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SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

1.) REPORT ON THE 2024 ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE

We had **107** attendees for this year's annual conference held at the Hyatt Centric at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco on Friday, August 2 and Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Special thanks to our Presenters:

Lara Gressley & Mike Donaldson: Unlocking the Secrets of Bartell's Brain

Mimi Coffee: Effective Opening and Closing Statements

Tara Godoy: Accepted Medical Practices for Blood (live demonstration!)

Michael Kennedy: Motion Practice Now and Then

Richard Middlebrook: Strategies for the new DMV Hearing Paradigm

Dr. Adam Kaye: Nuts & Bolts of Marijuana DUI's

Joe St. Louis: Cross-Examining the Blood Expert

Honorable Judge Abby Abinanti: Your Help & Leadership needed to Develop Diversion Programs

Attendees gave high praise to their overall conference experience:

100% of the survey respondents stated that the conference met their educational objectives

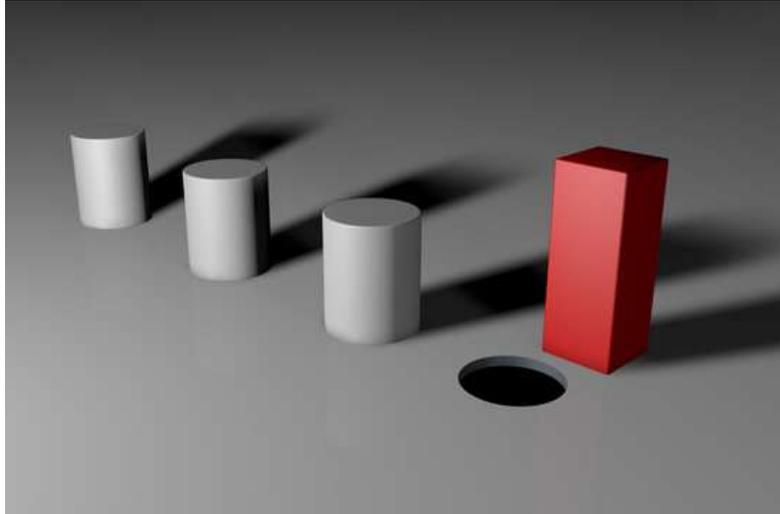
97% of the respondents stated they were presented substantive written materials of the presentations

100% of the respondents stated that the conference kept them updated and informed of their legal responsibilities

100% of the respondents stated that the conference contained significant professional content

97% were satisfied (83% very satisfied) and 3% were dissatisfied with their overall conference experience

2.) SEPTEMBER LIVE MCLE LUNCHTIME WEBINAR



DATE: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

PRESENTER: Shirley Wantland (Recovery Consultants)

TOPIC/PROGRAM: *Square Peg in a Round Hole:
Disrupting Traditional Addiction Recovery*

MCLE: 1.50 Credit Hours*

*This program will satisfy the MCLE “**Competence Credit**” requirement: “At least one credit hour addressing substance abuse or other mental or physical issues that impair a licensee’s ability to perform legal services with competence.”

COORDINATOR: Dr. Roger Andersen, CDLA Executive Director

COST: FREE (to CDLA members)!

REGISTRATION: <https://www.californiaduillawyers.org/square-peg-in-round-hole>

WEBINAR OVERVIEW:

In her 1.5 hour presentation, Shirley Wantland will cover the following topics:

- Define addiction
- Identify current standards of addiction treatment in US
- Examine effectiveness of standard treatments
- Examine what’s missing (and needed) in addiction treatment—alternative treatment modalities
- Addiction Case Studies with alternative treatment modalities

PRESENTER:

Shirley Wantland is the Co-founder & Principal of Recovery Consultants, LLC, which provides a bespoke recovery services to individuals & families struggling with substance use disorder, mental and behavioral health issues.

She has been described by friends as “a scientist and a truck driver, trapped inside the body of a princess.” As someone who doesn’t fit in any one box, she is dedicated to serving and advocating for those who feel shamed and stigmatized by addiction or mental health issues. She believes in compassionate, non-judgmental care and helps illuminate a path for people to reach their true potential. She helps people create their own box (or parallelogram, oval or squiggle!) through unique and individualized treatment recommendations. She is skilled in coaching people through their perceived limitations.

As Shirley navigates her way through life’s infinite labyrinth, she has enjoyed her relocation to the San Francisco Bay Area from Oklahoma and Texas. She resides in Mill Valley with her husband, 2 daughters and dog, Mochi.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Brief presentations from our Sponsors will be held prior before this webinar.
- This program will be added to CDLA's Learning Management System.
- The PowerPoint presentation, Certificate of Attendance (1.5 MCLE Comp Credit Hours) and a brief evaluation survey will be sent to all attendees within 2 days after the program

3.) CDLA EXPERTS GUIDE

All CDLA members should have recently received the new CDLA Experts Guide.

