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JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

1.) NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS IN JUNE

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2.) ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE IS ONLY ONE MONTH AWAY!

CDLA's annual conference will be held on **Friday, August 2 & Saturday, August 3, 2024** in San Francisco at the Hyatt Centric at Fisherman's Wharf where we will celebrate our 35th anniversary!



DATES: Friday, August 2 and Saturday, August 3, 2024

VENUE: Hyatt Centric at Fisherman's Wharf - San Francisco

REGISTRATION: <https://www.californiadultlawyers.org/2024-annual-conference>

MCLE: 9.5 MCLE credit hours

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

CDLA has arranged for a special room rate at the Hyatt for all reservations made before Monday, July 1, 2024. Register via link (highly recommended!) or telephone.

https://www.hyatt.com/shop/rooms/sfow?checkinDate=2024-08-01&checkoutDate=2024-08-04&rooms=1&adults=1&kids=0&corp_id=G-CDUI

(Your confirmation email will also contain the hotel link and reservation instructions.)

PHONE: 415-563-1234 (Ask for the "CDLA Annual Kuwatch Conference 2024")

Please contact me with any questions about our conference or any issues with registration.

3.) CDLA EXPERTS GUIDE

I frequently receive requests from our members for a CDLA member who has expertise and/or experience testifying on a specific topic or providing expertise on a particular legal issue. Of course, I then refer the person to one of CDLA's 11 Experts.

Presently CDLA does not have any place on our website where we list our experts, their qualifications and experience, their areas of expertise, and their contact information. To this end, CDLA is in the process of developing an **Experts Guide** that will be made available to all of our members in September both via our listserv and on our website (members-only access.)

For each CDLA Expert, the Guide will provide:

1. Head-shot photo
2. Areas of expertise
3. Qualifications and experience
4. Contact information

I believe this new Guide will serve as a valuable resource for our membership.

4.) MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: KELLY MULCAHY



I got my first job at 10 years old by claiming I was 12 in order to get a paper route at the Sacramento Bee. Once I turned 14 and got my work permit, I became a waitress. I waitressed at various restaurants from age 14 until I was hired as a DDA at 26.

After graduating from high school, I knew I couldn't be a waitress forever (since I now hated most people) so I looked up "college" in the phone book (this was 1979). After I mapped out each "college" in Thomas Bros. (google it), I chose Sacramento City Junior College as it was closest to my house.

Unsure about a major, I was sent to the Career Counselor's Office. After a battery of aptitude and interests' tests, I was told there was "good news!" I would excel at anything involving hand/eye coordination (assembly line work) but I was an "intellectual moron" and was unsuited for college.

Although I was a bit butt hurt, I enrolled anyway and graduated with an A.A. in Criminal Justice.

From there, I enrolled at CSUS. Unable to find a parking spot, I transferred to UC Davis. I graduated in 1984 with my B.A. in Sociology.

At UCD, I was a card-carrying member of the ACLU until a man broke into my apartment and beat the stuffing out of me. Apparently, I screamed too loud so he decided not to rape me. (all of this was in the probation report which I boldly stole from the DDA's file when she left it unattended at counsel's table). The man had been content peeping me until he felt compelled to meet me in person, in the middle of the night, in my bedroom.

Once the punching stopped and he dropped the knife, I looked around for a weapon – I realized my ACLU card was not going to save me so I changed course and decided to become a DDA and went to law school.

During my first year of law school (1984/85) at McGeorge, I interned at the Sacramento District Attorney's Office and didn't work for anyone else until I retired in 2022 as a Supervising DDA and opened my own practice doing DUI defense.

In my 3rd year as a DDA, I applied to be a police officer. I made it to the final stage (which was psychological) and I failed. The Psychologist said I was "unsuited" (again that word!) to be a police officer because I was "overly optimistic for no apparent reason."

I enjoy almost everything about private practice – the money, helping clients, and the challenge of staying current on the law as I learn something new every day and I only take DUIs related cases.

I have 4 kids (one bio and 3 step) and live with my favorite husband Keith in Lincoln with our Boxer Petunia.

We love traveling internationally, spending time in Maui, and babysitting our 7 grandkids. I also have a large vegetable garden (and backyard) and love working outdoors. Finally, I enjoy reading and binge-watching Netflix.

I am often asked if it was hard "going to the dark side" and honestly, it wasn't. What is hard is dealing with DDAs who lack the courage to do the right thing and getting used to losing.

5.) WE LOVE REFERRALS!

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining CDLA?

If so, please send me his/her contact information and I will follow up with a personalized email and CDLA flyer that describes the value of a CDLA membership and the fantastic programs & services we offer throughout the year. (Off course, I will let you know if your referral joins CDLA!)

6.) FEATURED SPONSOR: UR ARREST NEWS



United Reporting Publishing Corporation (URPC) (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. Committed to journalistic integrity, we fully comply with the California Public Records Act (govt. code section 7923.620) and when challenged, our journalistic standing was proven in the U.S. Supreme Court case *United Reporting Publishing Corp. v. Lungren, (1996)*. We maintain quality relationships with over 350 California law enforcement agencies (CHP, PD, and SD), and are a proud allied member of the *California Newspaper Publishers Association*.

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Please contact me for additional information about any of these items or if you have a question or problem with your CDLA membership. Thank you!

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