



CALIFORNIA DUI
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ANNUAL KUWATCH CONFERENCE 2023

Friday, August 11 & Saturday, August 12, 2023

Omni – Los Angeles at California Plaza



Jim Parkman

Every Pancake Has Two Sides:
Dealing with Bad Facts in Your Case



Andrea Lyon

Presentation Techniques & the Art
of Persuasion in “Our” Theatre: The Courtroom



Michelle Behan

Cross Examination of a Police Officer



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Beating the Odds & Mastering your Craft

REGISTRATION:

You can register directly via the CDLA website or using this special link:

<https://www.californiaduillawyers.org/2023annualkuwatchconference>

CATEGORY

Regular (non-PD) Member rate:	\$395
Regular PD Member Rate:	\$225
Non-Member (Non-PD) Rate:	\$460
Non-Member PD Rate:	\$290
County PD Offices 5+ (group rate PP)	\$150

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

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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>

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023

All sessions will be held in the Bunker Hill Ballroom.

1:00 - 1:10 p.m.	Welcome - President Manny Daskal
1:10 - 2:45 p.m.	Professor Andrea D. Lyon: Presentation Techniques & the Art of Persuasion In “Our” Theatre: The Courtroom
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Refreshment Break
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Patrick Griffin: Voir Dire
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Kim Benjamin: Opening Statements
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Michelle Behan: Cross Examination of a Police Officer
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Networking Reception – Sponsored by Scorpion & Breathe Easy Insurance

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

- 7:30 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 - 9:10 a.m. Greetings - Vice President Manny Barba
9:10 - 10:45 a.m. Suzanne Perry & Jeanne Normandeau -
Blood Analysis for Drugs & Alcohol
10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Refreshment Break
11:00 - 12:00 p.m. Jonathan Dichter - Closing Statements
12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Sponsor Presentations & Raffles - Peter Johnson
12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon - Sponsored by LifeSafer of Northern
California & LifeSafer of Southern California
1:45 - 2:45 p.m. Nan Whitfield - Implied Bias Training
2:45 - 3:45 p.m. Jim Parkman: Every Pancake Has Two Sides:
Dealing with Bad Facts in Your Case
3:45 - 4:00 p.m. End of Conference Major Raffles!

ANDREA D. LYON: *Presentation Techniques & The Art of Persuasion in “Our” Theatre: The Courtroom*



Andrea Lyon is a renowned lawyer, author, speaker, professor and former law school dean. Dubbed “The Angel of Death Row” by the Chicago Tribune, she was the first woman to serve as lead attorney in a death penalty case, and she holds an unparalleled 19 wins in 19 capital cases. Andrea has dedicated her career to advocating and upholding justice for all. Her legal work began in the Cook County Public Defender’s Office where she rose to become Chief of the Homicide Task Force. Managing a 22-lawyer unit, she tried over 130 homicide cases and defended more than 30 potential capital cases at the trial level, including taking 19 capital cases through penalty phase. In 1990, Andrea founded and directed the Illinois Capital Resource Center representing all of the death row inmates in Illinois.



KIM BENJAMIN: *Opening Statements*

Kim Benjamin is the Founder and Managing Attorney for two law firms - the Missouri DWI & Criminal Law Center and the Missouri Accident & Injury Law Center at the Benjamin Law Firm, with locations in Belton and Kansas City, MO. Her career as a trial lawyer has enabled her to have more than 300 bench and 75 jury trials. Kim’s awards and honors include being named a SuperLawyer, and receiving the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (MACDL) Atticus Finch Award.

SUZANNE PERRY: *Blood Analysis for Drugs & Alcohol*



Suzanne C. Perry, founder of Salient Analytical Services, is a 39-year veteran of spectrometry and analytical chemistry technology providing analyses and data to clients in university, medical and corporate labs. With her BS & MS degrees using GC/MS in Biochemistry from Rutgers, Suzanne has advanced and extensive technical knowledge and hands-on experience with blood analyses for drugs and alcohol.



