

LAW DAY



42nd Annual Law Day Conference

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Conference Schedule

Check-In/Workshop Registration	9:00-9:45 am
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● Session 1	9:50-10:50 am
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● Session 2	11:00-12:00 pm
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Lunch	12:00-12:30 pm
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Workshop Registration

The workshops listed in the following pages are identified by a number. Each session is represented by a different color (**red** for session 1, **blue** for session 2). Students must attend the workshop they registered for during the appropriate session. Students may not attend the same workshop twice.

Students must complete and return the survey sheet distributed at check-in in order to collect their lunch.

Digital Evidence Isn't Even Real Anymore: The Courtroom, the Truth and Generative AI

ROOM 142

The Rule of Law depends on facts that are proven through evidence. But what do we do when evidence can be generated from chatbots while judges aren't even sure what a chatbot is? How is digital evidence used in courtrooms to help judges make decisions? The world of eDiscovery (Electronic Discovery) has been around for decades, but generative AI is turning it on its head. Now instead of just finding facts in email and digital communications, we can use AI to predict the likelihood of finding facts or even use it to create facts out of thin air. Join me as we learn about the history of digital evidence and its future as a source of truth.

Moderator:



Allison Greenberg, Esq.

Elder Law & Disability Rights Center

Allison is the UCI Law Public Interest Fellow and staff attorney working at the ELDR Center. She earned her J.D. from the UC Irvine School of Law in 2022. During law school, she worked with the Southern California Housing Rights Center and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, primarily engaging with civil rights cases. She remains committed to pursuing civil rights and housing justice work on behalf of low income clients.

Panelists:



Kyre Stucklin

Rutan & Tucker, LLP

Kyre Stucklin graduated UCLA Law in 2003 swearing the law was definitely not for her. So instead, she fell head first into eDiscovery; she took to evidence and data like a duck to water. It turned out that her logical brain was much better suited to Microsoft Excel than Microsoft Word. She's done eDiscovery for clients around the world, from Geneva, Switzerland to Bentonville, Arkansas and back. But as a third generation Southern Californian, eventually she happily returned home and for the last 14 years she's been the Practice Support Manager at Orange County's Rutan & Tucker. Currently she is focused on her firm's data governance, paper-light initiative, and the burgeoning world of AI.

Name Image Likeness – Amateur Athletes and Compensation

ROOM 147

Should college student-athletes be paid? Until recently, student-athletes were considered amateurs and prohibited by the NCAA from receiving monetary compensation. After decades of student-athlete activism and litigation, the NCAA now allows student-athletes to be compensated for their name, image, and likeness (“NIL”). What brought about this change and what changes can we expect in the future?

Moderator/Panelists:



Marcus McCutcheon, Esq.
Counsel, BakerHostetler

Named a “One to Watch” in 2021 and 2022 by The Best Lawyers in America® and a “Top 40 Under 40” by National Black Lawyers since 2019, Marcus McCutcheon has advised dozens of clients from a variety of industries on responding to cybersecurity and data privacy incidents, including managing resultant class action litigation. Marcus is a member of the firm’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Marcus focuses his practice on cybersecurity and data privacy matters. Notably, he has advised dozens of clients on data breach responses, including initial incident response, individual and regulatory notifications, and subsequent regulatory investigations. Marcus also has experience representing clients in data breach and other privacy-related class actions. In addition, he has significant experience litigating other complex business, consumer warranty, product/technology, insurance coverage, construction defect and employment matters in both federal and state courts.

He earned his Juris Doctor from Florida State College of Law in 2011, and was an officer of the Entertainment, Arts, and Sports Law Society. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Political Science and Cultural & Social Anthropology in 2007 from Stanford University. While at Stanford, he was a four-year varsity letter winner on the University's football team.

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ROOM 147

Panelists:



Ramogi Huma

Executive Director, National College Players Association (NCPA)

NCPA Executive Director Ramogi Huma became an advocate for college athletes' rights while playing football for UCLA when he founded a student group to give college athletes the means to voice their concerns and secure basic protections in NCAA sports. He started the organization after witnessing the NCAA suspend his All American teammate over groceries that were left anonymously on his doorstep when he had no food, and after being informed that the NCAA prevented colleges from paying for medical expenses for injuries that occurred during summer workouts.

The student group evolved into The National College Players Association (NCPA), a 501c3 nonprofit advocacy group. Since its creation, the NCPA has empowered thousands of college athletes from over 150 campuses to participate in actions in pursuit of improving the lives of college athletes.

Huma has held hundreds of meetings with lawmakers and testified in support of college athletes' rights in the United States Senate and House of Representatives, state legislatures, and city councils. Huma has served as a primary voice and has assisted in developing laws in support of college athlete name, image, and likeness legislation in over a dozen states including California, Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, and Texas as well as the United States Congress. He has also provided expertise and witnesses to the US Department of Justice regarding NCAA antitrust violations on multiple occasions, and served as a consultant in athletes' rights antitrust lawsuits including *White v. NCAA*, *Agnew v. NCAA*, *O'Bannon v. NCAA*, and *Alston/Jenkins v. NCAA*.

