

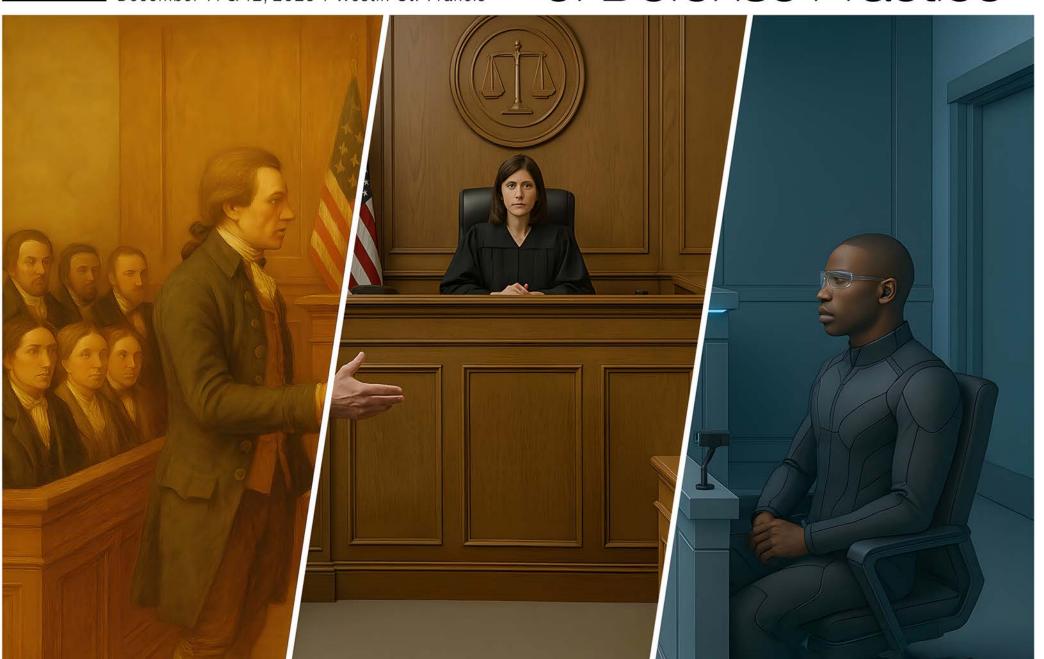
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66[™] ANNUAL MEETING

December 11 & 12, 2025 | Westin St. Francis

Legacy and Innovation:

The Past, Present, & FUTURE
of Defense Practice



TIME	TRACK A Tried and True	TRACK B Young Lawyers	TRACK C FUTURE	
8:15 am — 8:30 am	Welcome and Annual Business Meeting			
8:30 am – 9:45 am	State of the Courts Update			
9:45 am — 10:00 am	Break – Colonial and Italian Rooms			
10:00 am — 12:00 pm	The 2025 "Mike Brady Year in Review"			
12:00 pm — 1:45 pm	Luncheon — Keynote Speaker: Keena Turner			
1:45 pm — 2:00 pm	Break – Colonial and Italian Rooms			
2:00 pm — 3:00 pm	What Neuroimaging Can and Cannot Answer	Mastering Witness Examination: Direct, Cross, and Evidence Foundations	Effective Jury Selection	
3:00 pm — 3:15 pm	Break — Colonial and Italian Rooms			
3:15 pm — 4:15 pm	Construction Trends in Commercial-to-Home Conversions	Damage Control - Strategies for Reducing Future Medical Expenses Damage Control – Strategies for Reducing Future Medical Expenses	Key Strategies for Successful Mediation	
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Break and Vendor Prizes — Colonial and Italian Rooms			
4:30 pm — 5:30 pm	Avoiding Settlement Landmines; 998, 999 and Policy Limit Demands	Ramifications Regarding Request for Admissions & UBER RICO Litigation and Plaintiff's Inflated Claimed Medical Specials	What to do When Post-Crash Safety Inspection Report Gets it Wrong: A Case Study on the Data Q Process	
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	President's Reception – Grand Ballroom			

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

8:30 am — 9:30 am	Legislative Update with Mike Belote
9:30 am — 10:00 am	Break / Raffle Drawings — Colonial and Italian Rooms / Grand Ballroom
10:00 am — 10:45 am	All Aboard! Al, Al, Al!
10:45 am — 11:00 am	Break — Colonial and Italian Rooms
11:00 am — 12:00 pm	Ethical Duties to Your Client(s) — Practical Applications and Conflict Scenarios

