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C.I. Network

The California Association of Superior Court Investigators Newsletter

The CASCI Executive Board

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FROM THE BOARD:

What a year! From living through a pandemic to the fight against systemic racism to a stressful U.S. Presidential election, this year has been historic in many ways and has arguably affected all of us; not only on a personal level, but also in the way we serve our communities and redefine the way we conduct court investigations. As we look ahead and continue to adapt and navigate our 'new normal' we hope you stay healthy, safe and prioritize your mental & spiritual wellbeing. Thank you for your continued participation and support of our membership. CASCI was established 42 years ago, and despite the challenges we face today, we continue to stay true to our primary goal: To provide access to training to all court investigators in the State of California. We look forward to resuming our in-person trainings and annual conferences soon! Until then, may this holiday season bring you peace!

-Your friends on the
CASCI Board.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

In November 2020, the Judicial Council adopted two new Rules of Court to address CEU compliance issues stemming from stay-at-home orders and social distancing restrictions set to mitigate the spread of Covid-19:

(New) Rule of Court 10.492: Provides temporary relief to court investigators as it relates to content-based training requirements. For new CI's, who typically must complete 18hrs of CEUs on specific topics within the first year of their start date, they now have two years to complete this content-based education. For experienced CI's, who are required to complete 12hrs of CEUs each calendar year, the requirement has been reduced to 3hrs of CEUs for 2020 (prorated for one quarter: Jan-March 2020), and 9hrs of CEUs for 2021 (prorated for three quarters: April-Dec 2021).

(New) Rule of Court 10.493: Expands the training delivery methods to obtain the required CEUs by allowing instructor-led trainings via live webinars and existing technology for the duration of the public health crisis.

CASCI REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

(Aka: Our 2020 Directory Update Task Force)

Congratulations to our newly appointed Regional Co-Reps for Region I: Christine Flynn (Mendocino) and Bobbie Rowlands (Nevada). They joined Region II Rep Hilda Escalante (San Mateo) and Region III Rep Anna Moradian (Madera) in completing our 2020 CI Directory Update! We are seeking a Regional Rep for Region IV (currently vacant) to complete our extraordinary line up of Regional Reps! If interested, contact the The Board.

2020: AN EVENTFUL YEAR!

CASCI Board Accomplished Tasks:

- *Faced with the cancellation of our 2020 Conference due to Covid-19 restrictions, we obtained formal relief from the Judicial Council to satisfy our members' CEU requirements: 3 CEUs for 2020 and 9 CEUs for 2021.
- *Successfully completed our 2020 CASCI Board Elections & the onboarding of our new Executive Board members virtually.
- *Conducted a virtual survey re: Membership Preference for 2021 Conference & successfully delivered on members' preference: A "compiled list" of online trainings for 2020 and 2021 CEUs.
- *Completed the successful onboarding of our newly appointed CASCI Regional Representatives.
- *Successfully transitioned the CASCI Listserve to Google Groups (after 17 years with Yahoo Groups, Yahoo! shut down their Yahoo Groups in mid-Dec.)
- *Completed the 2020 Update of our CI Directory (our Regional Reps led that task).
- *Completed the CI Manual Update (with Member-at-Large Lety Gonzalez leading that task). Copies will be available for purchase in 2021.
- *Publishing of the "CI Network", our new CASCI Newsletter (with Member-at-Large Amanda Halvorson leading that task).

C.I. PERSONAL INTEREST CORNER

CASCI President Sandra Webb's daughter, Giovy Webb, graduated from YALE this May! Congrats Class of 2020!

Do you have a personal interest story that you would like to share & celebrate in the CI Network? If so, forward your story to The Board for publishing in a future issue!