JEANNE NORMANDEAU: Blood Analysis for Drugs & Alcohol

In 2001, Jeanne began working as a criminal defense attorney with Blumenthal Law Offices. Her very first assignment was a murder case and through her tenacious investigation and persistence, she convinced the prosecutor to dismiss the charges against her client. Since December 2003, she has worked for the Law Offices of Taylor and Taylor (formerly known as the Law Offices of Lawrence Taylor) specializing in DUI defense. She is certified in the Administration of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs), attended the DUI College Summer Session at Harvard Law School, the NCDD's Mastering Scientific Evidence Seminar, as well as numerous other DUI Defense seminars. She is also a member of the National College of DUI Defense and the California DUI Lawyers Association. Jeanne was consulted by the writers of the show, "The Good Wife," about what it was like to transition from a JAG prosecutor to a state prosecutor for one of their episodes.





MICHELLE BEHAN: *Cross Examination of a Police Officer*

Michelle Behan is an Honorably Discharged Veteran from the United States Navy and a former Special Agent with the FBI. She is a board-certified DUI defense attorney through the National College for DUI Defense. She is also the co-chair of the NCDD Impaired Driving committee, the State Delegate for Arizona for NCDD, and an associate member of the American Academy of Forensic Science.



**PATRICK GRIFFIN:
*Better Jurors & More Cause Challenges:
Utilizing Scaled Questions in Voir Dire***

Since founding his San Diego criminal defense law firm, Griffin Law Office, Patrick Griffin has managed over 1,000 criminal defense cases — ranging from first degree murder to simple misdemeanors — has won jury trials in every courthouse in San Diego County, and achieved hundreds of pre-trial victories. Mr. Griffin graduated with honors from the US News & World Report's #1 ranked trial advocacy law school in the nation, where he learned from some of the country's foremost experts on trial skills and techniques. Patrick has been featured as a legal expert on local news programs, and has appeared on national news programs, including *Good Morning America*, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*.



JAMES W. PARKMAN: Every Pancake has Two Sides: Dealing with Bad Facts in your Case

Jim Parkman is a thirty year national trial attorney with experience in corporate criminal and SEC cases. Most renowned for representing Richard Scrushy in the first Sarbanes-Oxley federal corporate fraud case and the only major not guilty jury verdict for a CEO. Mr. Parkman also represented Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick in Detroit and Swedish businessman Stefan Eriksson in Los Angeles.

His most recent high profile case would be the much publicized “Bingo Trail” in which he represented Senator Harri Anne Smith. Jim was also featured in the Netflix series Trial by Media (S1E4 King Richard.)



JONATHAN DICHTER: *Closing Statements*

Jonathan Dichter, is a DUI attorney, actor, author, improviser, motivational speaker, storyteller, and proud father. After graduating from Seattle University’s School of Law in 2003, he became a career criminal defense attorney, dedicating 20+ years to defending the rights of the accused.

As founder of DUIHeroes, a Washington State DUI exclusive firm, he has exclusively focused his practice on improving not only the legal care, but the overall care of his clients.

Jonathan has been teaching trial tools and tactics at CLEs for the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers since 2014, and presented a two part webinar entitled "Innovative Storytelling for Trial Lawyers" to NCDD as well as other groups in 2020.



NAN WHITFIELD: Implied Bias Training

Nan Whitfield is a career public defender who has earned a solid reputation as a brilliant trial lawyer. Serving as a trial lawyer in the office of the Los Angeles County Public Defender, for more than 30 years, Nan is now the Managing Director of the Northern Region, with the Public Defender Division of CPCS, the state public defender agency in Massachusetts. Among the numerous accolades received: Defense Attorney of the Year by the Los Angeles County Bar Association in 2011 and named as one of the Top 75 Female Litigators in the State of California in 2008.

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