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MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

1.) MARCH LUNCH & LEARN WEBINAR



CDLA is pleased to offer this **FREE** Lunch & Learn webinar exclusively to its members:

TOPIC: **The Art & Technique of Effective Opening Statements**

WEBINAR CONTENT: Seasoned trial lawyers know that the best opening statements are considered and planned well before trial. Effective opening statements craft a narrative designed to persuade the decision-maker. Learn techniques and strategies - as well as the "art" - of preparing and executing an effective opening statement.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 11, 2025
11:30 am - 1:15 pm

MCLE: 1.5 credit hours

REGISTRATION: <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/effective-opening-statements>

PRESENTER: Phillip Crawford
The Crawford Law Firm Inc. (Salinas, CA)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Brief presentations from our Sponsors will be held prior to the start of this webinar.
- This program will be recorded and added to CDLA's Learning Management System.
- This webinar will be available on-demand 24/7 via the CDLA website (& eligible for MCLE credit)
- All attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance (1.0 credit hours) and be asked to complete a brief evaluation survey.

2.) WEBINARS AVAILABLE 24/7 ON DEMAND

The February Lunch & Learn Webinar **-THC/CANNABIS TOXICOLOGY: RECOGNIZING IMPAIRMENT** - presented by **Blake Stutzman** - is now available for viewing at any time on-demand via our website.

CDLA members can access **24 programs** and even earn MCLE credit!

THS/CANNABIS TOXICOLOGY: RECOGNIZING IMPAIRMENT – JUST ADDED!

VISUAL COMPONENTS OF DUI FIELD TESTING

DEFENDING PROFESSIONAL LICENSES IN CALIFORNIA: CROSSOVER CASES INVOLVING DRUG & ALCOHOL ISSUES

SQUARE PEG IN A ROUND HOLE: DISRUPING TRADITIONAL ADDICTION RECOVERY

DOING BATTLE WITH THE DMV

CHEMICAL BREATH TEST MACHINES

FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS: FACT, FICTION, OR VODOO ECONOMICS

THC/CANNABIS: RECOGNIZING IMPAIRMENT

DUI FORENSICS: How to Support Your Expert and Discredit the State Charlatan

Head Trauma, Comprehensive and Intoxication: What to Look for in every Case

California Primer for DUI & Criminal Defense Attorneys

Ethics & Diversity in Your Legal Practice

Human Factors

Miranda & DUI with Lara Gressley

Cross Examination of the State's Expert

DUI Drugs Webinar Part 1: Pharmacology Expert

DUI Drugs Webinar Part 2: Drug Recognition Evaluation (DRE)

DUI Drugs Webinar Part 3: Blood Analysis for Drugs

Effective Opening Statements

All Things AMP (Accepted Medical Practices)!

Victim Restitution

The Rule-Out Method of Criminal Defense: A Game Changer

Effective Legal Writing for Attorneys

How to Challenge the THC Evidence in Every Case

[HOW TO ACCESS A CDLA WEBINAR \(in 5 easy steps!\)](#)

- 1.) <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/>
- 2.) **MEMBER LOGIN**
- 3.) **ON-DEMAND WEBINARS**
- 4.) **SEE COURSES YOU OWN**
- 5.) **SELECT COURSE - VIEW COURSE – LESSON**

IMPORTANT!

- A copy of the presentation, supplementary information, 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 presentations or do not receive your MCLE Certificate of Attendance after successfully completing any program.

3.) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPRING DINNER MEETING

We had a fantastic turnout (68 attendees) for this very popular program when it was held in Northern California (Emeryville) in December. We are pleased to announce that *Richard Middlebrook* and *Peter Johnson* have agreed to offer this program to our members (as well as spouses and guests) in Southern California!

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPRING DINNER MEETING

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Gulliver's Restaurant

14482 Macarthur Blvd.
Irvine, CA 92612

NETWORKING RECEPTION: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

DINNER & PROGRAM: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

COST: \$115/person (including dinner, drink coupon, raffle ticket, & DMV Quick Reference Guide*)

MCLE: 1.5 credit hours

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Peter Johnson

EVENT COORDINATOR: Dr. Roger C. Andersen

SPOUSES & GUESTS: Welcomed!

