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MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

1.) ONLY 4 DAYS AWAY! SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPRING DINNER MEETING

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Thursday, April 30, 2026

Gulliver's Restaurant

14482 Macarthur Blvd.
Irvine, CA 92612

NETWORKING RECEPTION: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
DINNER & PROGRAM: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
COST FOR MEMBER: \$130/person
COST FOR SPOUSE/GUEST: \$130/person
COST INCLUDES: Dinner, drink coupon, raffle ticket!
MCLE: 2.0.credit hours
REGISTRATION LINK: <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/spring-dinner-meeting-2026>

PROGRAM: **Building Your DUI Case from the Ground Up: DMV Through Trial**

PRESENTERS: **Joshua Price & Dewayne Beckner**

JOSHUA PRICE

Based in San Diego, California, attorney **Joshua Price** has been practicing DUI Defense exclusively since 2009 throughout Southern California, although the last few years he primarily practices in San Diego County. Attorney Joshua Price is the founder and owner of Defending Rights Law Center, Inc., which is a full-service DUI Law Firm. He and his team handle everything from pretrial hearings, motions, trials, DMV hearings, writs and appeals. He is a CDLA Specialist Member, past president and presently serves as a member of the CDLA Board of Directors

DEWAYNE BECKNER

A Forensic Toxicologist and Blood Alcohol Consultant, Dewayne Beckner is a former supervisor for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Crime Lab responsible for all DUI alcohol testing. He has testified over 3500 times as a recognized expert in DUI and vehicular manslaughter cases.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

In this two-hour interactive program, Josh and Dewayne will walk you through real examples of DMV wins using an expert witness for DMV. Learn a DMV expert's thoughts on what attorneys could be doing better at DMV as Josh and Dewayne review several actual case demonstrations.

Topics to be covered:

1. How to win a refusal based on lack of probable cause when client looks good on video and the officer bungles the administration of FST's with an expert witness; And
2. How to win a refusal based only on client testifying: No Expert
3. How to win a close call DMV hearing with an expert:
 - A. Rising BAC.
 - B. Uncertainty of Measurement.

HOTEL WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF RESTAURANT

Hilton Irvine Orange County Airport
18800 MacArthur Blvd.
Irvine, California
877-504-0819

[Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport - Guest Reservations](#)

As always, please contact me if you have any questions about this program or issues with registration.

2.) CDLA MAY LUNCH & LEARN WEBINAR



Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring Devices and Ignition Interlock Systems

DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 2026
TIME: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
PRESENTER: Jan Semenoff, Forensic Criminalist & CDLA Expert

MCLE: 1.0 General Credit Hour

COST: FREE!

REGISTRATION: <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/transdermal-alcohol-devices>

WEBINAR DESCRIPTION:

In this one-hour webinar, Jan will address transdermal alcohol monitoring devices and ignition interlock systems, with specific attention to the practical and scientific issues arising under California's current legislative framework. As an expert in impaired driving cases, Jan has worked extensively with these technologies and has observed a clear increase in their use as court-ordered conditions.

This presentation will provide a focused, technology-based overview of how these monitoring systems operate, where their scientific and procedural limitations lie, and how data from these devices is generated, interpreted, and sometimes misinterpreted. The goal would be to equip CDLA members with a clearer understanding of the evidentiary and practical challenges these devices present, along with proactive strategies that defense counsel can recommend to clients to reduce the risk of preventable violations.

At the conclusion of the program, Jan will briefly introduce the myCAM program, an educational resource designed to help individuals to alcohol subjected to monitoring better understand device operation, environmental risks, medical considerations, and documentation practices.

The emphasis of the webinar would remain educational and practice-oriented, with the program presented as a supplemental tool that may assist counsel and their clients in navigating these requirements more effectively.

PRESENTER: Jan Semenoff



Jan Semenoff is the principal editor of Counterpoint and is well-known across Canada and the United States as an experienced Forensic Criminalist. He has testified as an expert in breath alcohol testing, SFST, and DRE issues in more than 150 jury trials, and has presented at more than 60 state, national and international conferences. He has been teaching science to professionals since 1986.