For a person to be classified as a CDLA Expert, he/she must have significant specialized knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education sufficient to qualify as an expert on the subject/topic/issue to which his/her expertise or testimony relates.

CDLA allows a limited number of Experts and strives to have at least one Expert in selective fields of expertise related to CDLA’s mission and bylaws. CDLA Experts often provide relevant and accurate information on the all-member listserv that may assist our attorneys in the defense of their clients, including providing applicable scientific material and explanations. Also, CDLA Experts often present monthly webinars or speak at our annual conference.

This guide presents information about our Experts' areas of expertise, qualifications and experience, and contact information. This guide will be updated annually and will always be available to our membership via our website:

MEMBER LOGIN – MEMBER PAGE – CDLA EXPERTS GUIDE.

Please contact me with questions about this new CDLA Experts Guide or any CDLA membership matter.

4.) PLEASE INCLUDE CONTACT INFO WHEN USING LISTSERV

As our Listserv Moderator **Michael Kennedy** (capmotion@earthlink.net) and I have repeatedly reminded everyone, please include a **signature block** or at least an **email & phone number** in initiating or responding to a listserv message.

This allows a member to respond to you directly without sending it to the entire CDLA listserv.

Also, if you have a question about your CDLA membership, an upcoming or past program, or any specific issue, please contact me directly (ed@californiaduilawyers.org).

5.) BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR



CDLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 2024-2025

Left to right:

Dr. Roger C. Andersen (Executive Director), Lara Gressley, Philip Gagnon, Erica Madrid, Ryan Wilbur, Suzanne Ferguson, Joshua Price (kneeling), Lynn Gorelick, Jeanne Normandeau, Phillip Crawford, Michael Kennedy, Manny Daskal

(Directors not in photo: Peter Johnson & Virginia Landry)

CDLA OFFICERS: 2024-2025

At its Annual Meeting held this past weekend at the 2024 *Annual Kuwatch Conference* in San Francisco, the Board of Directors elected the following Officers for the 2024-2025 Year:

Richard Middlebrook*, President

Lara Gressley, Vice President

Erica Madrid**, Secretary

Philip Gagnon, Treasurer

* Recipient of the 2024 *Edward Kuwatch Lifetime Achievement Award*

** Recipient of the 2024 *President's Award*

6.) NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS IN LATE JULY & AUGUST

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7.) MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DAVID FOOS



David was raised in Pittsburgh, PA. His parents were very active in the civil rights movement and several social service organizations. When David was in high school, his family moved to the West Coast. David attended U.C. Berkeley where he majored in politics and sociology and was active in the anti-Vietnam War movement. David was fortunate enough to travel internationally while in college, and spend a year studying in Paris.

David attended San Francisco College of the Law and his first jobs out of law school were working in several Legal Aid Societies, providing representation in civil and administrative matters to the indigent. David continued to travel internationally and picked up a working knowledge of Spanish.

David next obtained employment with the Solano County Public Defender's Office, and worked for 8 years as a Deputy Public Defender in Solano and Sacramento Counties. As a public defender David handled primarily juvenile and felonies, and spent a couple of years defending DUIs and other misdemeanor matters. As a P.D. David handled many bench and jury trials.

In 1990 David was appointed by the Sacramento Bench as a Court Commissioner. As a Commissioner David handled Traffic infractions and misdemeanors, unlawful detainers, Small Claims, DUIs and other misdemeanors. David was active in the Court Commissioners' Association, and helped organized and taught at several workshops regarding traffic adjudication. David also served 3 years on the Judicial Council Traffic Adjudication Committee.

After 16 years on the Bench, in 2006, David shifted into private practice. For the last 10 years David has run a law firm, where he has 2 associate attorneys and a staff of 8. The practice is almost exclusively criminal defense, with some restraining orders, and a handful of civil matters. Of the criminal matters the firm handles quite a few DUIs. The firms' practice covers Sacramento and about 10 surrounding counties.

David has two grown boys, both scientists, and his wife, Dr. Susana Russ, who is a supervising licensed clinical social worker at a non-profit, and has a small private practice.

David also has a sweet dog – a pit mix named Maggie, who loves to wrestle at the dog park. For hobbies, David is very interested in politics, and travels as much as possible. Also, David and Susana have a small condo in the mountains, and spend many week-ends there, in the Tahoe area.

8.) GOT A CDLA REFERRAL?



If you know someone who may be interested in joining our vibrant and growing association, please provide me with their contact information.

I will then make a "soft" contact providing them information about CDLA as well as the application procedure.

Of course, I will circle back and let you know if your referral joins CDLA.

9.) THE FINAL WORD!



Please contact me for additional information about any of these items or if you have a question or problem with your CDLA membership. I hope to see many of you in San Francisco next weekend!

Dr. Roger C. Andersen, Executive Director

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