



## CALIFORNIA DUI LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

# AMP Masterclass: Botched Blood Draws and Suppression

A CDLA Masterclass Program

Friday, February 20 & Saturday, February 21, 2026

California Desert Trial Academy College of Law  
Desert Center for Legal Education  
45-290 Fargo Street  
Indio, CA 92201



### AMP Masterclass: Botched Blood Draws and Suppression

*Master how to win AMP suppression motions in all critical scenarios-when only the officer testifies, when the DA's phlebotomist takes the stand, and when a defense expert is called to challenge the blood draw evidence.*

The California DUI Lawyers Association presents the first exclusive, in-person masterclass on suppressing blood evidence in DUI cases-focused on Fourth Amendment violations due to failure to follow accepted medical practices. On February 20-21, 2026, at the California Desert Trial Academy College of Law in Indio, this elite day-and-a-half program will feature top defense attorneys who will reveal techniques that consistently deliver successful outcomes.

Attendees will learn how to identify legal and medical flaws in blood draw procedures, obtain and use expert-driven discovery, craft suppression motions, question witnesses, and make compelling arguments-all while training inside the law school's fully equipped courtroom environment.

Designed for serious defenders seeking advanced, practical training, this seminar blends high-level instruction with dynamic, real-world AMP motion hearing demonstrations. Attendees will watch a nurse conduct a live proper blood draw and observe three live hearings with attorneys, a retired officer, and an expert playing key roles.

Participants will then put their knowledge to work in hands-on workshops, using their own cases. This unique combination of legal instruction, expert insight, courtroom simulation, and practical application makes this one of CDLA's most valuable and impactful programs – an essential event for lawyers dedicated to mastering AMP-based blood suppression litigation.

**Note: An essential part of this program is that each attendee bring a case to work on at the seminar. Attendees will be given the opportunity to review their case with the expert and instructors, and practice an AMP motion using their own case.**

*This Masterclass program is limited to twenty (20) people.*

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

- 12:00 - 1:00 pm Arrival & Check-In
- 1:00 - 1:10 pm Welcome & Program Review
- 1:10 - 2:00 pm Lecture: The Law of Blood Draw Suppression
- 2:00 - 2:45 pm Demo 1: Creatively Attacking Officer Testimony to Win on AMP
- 2:45 - 3:00 pm Break
- 3:00 - 3:45 pm Demo 2: Cross-Examining the Officer to Set up Your Expert's Opinion to Win (cases with no video)
- 3:45 - 5:00 pm Workshop: Attendees Practice Attacking Officer Testimony

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

- 8:00 - 8:30 am Arrival & Check-In
- 8:30 - 8:45 am Morning Kickoff & Review of Day 1
- 8:45 - 9:30 am Expert Lecture and Live Blood Draw from Expert Witness
- 9:30 - 10:30 am Lecture: Evidentiary Issues and Using the Blood Draw Video
- 10:30 - 10:45 am Break
- 10:45 - 11:45 am Demo 3: Cross-Examining the State Phlebotomist
- 11:45 - 12:45 pm Lunch (provided on site)
- 12:45 - 1:30 pm Demo 4: Winning With a Blood Draw Expert and No Video
- 1:30 - 1:45 pm Break
- 1:45 - 2:30 pm Demo 5: Winning With a Blood Draw Expert and Video
- 2:30 - 3:00 pm Expert Review and Discussion of Attendee Cases
- 3:00 - 3:15 pm Break
- 3:15 - 4:45 pm Workshop: Attendees Practice AMP Suppression Motions
- 4:45 - 5:00 pm Closing Remarks

## REGISTRATION & COST

**CDLA MEMBERS**                    **\$1,750**  
**NON-CDLA MEMBERS \***       **\$2,000**

\*Non-CDLA members are encouraged to join CDLA. Once approved, they may then register using the lower member cost. CDLA's annual dues for General Attorneys are only \$200/year; Public Defenders: \$100/year

## REGISTRATION LINK

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

## MATERIALS

Participants will receive the following materials:

- Sample motions and briefs on key legal issues regarding accepted medical practices challenges, including motions and briefs in cases where the blood draw is conducted under a warrant.
- Copies of authoritative sources regarding the medically appropriate manner in which to draw blood, including the GP-41 and World Health Organization Phlebotomy Protocol.
- Copies of transcripts and recordings from past successful AMP hearings.
- Selected law enforcement phlebotomy manuals.

## LODGING

Attendees are responsible for arranging their overnight accommodation. There are many excellent hotels in Indio as well as nearby Palm Springs.

## CLE

Attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance for 11.0 CLE credit hours the week following this program.

## PRESENTERS:



**LARA GRESSLEY**



**MIKE DONALDSON**



**MICHAEL KENNEDY**



**PETER JOHNSON**



**SAMANTHA HELMS**



**JEANNE NORMANDEAU**



**JOSHUA PRICE**



**PAUL STUCKER**



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