Jan (pronounced "Yawn") studied social and physical sciences and educational theory at the University of Saskatchewan. Jan earned an Advanced Certificate in Police Studies from the Canadian Police College and was an Instructor at the Saskatchewan Police College.

Because of his policing background and extensive experience with breath alcohol testing, Jan became involved with lawyers and other legal and forensic professionals who looked to him for explanations of the science behind the tests. He has collaborated with lawyers, scientists, investigators, and toxicologists across Canada and in dozens of jurisdictions across the United States, bringing a fresh perspective to the science involved in legal practice.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- This recorded program will be added to CDLA's Learning Management System (where there are over 30 programs available!)
- All CDLA webinars are available on-demand 24/7 via the CDLA website.
- A copy of Curtis's PowerPoint presentation will be sent to all who attend along with a Certificate of Attendance (1.0 MCLE credit) and a brief evaluation survey.
- Please contact me for additional information about this webinar or if you have any issues with registration.

3.) CDLA WELCOMES NEW FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY EXPERT JENNIFER HARMON



CDLA welcomes **Jennifer Harmon** as a new CDLA Expert in the area of Forensic Toxicology.

Jennifer is a private forensic toxicology and forensic laboratory consultant, expert witness, quality assurance assessor with both ANAB and A2LA, and the Curriculum Manager for DrugImpairment.com. She currently works as a Senior Scientist for Intertox, Inc. and held the prior positions of Crime Laboratory Director and Assistant Director in two of the three most populous counties in California.

She completed her undergraduate degree, a Bachelor of Science in Biology, option in

Physiology, a double minor in Chemistry and Political Science from California State University at Long Beach in 2001 and in 2018 obtained a master's in public administration from Brandman University

Jennifer is a technical expert in both postmortem and antemortem toxicology. She has participated in numerous controlled drinking studies and ride-a-longs with several state and local law enforcement agencies. She has also audited the Drug Recognition Evaluation (DRE) Program

and observed evaluations with the California Highway Patrol of individuals suspected to be under the influence of drugs. She has testified in nearly 200 cases involving drugs, alcohol, and poly-drug use.

In 2018, Jennifer was the recipient of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Public Service Award for her work in improving forensic drug testing and screening in California.

Jennifer may be reached at 714-865-2441 or via email at jharmon@intertox.com.

4.) APRIL LUNCH & LEARN WEBINAR NOW AVAILABLE ON DEMAND

The April Lunch & Learn webinar presented by Curtis Briggs, **Being Maximally Effective at Trial** is now available for viewing on-demand, 24/7.

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

<https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/>

- 1.) MEMBER LOGIN
- 2.) ON-DEMAND WEBINARS
- 3.) COURSE LIST
- 4.) DETAILS
- 5.) SELECT COURSE YOU WISH TO WATCH (26 available!)

IMPORTANT NOTES

- A copy of the presentation, 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 recorded webinars and/or do not receive your MCLE Certificate of Attendance after successfully completing any program.

5.) 2026 ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE: REGISTRATION TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY!

Our annual two-day conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey, California on Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8, 2026. Early registration will open on Monday, May 4, 2026.

CDLA has negotiated a very low room rate of **\$275** with no resort fee and no parking fee for conference attendees for Thursday, August 6, Friday, August 7, and Saturday, August 8, 2026. Additional information forthcoming. Registration opens Monday, May 4, 2026. This is our first time in Monterey County, and we look forward to an exceptional experience at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa.



6.) **NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS IN APRIL**

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Jennifer Harmon*	jharmon@intertox.com	714-865-2441	Seattle WA

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7.) **THE LAST WORD!**

If you have any CDLA membership issue, just call, text, or email me and I will assist you with the resolution of the problem.

Dr. Roger C. Andersen, Executive Director

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