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DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

1.) REGISTER NOW! NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING



Registration is now open for the annual ***Northern California Holiday Dinner Meeting.***

- DATE:** Thursday, December 18, 2025
- VENUE:** Trader Vic's
9 Anchor Drive, Emeryville, CA 94608
- NETWORKING RECEPTION:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- BUFFET DINNER & PROGRAM:** 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- CLE:** 1.5 credit hours

COST: \$130/person

SPOUSES/GUESTS: Welcomed!



Peter Johnson



Patrick Kolasinski

Peter Johnson: CASE LAW UPDATE & DEVELOPMENTS FOR 2025-2026

Peter has 30 years of trial experience, has negotiated thousands of cases and has defended clients in a wide variety of jury trials. While many lawyers avoid the inside of a courtroom, as a litigator, that's where Peter Johnson feels most comfortable. Peter Johnson graduated from St. Mary's College and then became a graduate of Golden Gate University, School of Law, in 1992. He began practicing in Pittsburg, California in 1993 and formed a partnership with his wife Carin Johnson in 1998. The partnership later moved to Walnut Creek, California where they are currently practicing. He focuses his work in the areas of Criminal Defense, DUI Defense and Civil Rights. He has excelled as a trial attorney, winning trials in State and Federal Courts throughout the State of California.

Patrick Kolasinski: ARTIFICIALLY INTELLIGENT ADVOCACY: LEVERAGING AI FOR DUI DEFENSE

Patrick Kolasinski is a criminal defense and immigration attorney with a background in tech, passionate about using AI to make legal work smarter and more efficient. He also consults with small law firms on practice management and automation. A former VP of the Stanislaus County Criminal Bar Association and founding Criminal and Immigration Justice Chair for the ACLU of Stanislaus County, Patrick is dedicated to improving both client outcomes and attorney workflows. In his presentation, he'll show how AI advocacy can be used for leverage for a DUI defense.

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

REGISTER EARLY! This popular event has sold out the past four years.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

2.) SCOTUS GROUP VISITATION – APRIL 2027 VISIT STILL OPEN!

CDLA is pleased to announce we are sponsoring two (2) group admission ceremonies for CDLA members to be admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. CDLA is now accepting applications for **12 members** to participate in the in-person ceremonies for a visit date in ***the last week of April 2027***.

(The SCOTUS visit for early November 2026 is filled and closed.)

Eligibility & Requirements:

- Applicants must be licensed CA attorneys in good standing for at least **three (3) years**.
- Participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging.
- Upon reserving a spot, applicants must:
 - Obtain a **Certificate of Good Standing** from the California Supreme Court.
 - Complete the official SCOTUS **Application for Admission to Practice**; and
 - Provide **two (2) Statements of Sponsors**.
 - *Note: CDLA Vice President Lara Gressley will move for your admission in open court. You may obtain your own two sponsors (they must be SCOTUS members and not related to you), or Lara Gressley and CDLA Board Member Mike Donaldson may serve as your sponsors.*

Pre-Application Process:

To reserve your spot, please complete the ***Intent to Apply*** form* and email it to CDLA Executive Director Dr. Roger C. Andersen at ed@californiaduilawyers.org.

Your completed form and payment must be received by Friday, December 19, 2025.

You can pay by (1) mailing a check directly to CDLA Treasurer Philip Gagnon or (2) requesting an invoice from Dr. Andersen (to make a credit card payment).

- Payment includes the SCOTUS application fee, CDLA's costs, and a group lunch after the ceremony. (Note: there is an additional cost of \$100 per guest for lunch.)
- Applicants will be notified when their reservation is confirmed. If your preferred date is filled, you will be placed in the other group unless you are unable to attend that date.
- Once your spot is confirmed, all completed application materials, including your *Certificate of Good Standing*, must be received by CDLA no later than ten (10) weeks prior to the visit date.
- If all spots are filled prior to receiving your application, your payment will be returned, and you will receive priority consideration for our next group admission.

Contact CDLA Vice President **Lara Gressley**, who will be serving as the Group Coordinator, for additional information about this special opportunity for CDLA members.

*Please contact me if you need a copy of the ***INTENT TO APPLY*** form (sent to all members on 10-22-25 as well as on 10-28-25) or have questions about the application or payment.

3.) NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER

MEMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	COUNTY
JP Lavalee	jp@jpdefends.com	415-542-8373	San Francisco
Mindy McQueen	mmq482@aol.com	805-482-1961	Ventura
Jose Hernandez	hernandezJ2@countyofmonterey.gov	831-359-6415	Monterey

4.) ANNOUNCING CDLA'S MASTERCLASS PROGRAM SERIES



CDLA is pleased to announce the launch of a new series of premium, in-depth webinars and in-person programs. Unlike the monthly Lunch & Learn webinars, these programs are designed for an intensive deep dive into the subject area.

Inside the DMV with Richard Middlebrook: A Masterclass on APS Hearings

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Webinar

Richard will be joined by Drivers Safety Hearing Officer (retired) **Karyn James-Thomas** and CDLA Attorney and Expert **Ronald L. Moore**.

The cost is \$195 for CDLA members and \$350 for non-CDLA members.

Attendees will receive 2.0 CLE credit hours and a complete copy of all presentation materials.

Registration Link: <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/inside-the-dmv>

Please contact me if you need additional information or experience any issues with registration.

5.) WEBINARS AVAILABLE ON DEMAND (30!)

The Lunch & Learn webinar presented on Tuesday, November 18, 2025:

CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES: AKA "STREET DRUGS" (Blake Stutzman)
is now available via CDLA's Learning Management System!

CDLA members can access **30 CDLA webinars** 24/7 On-Demand and even earn CLE credit!

CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES (AKA "STREET DRUGS") - NOW AVAILABLE!

EFFECTIVE OPENING STATEMENTS FOR DUI CASES

3 AI STRATEGIES TO GET YOU MORE OF THE RIGHT CASES

SEVILLA ON CIVILITY

WORK SMARTER - NOT HARDER: AI TOOLS FOR DUI ATTORNEYS

EFFECTIVE OPENING STATEMENTS

THC/CANNABIS TOXICOLOGY - RECOGNIZING IMPAIRMENT

NAVIGATING THE IMMIGRATION CONSEQUENCES OF DUI'S

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

SQUARE PEG IN A ROUND HOLE: DISRUPTING 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!)

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

1.) MEMBER LOGIN

2.) ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

3.) COURSE LIST

4.) DETAILS

5.) SELECT COURSE YOU WISH TO WATCH (30 available!)

- The presentation, instructor bio, and link to the assessment will also appear with each course.
- 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.

6.) 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. As always, thank you for your CDLA membership!

Dr. Roger C. Andersen, Executive Director, California DUI Lawyers Association; 925-325-8455 (cell)

