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**JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER**

**1.) WELCOME NEW BRONZE SPONSOR: AM HEALTH CARE**

At AM Health Care, our goal is to offer high-quality, ethical, and compassionate care in the fields of addiction and mental health. We are committed to assisting clients and their families in finding healing, unity, and wellness. With our state-of-the-art facilities in 5 convenient locations in the greater Los Angeles area, individuals seeking detoxification can experience a comfortable and tranquil environment.

Our dedicated team of certified medical professionals, therapists, case managers, life coaches, and technicians are available round-the-clock to address the diverse needs of our clients. We understand that seeking help can be challenging, which is why we strive to be a leading provider of exceptional care and successful treatment outcomes.

Our comprehensive programs cover a wide range of services, including detoxification, residential care, partial hospitalization, and outpatient support. Embracing both holistic and evidence-based approaches, we create personalized treatment plans that cater to each individual's specific requirements. By combining various practices, we ensure a unique and effective path towards recovery for every client.

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**2.) 2023 ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE: EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS FRIDAY!**



**WHEN:** Friday, August 11 & Saturday, August 12, 2023

**WHERE:** Omni Los Angeles at California Plaza

**THEME:** “Beating the Odds & Mastering your Craft”

**REGISTRATION:** <https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/2023annualkuwatchconference>

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023</b> (10% early registration discount)	<b>JULY 1 TO AUGUST 12, 2023</b>
Regular (non-PD) Member rate:	\$355	\$395
Regular PD & Experts Member Rate:	\$200	\$225
Non-Member (Non-PD) Rate:	\$415	\$460
Non-Member PD Rate:	\$260	\$290

**MCLE:** 9.5 MCLE credit hours including 1.0 Implicit Bias credit

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

CDLA has arranged for a room rate at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel of **\$219** (plus taxes) for Thursday, August 10; Friday, August 11; and Saturday, August 12.

**PHONE:** 213-617-3300 & ask for the *CDLA Annual Kuwatch Conference 2023*

**INTERNET:** <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/los-angeles-california-plaza/meetings/cdla-annual-kuwatch-conference-2023-08102023>

**3.) 2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The following eight (8) members were recently elected to serve on the 2023-2024 Board of Directors:

#### **NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED (4)**

Suzanne Ferguson  
Jeanne Normandeau  
Ryan Wilber  
Lara Gressley

#### **CURRENT DIRECTORS RE-ELECTED (4)**

Virginia Landry  
Phillip Crawford  
Lynn Gorelick  
Michael Kennedy

#### **CONTINUING DIRECTORS (NOT UP FOR RELECTION) (6)**

Manny Daskal  
Philip Gagnon  
Peter Johnson  
Richard Middlebrook  
Joshua Price  
Erica Madrid

At the Board of Directors Annual Meeting (to be held prior to the 2023 *Annual Kuwatch Conference* at the Omni/Los Angeles), Officers will be elected for the 2023-2024 year. At the CDLA Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon on Saturday, August 12, the members of the 2023-2024 Board will be introduced and the newly elected officers announced to the membership.

Please join me in offering congratulations to all elected and re-elected Directors who will be serving on the CDLA Board next year!

#### **4.) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND**

With just a couple of clicks, CDLA members can access 14 webinars offered in 2021, 2023, and 2023 - and even earn MCLE credit!

- **California Firearms Primer for DUI & Criminal Defense Attorneys – RECENTLY ADDED!**
- 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

Follow this 4-step process to access these webinars: [www.californiaduilawyers.org](http://www.californiaduilawyers.org)

- 1.) MEMBER LOGIN
- 2.) ON-DEMAND WEBINARS
- 3.) SEE COURSES YOU OWN
- 4) VIEW COURSE

#### **5.) NEW MEMBERS IN JUNE**

**MEMBER:** William Gunter  
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#### **6.) QUESTION OF THE MONTH: What is the status of the CDLA Law Library?**

As communicated earlier, CDLA is developing its own law library based on documents, reports, studies, opinions, etc. that members have shared during the past two years via the CDLA listserv.

Three CDLA members are reviewing more than 200 documents at this time. Peter Johnson, Erica Madrid, and Michael Kennedy are vetting these files to ascertain whether they are still viable and appropriate to be included in the CDLA Law Library.

When completed in the fall, the CDLA Law Library will be made available to all CDLA members via our website (member log-in required). Quarterly updates are planned once the CDLA Law Library is up and running. I will provide updates in future monthly newsletters.

## 7.) **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: SUZANNE FERGUSON**



**Suzanne M. Ferguson** provides experienced, strategic, and personalized criminal defense.

Ms. Ferguson was originally from West Virginia but graduated high school in California. She attended California State University, Long Beach for her undergraduate education. She graduated magna cum laude in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Marketing. Ms. Ferguson obtained her Juris Doctorate degree from University of San Diego, School of Law in 2006. While living in San Diego, Ms. Ferguson worked at the San Diego Public Defender's Office as well as several private firms.

Ms. Ferguson joined the Orange County Public Defender's Office in 2007 and worked there as a Deputy Public Defender for almost six years. While at the Public Defender's Office in Orange County she handled thousands of cases, developing extraordinary relationships along the way with clients, colleagues, and court staff. She handled virtually every kind of misdemeanor and felony, with an amazing success rate.

When Ms. Ferguson decided to start a family, she decided to open her own practice and ultimately settled in Temecula. Ms. Ferguson is the highest quality criminal defense attorney. Her primary goals for her clients include providing quality service and surpassing customer expectations.

Ms. Ferguson's skills and strategic thinking have already won countless verdicts for her clients in counties all over Southern California. She has handled everything from driving under the influence cases, to aggravated assaults, drug possession, grand/petty theft, domestic violence, and everything in between. She regularly appears in courthouses throughout the counties of San Diego, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino.

Ms. Ferguson has gone as far as Los Angeles and Ventura, when the circumstances required, and even obtained full dismissal results. In recent years, Ms. Ferguson's practice has also expanded to handle family law cases and restraining order hearings, such as domestic violence, civil harassment, elder abuse, etc. She works as Of Counsel, occasionally, for other firms to handle complex domestic violence hearings

Suzanne was recently elected to a four-year term on the CDLA Board of Directors.

Suzanne may be reached at 949-887-7036 or at [sf246972@gmail.com](mailto:sf246972@gmail.com). Her website is <https://suzannemferguson.com/>

### **8.) GOT A REFERRAL?**

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining CDLA? If so, please send me their contact info 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. (Of course, I will let you know if your referral joins CDLA.)

### **9.) THE LAST WORD!**

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any CDLA program or membership matter.

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