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Keena Turner,San Francisco 49ers Super Bowl Champion

For more than three decades, Turner has been a part of the 49ers as both a player and member of the team's front office. He has spent the previous 10 seasons (2008-17) as the vice president of football affairs. Originally selected in the second round (39th overall) in the 1980 NFL Draft by San Francisco, Turner played in 153 games with the 49ers over 11 seasons (1980-90). A member of the 49ers 10-year Club, Turner was selected to the Pro

Bowl in 1985 and is a four-time Super Bowl champion (XVI, XIX, XXIII and XXIV).

Following his playing career, Turner was inducted into the Purdue University Intercollegiate Hall of Fame in 2011 and the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame Northern California in 2012. In 2019, he was also inducted into the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Turner's dedication to excellence has not been limited to the playing field. He has been a constant supporter of Family House in San Francisco for over 30 years and he has also hosted The Keena Turner Boys and Girls Clubs Golf Tournament for each of the last 26 years and the event has raised over \$5 million.

Turner and his wife, Linda, have three children – Sheena, Ella and Miles.



Registration Open 7:15 am - 5:30 pm

Italian Room

Grand Ballroom

7:15 am - 4:30 pm **Exhibitor Fair** **Colonial and Italian Rooms**

7:15 am - 8:30 am **Breakfast** **Colonial and Italian Rooms**

Welcome and Annual Business Meeting 8:15 am - 8:30 am

Welcome to the 66TH ADC Annual Meeting! We are pleased to welcome you to this milestone event, produced by Sean Moriarty, Second Vice President and Annual Meeting Chair. Join us for the Annual Business Meeting with ADC President, Patrick Deedon, where we'll conduct essential association business and hold elections for the 2026 officers and board members.



Patrick Deedon Maire & Deedon



Sean P. Moriarty Cesari Werner and Moriarty, APC

Grand Ballroom

8:30 am - 9:45 am State of the Courts Update

(MCLE – 1.25 hours General credit)

Please join us for a State of the Courts address with judges from San Francisco Superior Court, Sacramento Superior Court, Santa Clara Superior Court, Alameda Superior Court, and Marin Superior Court.



Hon. Lawrence G. Brown, Sacramento Superior Court



Hon. Christopher Hite San Francisco Superior Court



Hon. Evette Pennypacker Santa Clara Superior Court



Hon. S. Raj Chatterjee Alameda Superior Court



Hon. Andrew Sweet Marin Superior Court

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

9:45 am - 10:00 am Break

Colonial and Italian Rooms

10:00 am - 12:00 pm The 2025 "Mike Brady Year in Review"

California West Room

(MCLE – 2.0 hours General credit)

Concerned you might have missed an important new precedent, whether in your practice area or in another vital to defense work? The ADCNCN has you covered with a comprehensive review of key legal developments. Join top attorneys as they leadinsightful discussions

in this must-attend program, ensuring you're up-to-date on the cases that matter most to your practice.



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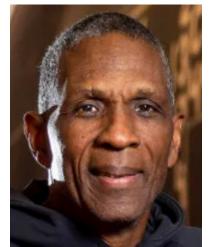


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12:00 pm – 1:45 pm Annual Luncheon with Keynote Speaker: **Grand Ballroom** Keena Turner, San Francisco 49ers Super Bowl Winner



Join us for our featured keynote speaker Keena Turner, four-time Super Bowl champion and long-time San Francisco 49ers linebacker. Turner will draw parallels between success on the field and in the courtroom, emphasizing the importance of preparation, focus, and disciplined defense. Attendees can look forward to both practical insights and engaging stories from his distinguished career.

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm

Break

Colonial and Italian Rooms

Track A – Tried and True (MCLE – 1.0 hour General credit)

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm What Neuroimaging Can and Cannot Answer California West Room

We live in a time of dazzling advances in neuroscience. Optogenetics allow researchers to turn individual neurons on and off with light. Modern electron microscopy combined with computer reconstruction allow us to see details of the brain at the molecular level. And in the media and our own experiences as patients it is routine to see CT scans and MRIs. Advances in MRI have been particularly impressive, generating entirely new ways to see brain function (fMRI, rs-fMRI) and structure (SWI, DTI). However, there are common

misperceptions that allow neuroimaging to be used to mislead in court. What can be reliably discerned from a brain image? Dr. Octavio Choi, Clinical Associate Professor at Stanford University School of Medicine and Founder of the Stanford Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program, will speak from his experience as a forensic neuropsychiatrist and neurolaw expert. His discussion will provide a brief overview of the above-mentioned imaging modalities and how they work, and by way of case examples reveal both the power and limitations of modern neuroimaging in the court.



