



Office of the State Public Defender
Indigent Defense Improvement Division

IDID Bulletin
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Indigent Defense Updates

AB 2483: Procedural Guidelines for Postconviction / Resentencing Hearings

On January 1, 2025, AB 2483 became law, creating an affirmative duty for the presiding judge of each county to meet with public defenders and other stakeholders to develop a plan for post-conviction / resentencing cases. It also creates additional procedural requirements, establishes new timelines for processing time-sensitive release orders, and clarifies CDCR's responsibility to provide relevant records. To help stakeholders navigate these changes, OSPD-IDID has developed a two-page informational sheet outlining the new law and the practical implications for post-conviction/resentencing proceedings.

New Specialty MCLEs for 2025

The State Bar MCLE reporting deadline is February 1, 2025. OSPD IDID can help you stay in compliance! IDID Training resources are free for all members of the indigent defense community. Access to the IDID Training SharePoint is required. [Request access.](#)

Participatory MCLE credit is available for those who watch OSPD IDID webinars live. See the list of upcoming webinars open for registration below.

Self-Study MCLE credit is available for recorded trainings, webinars, and online courses. Find all these offerings on the [IDID Training SharePoint](#).

[Library of recorded live trainings](#)

[Library of recorded webinars](#)

Several webinars qualify for specialty MCLE self-study credit. See attached flyer for more details.

[Library of online courses](#)

Individual [registration](#) is required for each course.

Current offerings that qualify for self-study MCLE credit:

Defending Against SVP Commitments

CARE Court Fundamentals

Racial Justice Act Nuts & Bolts

Sustaining and Supporting Well-Being in Public Defense

Fundamentals of indigent Defense in California: Onboarding for All Defenders

Introduction to Preliminary Hearings

Murder and Att. Murder Resentencing (SB 1437/775, PC 1172.6)

New Resource Page on IDID Training SharePoint – Chico 2024: New Strategies and Advocacy Tools

On October 21, 2024, OSPD IDID in collaboration with the Butte Defense Equity Project and the Law Offices of Nicole M. Diamond put on a live training in Chico, CA. Did you miss out on this IDID Live Event? Find the training agenda, presentation recordings and accompanying materials on the new [Chico 2024 resource page](#). This training program was designed as an introduction to understanding new strategies and advocacy tools for defending criminal cases. Learn about and effectively utilize social media evidence, the Racial Justice Act, CDCR policies and procedures, recent laws affecting felony sentencing and beyond. [Registration](#) for the IDID Training SharePoint is required to access this resource

page. Thanks to the generosity of Kristin Haden, Donald Landis, Heather Mackay, Aaron Mackey, and Maria Sapene, many of the presentations will be repeated as webinars in January, February and March 2025, with registration links below.

Job Posting

Title of Position	Deputy Public Defender I/II/III/IV
Location	Sonora CA, Tuolumne County
Employer	Tuolumne County Public Defender- County Office
Position Type	Felony
Salary Range	\$81,099- \$154,232
Link to apply/website for more information	Click here for more information
Supplemental Materials Required	Resume
Minimum Qualifications:	Valid CA Bar License
Brief description of the position	Under direction, provides criminal defense representation, advice and assistance to indigent persons; performs case investigation, trial preparation and trial presentation, and performs related work as required.

How much does it cost to incarcerate a person?

[California's Annual Average Cost to Incarcerate a Person](#)

2024-25 Enacted Budget

The average annual cost for CDCR was \$133,000 per person at the time the 2024-25 budget was enacted. It represents the amount CDCR was budgeted to spend on average per person on prison operations in 2024-25. [Click here to read more.](#)

January 2025 IDID Training Events

Unless otherwise noted these trainings are intended for criminal defense team members only, including attorneys, investigators, social workers, paralegals, mitigation specialists, law office professionals, and other job roles on defense teams.

