23 States and in Germany and Japan.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- This program will be recorded and added to CDLA's Learning Management System.
- 15 CDLA webinars are available to be viewed on-demand 24/7 via the CDLA website (& to earn MCLE credit!)
- The PowerPoint presentation will be sent to all who attend along with a Certificate of Attendance (1.5 credit hours) and a brief evaluation survey.
- Additional information or assistance with registration, contact Executive Director Dr. Roger C. Andersen: [ed@californiaduillawyers.org](mailto:ed@californiaduillawyers.org); 925-325-8455 (cell)

## **3.) 15 WEBINARS AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND**

The CDLA Webinar offered on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 by **Tara Godoy** is now available for viewing 24/7 through the CDLA website:

***HEAD TRAUMA, COMPREHENSIVE AND INTOXICATION: WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN EVERY CASE.***

CDLA members can access **15 programs** offered in 2021, 2023, and 2023 - and earn MCLE credit!

- **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**

Please follow this 4-step process to access these webinars once you MEMBER LOGIN onto our website: [www.californiaduilawyers.org](http://www.californiaduilawyers.org)

**1.) ON-DEMAND WEBINARS**

**2.) COURSE LIST**

**3.) DETAILS**

**4.) SELECT PROGRAM YOU WANT TO WATCH FROM THE LIST OF 15 PROGRAMS**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- A copy of the PowerPoint 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 Certificate of Attendance after successfully completing a program.

#### **4.) NEW MEMBERS IN SEPTEMBER**

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## 5.) MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: RON LOPEZ

# In the Spotlight



As both a licensed private investigator and a registered nurse, **Ron Lopez** uses his expertise as a medical forensics investigator and CA Superior Court-qualified expert witness. With this “toolbox,” he is in the unique position to bring sophisticated medical analysis to any investigation or legal defense where it is needed.

While still in high school, Ron completed a research internship in the Dept. of Chemical Physics at Caltech under the tutelage of Dr. Richard March. Dr. Marsh was the crystallographer whose work was foundational to the Nobel-winning work of Linus Pauling. After that, it was straight to Stanford where he completed his Human Biology degree.

Ron’s career in the medical world began when in 1981, he took an emergency medical technician course at community college part-time while attending Stanford full time. His one claim to undergraduate fame was being on the field as a band member during the 1982 football game between Cal and Stanford that ended with the now infamous game play involving 15-laterals and a Stanford Band collision called “The Play.” While finishing at Stanford, Ron worked part-time as an ambulance EMT in Oakland, CA. Ron’s first post-graduation job was as an emergency room & orthopedic technician at San Jose Hospital where he quickly changed plans and decided not to attend

medical school. While working and schooling, he went on to obtain his nursing degree and begin his work in emergency, intensive care, disaster medicine, and mobile ICU.

His career as a nurse has taken him from Butte County where he served as a reserve Sheriff's Deputy and medical officer for the search and rescue team; to Memorial Hospital in Modesto, CA, where he designed and implemented the hospital's first neurosurgical nursing unit; to the Sacramento Fire Dept. where he was recruited to serve as a medical specialist on one of the first national Urban Search & Rescue or "USAR" teams back in 1992. His medical response missions have included the Northridge earthquake, Oklahoma City Bombing; Y2K event; the 9/11 attacks; Hurricane Katrina, and more.

His work in the public health arena included Solano and San Francisco counties where he created innovative clinical quality assurance and disaster response programs. In 2000, Ron transitioned from the FEMA USAR program to the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, National Disaster Medical Service, where he was an on-call federal disaster response nurse. Prior to retiring from federal service, his most recent deployment was for Hurricane Irma.

Ron's extensive medical background includes work as a pharmaceutical research nurse, a biotechnology applications specialist, a mobile ICU ambulance nurse, trauma case manager, neurosurgical unit manager, and as a public health specialist in EMS and Disaster healthcare. Ron has been engaged as a local, regional, and national guest speaker in the areas of nursing, medical forensics, and disaster medicine.

He is also a contributing author in multiple Drunk Driving Defense legal texts on the subject of forensic phlebotomy. He currently keeps sharp with work as an expert witness & medical forensics investigator while working as a part-time medication infusion nurse. Ron is a licensed ham radio operator and enjoys several outdoor hobbies along with his family.

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## **6.) SAVE THE DATE! NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING**

### **Northern California Holiday Dinner Meeting**

**Thursday, December 14, 2022**

**6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Trader Vic's**

**Emeryville, California**



Event Coordinator: Dr. Roger C. Andersen, CDLA Executive Director  
Program Coordinator: Peter Johnson  
Program/Speaker/MCLE: TBD  
Registration: Will open in late October and will include the program and speaker.  
Members are invited to bring their spouse or a guest to this dinner meeting.

A **Save the Date** announcement will be forthcoming for the **2023 Southern California Holiday Dinner Meeting**.

CDLA dinner meetings provide an excellent opportunity to network and socialize with your fellow members - as well as to obtain training and information on important professional development topics.

### **7.) RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH GODOY MEDICAL**

**Tara Godoy**, who presented a webinar last month for CDLA, has recently announced that Godoy Medical ([www.GodoyMedical.net](http://www.GodoyMedical.net)) now has four **sexual assault nurses** who are available to consult on your cases. They can write reports, cross-examination questions, and answer any questions you have. These sexual assault nurses are able to consult and testify on both adult and pediatric cases. You can request an estimate through their website. Tara can be reached at 925-425-7182 or [Tara@GodoyMedical.net](mailto:Tara@GodoyMedical.net).

### **8.) GOT REFERRAL?**

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining CDLA? If so, please send me their name and email and I will reach out to them. (Of course, I will let you know if your referral joins CDLA!)

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

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any CDLA program or membership matter.

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