Dr. Octavio Choi Stanford University School of Medicine

Georgian Room

Track B – Young Lawyers (MCLE – 1.0 hour General credit)

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Mastering Witness Examination: **Direct, Cross, and Evidence Foundations**

Learn practical techniques for examining witnesses on direct and cross, laying proper foundations, and authenticating exhibits. This session highlights strategies to strengthen your presentation and avoid common pitfalls in the courtroom.



Michael Kronlund Quinn Kronlund, LLP



Hon. Ron A. Northup San Joaquin County Superior Court

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

Track C - FUTURE (MCLE - 1.0 hour General credit)

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Effective Jury Selection

This panel will conduct a mock voir dire of a jury in an interesting hypothetical sexual harassment and retaliation case.



Hon. Steve Austin ADR Services, Inc.



Charles J. Smith Chuck Smith Attorney at Law



California East Room

Brian Gearinger Gearinger Law Group

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Break

Colonial and Italian Rooms

Track A – *Tried and True* (MCLE – 1.0 hour General credit)

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm Construction Trends in Commercial-to-Home California West Room **Conversions**

Based on recent news of several conversions in the Bay Area, there appears to be a big appetite for converting now-empty office buildings into residential housing. Using the Covid-induced vacancies to help solve the bay area's housing affordability crisis appears to be a no-brainer but there are challenges with a successful conversion. San Francisco based developer Emerald Fund repurposed a 29-floor office space that housed the California State Automobile Association and converted the office building into modern residential tower. The converted residential tower is now a state of the art 418-unit complex known as 100 Van Ness in San Francisco's mid-market neighborhood. 100 Van Ness represents the largest office to residential conversion in SF and we will discuss this project as a case

study. Our panel will share insights from a commercial builder, architect and defense counsel regarding risks related to office conversions.



Wakako Uritani Lorber, Greenfield & Olsen LLP



Cvnthia Garcia **Rernards**



Michelle Couture YA Group

Track B - Young Lawyers (MCLE - 1.0 hour General credit)

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm Damage Control – Strategies for Reducing **Future Medical Expenses**

Georgian Room

Join us for an in-depth legal discussion analyzing the groundbreaking Audish v. Macias case and its impact on litigation strategy. Our panel of experienced defense attorneys will discuss evidentiary hurdles to strategic motions for ensuring the admissibility of evidence to help you control inflated medical expenses at trial.



Bron D'Angelo Burger, Meyer & D'Anaelo, LLP



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

Track C – FUTURE (MCLE – 1.0 hour General credit)

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm Key Strategies for Successful Mediation

California East Room

"This panel will discuss best practices for a successful mediation, including:

• Pre-mediation conferences • The importance of an early and effective mediation statement (including damages) • Preparation of clients (and their counsel) for a successful mediation • Whether to exchange statements or not • Opening statements and joint sessions, or not • When is the mediator's proposal appropriate?"



Nolan Armstrong Signature Resolution



Alan R. Berkowitz Judicate West



Hon. Ben Davidian IAMS ADR



Laura McHugh Duggan McHugh **MODERATOR**

California West Room

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Break

Colonial and Italian Rooms

Track A – *Tried and True* (MCLE – 1.0 hour General credit)

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Avoiding Settlement Landmines;

998, 999 and Policy Limit Demands

An interactive discussion regarding recent trends, potential pitfalls, and best practices in responding to pre- and post-litigation time limited demands under Sections 998 and 999, as well as policy limit demands generally. The panel incorporates the perspectives

of defense counsel, coverage counsel, and mediator and how these demands shape the various phases of claims and litigations.



