



# CALIFORNIA DUI LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

## **MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS & ANNUAL DUES**

The California DUI Lawyers Association (CDLA) offers four (4) classifications of membership:

General Attorney

Public Defender Attorney

Specialist Attorney

Expert

All membership classifications are not open to anyone involved in either the prosecution or law enforcement of persons accused of driving under the influence and related offenses.

### **GENERAL ATTORNEY**

General Attorney membership is open to all attorneys who have active status with the State Bar of California and who regularly participate in the defense of persons accused of driving under the influence and other related offenses.

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER ATTORNEY**

Public Defender Attorney membership is open to all Public Defenders who have active status with the State Bar of California and who regularly participate in the defense of persons accused of driving under the influence and other related charges.

### **SPECIALIST ATTORNEY**

Specialist members shall meet the following qualifications:

- (1) A member in good standing with the State Bar of California for not less than 5 years
- (2) Defense counsel of record in 20 or more California felony or misdemeanor impaired driving trials submitted to the jury for decision and 50 or more additional impaired driving matters to disposition
- (3) Any two of the following qualifications arising out of an impaired driving incident:
  - (a) Appeared as defense counsel of record in 5 or more hearings pursuant to Penal Code Section 1538.5 in which oral testimony was taken and decisions rendered

(b) Filed 5 or more petitions or answers in extraordinary writ proceedings in which decisions after hearing have been rendered

(c) Made 3 or more appearances as attorney of record in the Appellate Divisions of the California Superior Court, California Courts of Appeal or Supreme Court, or equivalent federal appellate courts, which resulted in a published or unpublished written opinion; or

(d) Appeared as counsel in 10 or more additional jury trials submitted to the jury for decision.

(4) As an alternative to the driving under the influence defense trial practice experience qualifications listed in subsections (2) and (3) above, an applicant may qualify to be a Specialist Member by demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors that the applicant has had substantial involvement in other areas of driving under the influence defense practice that require skills and a level of expertise substantially similar to what is described in subsections (2) and (3) above.

(5) In the three years immediately preceding application, attended and completed or instructed not fewer than 20 hours of educational programs approved for State Bar MCLE Credit pertaining to driving under the influence defense or related areas of criminal defense.

Application for Specialist Attorney Membership requires a separate application procedure and all applications must be approved by the CDLA Board of Directors.

### **EXPERT MEMBERSHIP**

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.

Application for Expert Membership requires a separate application procedure and all applications must be approved by the CDLA Board of Directors.

### **ANNUAL DUES**

Dues for a one-year period of membership are as follows:

GENERAL ATTORNEY:	\$ 200
PUBLIC DEFENDER ATTORNEY:	\$ 100
SPECIALIST:	\$ 250
EXPERT:	\$ 0

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Visit the CDLA website

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As noted above, applications for Specialist and Expert Membership require a separate application procedure and all applications must be approved by the CDLA Board of Directors.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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