Huma has advocated for college athletes' rights in countless media outlets including ESPN, Fox Sports, CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, CBS, ABC, NBC, 60 Minutes, Sports Illustrated, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and NPR. ESPN listed Huma among "The 11 biggest power brokers and advocates shaping the future of college football" in 2022.

WORKSHOP 3

Law and the Environment:

Meet the dynamic duos: Lawmakers, shaping our planet's future, and Attorneys, environmental guardians ensuring eco-justice. It's more than law; it's a real-life eco-adventure!

ROOM 152

Oil spills are a major environmental concern and have the potential to cause significant harm to wildlife and ecosystems. When it comes to oil spills, environmental law plays a crucial role in both prevention and response. What laws or regulations could be put in place to prevent oil spills from happening in the first place? If an oil spill does occur, what laws and regulations are in place to ensure that the responsible party cleans up the spill and mitigates its effects on the environment? What are the challenges involved in enforcing these laws and regulations, as well as the political and economic factors that can influence how oil spills are handled.

Moderator:



Mary Izadi, Esq

Constitutional Policing Advisor, Orange County Sheriff's Department

Mary Izadi is the Constitutional Policing Advisor for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. After graduating from UC Hastings College of Law, Mary spent over 11 years as a prosecutor with the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office.

Panelists:



Alicia Berry, Esq

Orange County District Attorney's Office

Alicia Berry has been a public prosecutor for 18 years, having split her time between the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, the California Attorney General's Office in both San Francisco and Los Angeles, and now the Orange County District Attorney's Office. In her career, she has prosecuted domestic violence and crimes against children, investigated and brought legal actions for the misuse of charitable assets, and has been working in the area of Consumer & Environmental Protection for the last five years. She prosecutes actions both civilly and criminally, and she has lectured at the Consumer Protection Prosecution Conference on the topic of Investigating and Prosecuting Large Corporations. When she's not working, she loves to cook and go on hikes with her two dogs.

Law and the Environment

ROOM 152

Panelists:



Darren Aitken, Esq.

Aitken, Aitken, Cohn

Darren Aitken, a partner with Aitken Aitken Cohn practices civil litigation in areas of insurance bad faith, personal injury, product liability and commercial torts. During his career, he has concluded numerous seven/eight figure verdicts and settlements for his clients. He has lectured extensively before many organizations, and has been published in several professional journals. Mr. Aitken has been voted a Southern California Super Lawyer and named by Super

Lawyers as one of the "Top 50" Orange County Lawyers. Mr. Aitken received the Consumer Attorneys of California Presidential Award of Merit on two occasions, was named the OCTLA Top Gun Personal Injury Lawyer of The Year, and named one of the Top 5 Personal Injury Litigators by OC Metro Magazine. He is a former President of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers (Orange County), Constitutional Rights Foundation (Orange County), Public Law Center, the Celtic Bar Association, and the Hispanic Bar Association (Orange County). Mr. Aitken also served on the Board of Directors of the OCBA for several years and was recently the Chair of the OCBA Masters' Division Board.



Doug Carstens, Esq.

Managing Partner, CARSTENS, BLACK & MINTEER LLP

Douglas Carstens is a graduate of Cornell University and UCLA Law School. Prior to attending law school, he served for five years as an officer in the Navy. During law school, Doug was awarded a Joseph Drown Foundation Fellowship to work at the Lands Section of the California Attorney General's office, and worked as a legal clerk at a business and entertainment litigation firm. Doug has extensive

experience in environmental, land use, municipal, and natural resource matters. He was a member of the Long Beach Naval Complex Restoration Advisory Board overseeing the implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure Act process for the Long Beach Naval Station and Shipyard.

Doug has been extensively involved in all of the appellate litigation handled by Carstens, Black & Minteer. He was lead counsel on the CEQA cases Uphold Our Heritage v. Town of Woodside and Committee to Save the Hollywoodland Specific Plan v. City of Los Angeles, among others.

He has been a Southern California Super Lawyer (reportedly representing the top 5% of lawyers) for environmental law since 2009. He is admitted to practice in California, all federal courts in the State of California, and the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

WORKSHOP 4

Pathways into the Legal Field

ROOM 237A

Are you interested in becoming a lawyer? Attend this workshop to hear from professionals in various stages of their legal career. If you have burning questions about what it is like to attend law school, advise corporate clients, or work in litigation this is the workshop for you.

Moderator:



Eoin Kreditor, Esq.

FitzGerald Kreditor Bolduc Risbrough LLP

Eoin Kreditor has spent the past 33 years representing clients in the real estate, development, manufacturing, telecommunications, and banking industries. He has tried many cases to a successful outcome, including a multi-million dollar jury verdict in Los Angeles County in 2011, listed as one of the top 100 verdicts for the year. Eoin is a Founding and Managing Partner of FitzGerald Kreditor Bolduc Risbrough LLP in Irvine, California, providing corporate, securities, real estate, litigation, trust/estate planning and probate legal services.