Dana B. Denno McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth, LLP



David Moeck Moeck Mediation



Nicholas H. Rassmussen McCormick, Barstow. Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth, LLP

Track B – Young Lawyers (MCLE – 1.0 hour General credit)

Ramifications Regarding Request for 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm **Admissions & UBER RICO Litigation and Plaintiff's Inflated Claimed Medical Specials** **Georgian Room**

Requests for Admissions can be a powerful tool used in litigation and at trial. They can be used to streamline issues that are to be presented at trial. However, they also carry significant risks. The Honorable Justice Halim Dhanidina (Ret.), Priya Navaratnasingham, and Linda Yen will discuss the ramifications of requests for admissions including the benefits of propounding the requests; use of admissions at trial; and the potential, and serious, risks and penalties for

a responding party. By understanding and strategically utilizing requests for admissions, attorneys can enhance their litigation strategy and avoid pitfalls at the time of trial.



Hon. Halim Dhanidina Sianature Resolution (Ret.)



Priya Navaratnasingham Phillips, Spallas & Angstadt, LLP



Linda Yen Uber

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

7:30 am - 12:00 pm Registration Open **Italian Room**

7:30 am – 12:00 pm **Exhibitor Fair Colonial and Italian Rooms**

Colonial and Italian Rooms 7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Legislative Update Grand Ballroom**

(MCLE – 1.0 hours General credit)

Join us for a vital Legislative Update! Your ADC membership not only provides top-tier education but also ensures that you and your clients have a voice in government. Alongside the plaintiff personal injury bar, the ADC stands as the only other attorney group with influence in Sacramento, California. Defense Counsel Legislative Advocate, Mike Belote, will guide you through recent and upcoming legislation impacting defense practices in California. Stay informed on the past year's key developments and gain insight into potential surprises on the horizon.



Michael D. Belote California Advocates, Inc.

Track C – FUTURE (MCLE – 1.0 hour General credit)

What to Do When Post-Crash Safety 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm **Inspection Report Gets It Wrong:** A Case Study on the Data Q Process

California East Room

This presentation will look at an actual crash case in which the police post-crash safety inspection identified out-of-service violations for the involved commercial vehicle. In reporting those violations, the inspection report created risk to the commercial carrier and set the foundation for a manslaughter charge to be brought against the driver. We'll discuss how to analyze an inspection report for carrier and driver risk, how an expert inspection provides the foundation for challenging reported violations, how to appeal violations through the DataQ process, and what an amended inspection report means for risk exposure and potential for criminal prosecution.



Thomas R. Lawson Dynamic Safety, LLC

Colonial and Italian Rooms 9:30 am - 9:45 am **Break**

9:45 am - 10:00 am Exhibitor Raffle **Grand Ballroom**

10:00 am - 10:45 am All Aboard! Al, Al, Al! **Grand Ballroom**

(MCLE — 0.75 hours Technology credit)

This panel will discuss effective and ethical use of AI from investigation through trial, including handling AI "hallucinations," recent court decisions sanctioning attorneys for improper use of Al, Al litigation trends and recent developments, and best practices.



Miles Cooper Coopers LLP



Shahrad Milanfar Milanfar Law Firm, PC

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

10:45 am - 11:00 am **Break**

Colonial and Italian Rooms

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Ethical Duties to Your Client(s) - Practical Applications and Conflict Scenarios

Grand Ballroom

(MCLE – 1.0 hours Ethics credit)

Conflicts of interest present different challenges for different legal niches. The

bottom line for civil defense counsel, is to maintain the highest level of ethics and confidence with their clients, which means avoiding embarrassing rabbit holes like disqualification motions and State Bar complaints. Erin Joyce, current President of the Association of Discipline Defense Counsel, and Sam Bellicini, President Emeritus, will guide you through some major conflicts issues pertinent to your practice.



Samuel C. BelliciniCA State Bar Cert. Specialist
in Legal Malpractice Law



Erin Joyce Joyce Law

This year, the ADC Annual Meeting will be supporting Toys For Tots.



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REGISTRATION:

Pre-registration for the ADCNCN Annual Meeting is encouraged to ensure adequate meeting space and advance notice to registrants in the event of any program changes. Registration is accomplished online or by filling out and sending in the attached registration form with your check or credit card payment. The above registration fees cover single admission to all lectures, the President's Reception and the Annual Luncheon.

REGISTERING GUESTS:

Each Registrant may bring one companion to Thursday evening's President's Reception at an additional cost of \$150 and one companion to the Annual Meeting Luncheon at an additional cost of \$125. Your companion(s) must be registered in advance. Those attending these events as companions may not be ADCNCN members.