1/22 Finding Hope: Addressing the Elevated Risk of Suicide & How We Can Help

KIM MCKEWON
RAY MCKEWON

03:00 PM - 03:45 PM [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Suicide is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. Unfortunately, many people suffer in silence given the stigma of mental illness. In part one of this series addressing suicide, Kim and Ray McKewon share their journey of navigating mental illness as partners. Whether you are personally struggling or know someone who is, this thoughtful discussion is designed to provide hope by drawing back the curtain of an often taboo topic, and give a voice to those who have been impacted.

Given the sensitive content being shared in this webinar, this presentation will not be recorded

NO MCLE or Legal Specialization Credit is offered for this training

1/23 Measure Twice, Object Once

JOHN C. ELLIS, JR., Attorney, Law Offices of John C. Ellis, Jr.

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Ninety-Seven percent of Americans now own a cell phone. And now more than ever, law enforcement is seeking location data generated by these devices. This presentation explains how

location data is generated by mobile devices and provides an overview for attacking this data. It also provides practical advice for dealing with these materials in a case.

1 hour of MCLE Credit in Technology in the Practice of Law is offered for this training

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Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention

TATIANA KLINE, Training Attorney, Office of the State Public Defender
KIM MCKEWON

03:00 PM - 04:15 PM [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Suicide is a significant public health concern, and lawyers are at an elevated risk. A 2023 study concluded that attorneys are twice as likely as other working U.S. working adults to have suicidal thoughts and many suffer in silence given the associated stigma within the legal profession. In part two of this series addressing suicide, attendees will learn what's driving the higher rates of suicidal thinking among lawyers, how to identify those most at risk, what we as the public defense community can do create awareness and support, and the strategies that prevent suicide.

1.25 hour of MCLE Credit in Wellness Competence is offered for this training

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CDCR Credits, Release Dates, and Parole Consideration Dates

HEATHER MACKAY, Appellate Attorney & Prison Law Office Attorney, Prison Law Office

12:15 PM - 01:30 PM [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Knowing how the CDCR calculates credits and sets release and parole dates is necessary for evaluating case options and advising clients. Heather MacKay will share her expertise in deciphering CDCR's current policies, including how release and parole dates are recalculated after re-sentencings. Questions will be answered at the end of the presentation.

1.25 hour of MCLE Credit is offered for this training

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Identifying and Challenging Digital General Warrants

AARON MACKEY, Free Speech & Transparency Litigation Director, Electronic Frontier Foundation

12:15 PM - 01:15 PM [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Law enforcement agencies are obtaining warrants to identify any digital device present in an area, to uncover anyone who searched for particular topics on Google, and to search entire devices. This presentation will explore these unconstitutional techniques, including how to identify their use and how to challenge them.

1 hour of MCLE Credit is offered for this training

February 2025 IDID Training Events

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Opening with Your Theory

GEORGIA SIMS, Assistant Deputy Public Defender & Training Director, Nashville Defenders

12:00 PM - 01:15 PM [Zoom Registration Link](#)

An effective theory of the case can serve as a guidepost for making the myriad of decisions that are required before and during trial. Theory guides everything from investigation, in limine motions, voir dire, cross, evidence presentation, instructions, and of course opening and closing. It is particularly helpful in guiding your choices about how to open. This webinar will dive deeply into how you can construct an effective theory that will resonate with your jurors and empower you to tell your client's story at opening in a relate-able effective manner.

1.25 hour of MCLE and Legal Specialization Credit in Trial Advocacy is offered for this training

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The New Age of Sentencing Part 1: Aggravating Factors

KRISTEN HADEN, Assistant Supervisor & Recruitment Coordinator, San Diego Primary Public Defender

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Learn the most recent statutory and caselaw updates in the ever-changing landscape of felony sentencing. From dealing with aggravating circumstances to preserving the best record for appeal, this lecture will provide you with the necessary tools to best represent your clients at felony sentencing. This is Part 1 of a two-part webinar series on recent changes in felony sentencing.