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/spring-dinner-meeting>

***TAKE-HOME BONUS!** All attorneys attending will receive a copy of a *DMV Quick Reference Guide* prepared by Peter Johnson and Richard Middlebrook. This comprehensive *Guide* is worth the cost of the evening alone.

TOPIC/PROGRAM:

An Attorney Collaboration lead by Peter Johnson & Richard Middlebrook



Peter Johnson



Richard Middlebrook

W.T.F.D.M.V. : All Things DMV

DMV Driver's Safety is a Chaotic Mess. Join us for a discussion on how to deal with:

- phone v. in-person hearings
- jammed calendaring
- continuances
- out of area hearing officers
- challenging hearing officers
- winning DMV hearings

HOTEL WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF RESTAURANT

Hilton Irvine Orange County Airport
18800 MacArthur Blvd.
Irvine, California

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

4.) NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS IN FEBRUARY

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5.) MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: DEBBIE HARKNESS



I have worked in the field of addiction for more than 24 years. My credentials include a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and as a Licensed Addiction Specialist through California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAPP) License # LCI03390315 and I am a continuing education provider for CCAPP, The State Bar, California Association for DUI Treatment Programs (CADTP), and California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators (CADC).

In my 24 year career I completed more than 20,000 assessments determining DSM 5 alcohol/substance use disorder and co-occurring DSM 5 mental health diagnoses, root causes for disorders to develop, and treatment planning and placement into evidence based treatment for best outcomes to place symptoms of DSM 5 mental health and co-occurring substance/alcohol use disorders into remission.

My associate team includes Dr Matthew Tatum a licensed psychologist and several mental health therapists and certified and licensed addiction specialists. I provide services throughout the State of California with access to all detention and prison facilities.

My services include:

- Professional court approved mental health and chemical dependency assessments for legal and professional entities using Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5th Edition (DSM 5) and American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria.
- Specialty assessments for military diversion (Ca Penal Code 1001.80 PC), mental health Diversion (Penal Code Section 1001.35), misdemeanor AB3234 diversion, Family Court, alternative sentencing for criminal courts including multiple DUIs, immigration/deportation cases involving mental health/alcohol/drug related crimes past/ present, medical licensing board re-instatement, other professional licensing reinstatement, social security and worker compensation cases regarding mental health/alcohol/substances, and out of state DUI suspensions and reinstatements
- Continuing education hours for addiction, mental health, and legal professionals.
- Professional individual treatment by Master level addiction and mental health professionals for those needing discretion or working in high profile professions.
- Expert witness testimony for attorneys specializing in criminal defense and prosecution, family law, civil law, immigration/deportation, professional license/certification reinstatement, and social security and worker compensation disability approval.\
- Clinical director of Central California Recovery, Inc., Fresno, CA providing services since 2008

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6.) KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR 2025 ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE

The 2025 *Annual Kuwatch Conference* will be held on Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16, 2025, at the Margaritaville San Diego – Gaslamp Village. **Registration Opens: May 5, 2025**

Our conference will kick off with a keynote address by **Judge Christopher Plourd**.



Famed criminal defense attorney **Barry Scheck** highly recommended Judge Plourd:

“We were on a Legal Task Force call as part of the Organization of Scientific Area Committees of NIST (National Institute of Science and Technology) when Judge Plourd began talking about a potential scientific issue that had relevance to DUI cases. For that reason alone, I immediately realized he would be a great keynote speaker for CDLA. Aside from being a very well-respected judge and leader in the forensic science community, Judge Plourd has done more to prevent unreliable bite mark evidence from convicting the innocent than anyone I know...”



7.) THE FINAL WORD!

If you have any questions about any of these items – or regarding your CDLA membership, please contact me! Thank you for being a valued CDLA member!

Roger

Dr. Roger C. Andersen

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