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By registering for and attending this conference, you agree that your image may be taken during the conference and used at any time, without further notification, for printed materials, websites, social media and other marketing purposes.

PLEASE NOTE:

Tickets are not sent in advance. All tickets and program materials are distributed at the time of check-in. Name badges must be worn or presented at all functions.

REFUND POLICY:

Due to our commitment to the hotel, any meeting registration cancellation and request for refund must be in writing and submitted to the ADCNCN office no later than November 10, 2025. A \$100 surcharge will be assessed to all cancellations received on or before November 10, 2025. No refunds will be made for cancellations made after November 10, 2025.

HOTEL:

The Westin St. Francis is located at 335 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102-1875; (415) 397-7000.

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\$249 Single/Double (Hurry! This rate is good only until November 12, 2025.) For Room Reservations, call (415) 397-7000 or click here.

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1990	Chester Morris	2023	Nolan Armstrong
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MCLE Credit Information

This annual meeting has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bars of California and Nevada. The total MCLE available is up to 9.0 hours. This includes the following specialty credit of 1.0 hour of Ethics and 0.75 hour of Technology.

Attendees must sign in for MCLE credit. Sign-in sheets are available in the Italian Room. MCLE certificates will be sent electronically in the materials link in advance of the event. Please keep a copy of your certificate for your records.

ADC PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This award, presented each year at the Annual Meeting Luncheon, acknowledges an individual who has provided exemplary service to the association, the profession, and the civil justice system.

Past Recipients of ADC President's Award Include:

1987	Vernon Goodin	2007	Peter O. Glaessner
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1991	David B. Lynch	2010	Patricia S. Tweedy
1992	Edward J. McFetridge	2011	Melissa Blair Aliotti
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1993	Paul H. Cyril	2013	John A. Aberasturi
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1997	Michael J. Brady	2017	Jill J. Lifter &
1998	Thomas F. Keating, Jr.		Jennifer Wilhelmi Diaz
1999	Eugene J. Majeski	2018	David A. Levy
2000	Bruno D. Marraccini	2019	Marie Trimble Holvick, Esq.
	(posthumous)	2020	Julia Molander, Esq.
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2006	Raymond M. Coates		Renée Welze Livingston, Esq.

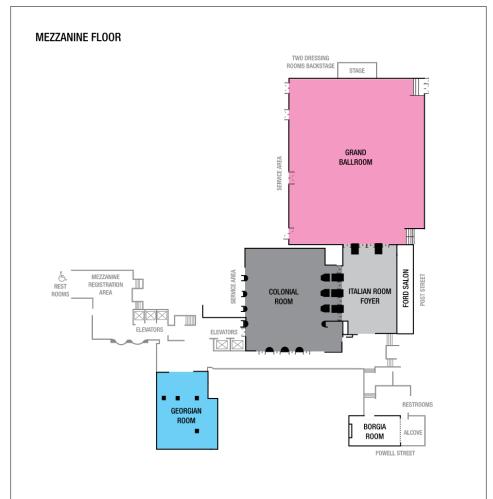
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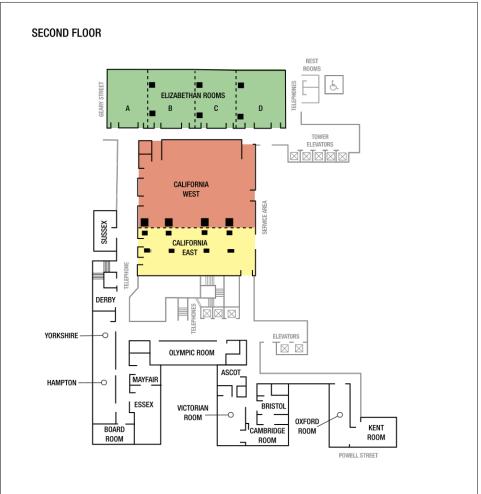
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Past recipients of the Nathan Holt Award include:

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1999	Nathan Holt	2008	Steve Poulson
	(posthumous)	2010	Lola Hogan
2002	Ringler Associates	2011	Vicki Campbell
2003	Mike Brink		Stacey A. Jackson
2005	Patrick A. Long		Lawrence Green
2006	David Prescott		Ralph Woodard
	(posthumous)		
2007	Sharon Wills	2019	John C. Trimble, Eso

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