1 hour of MCLE Credit is offered for this training

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The New Age of Sentencing Part 2: Enhancements and Beyond

KRISTEN HADEN, Assistant Supervisor & Recruitment Coordinator, San Diego Primary Public Defender

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Learn the most recent statutory and caselaw updates in the ever-changing landscape of felony sentencing. From dealing with enhancements to preserving the best record for appeal, this lecture will provide you with the necessary tools to best represent your clients at felony sentencing. This is Part 2 of a two-part webinar series on recent changes in felony sentencing.

1 hour of MCLE Credit is offered for this training

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Ethical Dilemmas in Social Work and Public Defense

KEVIN BISHOP, Social Work Coordinator, The Colorado Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel

12:15 PM - 02:15 PM [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Social workers play an integral role in public defender offices by providing comprehensive support to clients by addressing underlying social issues. But what happens when the training of a social worker conflicts with their duties as a member of the defense team? In this session, licensed clinical social worker Kevin Bishop addresses the tension that may arise between these two necessary roles. This session will 1) provide an understanding of forensic social work in the criminal defense setting, 2) provide conceptual understanding of potential ethical dilemmas that may arise in a criminal defense setting, and 3) propose strategies to end discrimination, oppression, poverty, and other forms of social injustice in social work.

NO MCLE or Legal Specialization Credit is offered for this training

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Working with Prison Life Experts on Resentencing Hearings

ADAM MORTERA, Executive Director, Juvenile Justice Advocates of California

JOSE NOGALES, Forensics Gang Expert & Paralegal

DOMINIQUE TANKS, Gang Expert & Youth Advocate

12:15 PM - 01:15 PM [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Prison life experts can play a crucial role in getting your client a favorable outcome at a resentencing hearing. In this webinar, experts Adam Mortera, Jose Nogales, and Domique Tanks will explain how their lived experience and expertise could positive impact a client's chance for success. At the end of this webinar, attendees will have an understanding on what to look for in their clients C-file to prepare for these hearings, will be able to identify ways lived experience experts can explain programming and prison life at these hearings, and how these experts can work with clients to prepare them for the hearing.

1 hour MCLE Credit is offered for this training

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Defending Against Developmentally Disabled Civil Commitments

CHARLENE MCKINLEY-POWELL, Deputy Public Defender, San Bernardino County Public Defender Office

12:15 PM - 01:15 PM [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Welfare & Institutions Code section 6500 allows developmentally disabled clients to be committed to the State Department of Developmental Services if they are found to be a danger to their self and/or others. While these petitions are not common, it's important that those working in public defense know how to properly defend against these commitments. In this training, attorney Charlene McKinley-Powell will provide guidance on how to litigate these hearings. At the end of this training, attendees will leave with a general understanding of the controlling law, steps to defend against these petitions, and guidance on how to communicate with developmentally delayed clients.

1 hour MCLE Credit is offered for this training

Other Training Opportunities

Provided for information only and are not affiliated with OSPD



Child Abuse: Beyond the Basics

Webinar presented by Godoy Medical Forensics

1/10/2025, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Virtual

[More Information and Registration](#)



Immigration Webinar

Webinar presented by California Public Defenders Association

1/13/2025

Virtual

[More Information and Registration](#)



Justice in the Valley: Nuts & Bolts to SYTF Litigation

Webinar presented by Pacific Juvenile Defender Center

1/30/2025

San Joaquin College of Law, Clovis, CA

[More information and Registration](#)

The Office of the State Public Defender is a state agency founded in 1976 to represent indigent criminal defendants on appeal. Today, the agency has two divisions. The Appellate Division provides high quality appellate representation for those convicted of capital offenses. The Indigent Defense Improvement Division supports trial level indigent defense systems across California by providing defense attorney training and assistance to counties with public defense systems. See Gov. Code Section 15420(b).