Panelists:



Kevin Williams

2L Chapman University's Dale E. Fowler School of Law

Kevin Williams is a dedicated second-year law student (2L) at Chapman University, actively contributing to the legal community. As a member of the Mock Trial team, Kevin has showcased his legal prowess nationally, competing against law schools across the country.

With a passion for criminal defense, Kevin has been interning with the Los Angeles County Offices of the Alternate Public Defender since June 2023, gearing up to make a difference in the field. His commitment extends beyond the courtroom, as evidenced by his involvement with the Reintegration Academy and the Prison Education Project (PEP.ORG).

Pathways into the Legal Field

ROOM 237A

Panelists:



M.C. Sungaila, Esq.

Partner, Complex Appellate Litigation Group, Creator, Portia Project

Mary-Christine Sungaila is a UCLA School of Law graduate and clerked for both the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the US District Court for the Central District of California. M.C. is an award-winning appellate attorney who has briefed or argued more than 170 appeals. Many of them involved complex and cutting-edge issues in employment, class action, product liability, franchisor, probate, and constitutional law. She has also developed special expertise in appeals involving Holocaust art recovery. Before joining CALG, M.C. led or co-led appellate practice groups at two different AmLaw 150 law firms, one of the only Hispanic women ever to do so. The Chambers USA legal ranking guide reports that clients describe M.C. as their “very first choice for appellate work.”

M.C. has twice won the “California Lawyer of the Year” award, along with other honors. Her first CLAY award arose from her precedent-setting victory in a franchisor vicarious liability case, *Patterson v. Domino’s Pizza*, which she argued before the California Supreme Court; the second arose from an immigration asylum appeal she won in the Ninth Circuit. In addition, the Daily Journal has named her one of California’s 100 Leading Women Lawyers every year since 2010, while the National Law Journal has named her one of its Equality Trailblazers. Orange County Business Journal has included her as one of its Top Women in Business every year since 2020. She has also been recognized for her sustained commitment to community service and pro bono work. In 2017, she was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, whose recipients include seven U.S. Presidents, Nobel Prize winners, athletes, leaders of industry, artists, and others whose work has made a “lasting impact on humanity.”

M.C. has led or served on a litany of boards of directors, as well as national and regional appellate practice and amicus committees. They include the International Association of Defense Counsel, American Bar Association, Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel, National Association of Women Lawyers, California Lawyers’ Association, Women Lawyers of Los Angeles, and the Orange County Bar Association. Additionally, the Chief Justice of California and the Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit have both appointed her to serve on appellate advisory committees involving jury instructions and appellate rules. She was also invited by the judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to serve as an Appellate Lawyer Representative to the court’s judicial conference.

She has written numerous articles on appellate practice and contributed to leading appellate treatises. Her articles relating to effective amicus briefing, appellate brief writing, and gender issues are cited frequently and are required reading in law schools throughout North America. She has taught appellate law at the University of California at Irvine, Loyola, and Whittier Law Schools.

M.C. is also the creator and host of an award-winning podcast, The Portia Project®. The twice-weekly podcast celebrates the achievements of path-breaking and leading women judges and lawyers and seeks to inspire the next generation of women lawyers and law students.

Pathways into the Legal Field

ROOM 237A

Panelists:



Lauren Assaf-Holmes, Esq.

Gibson Dunn

Lauren Assaf-Holmes advises public companies across industries on a variety of ESG, compliance and related corporate law matters as a member of the firm's Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance Practice Group.

In connection with annual stockholder meetings, she assists clients through planning, drafting and increasing the effectiveness of their proxy statement disclosures, and she recently contributed to the "Proxy Disclosure Effectiveness" chapter in A Practical Guide to SEC and Proxy Compensation Rules. Lauren advises clients throughout the year on financial reporting and compliance matters in connection with Securities and Exchange Act reporting, as well as beginning or expanding ESG-related reporting. She has contributed to the publication Legal Risks and ESG Disclosures: What Corporate Secretaries Should Know and presents on these and related topics.

She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2016 where she served as the Supervising Editor (Internal) for the Berkeley Journal of International Law and as a Research Assistant to Professor Steven Davidoff Solomon. Lauren also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Jacqueline Scott Corley of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California and the Honorable William W. Bedsworth of the California Court of Appeals. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, in English Literature from Knox College in 2010 where she graduated with honors and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.



Scott Savage, Esq.

Minyard Morris

Scott is an associate at Minyard | Morris where he limits his practice to Orange County family law matters. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Arizona State University and his Juris Doctor from Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles. While at Southwestern Law School, Scott was a Dean's Fellow, he received the Witkin Award in Business Planning, and was a finalist in the Negotiations Honor's Program Competition. Prior to beginning his career in family law, Scott worked as a teacher and has owned his own business.

WORKSHOP 4

Pathways into the Legal Field

ROOM 237A

Panelists:



Catherine Rosoff, Esq.

Schilling Law Group, PC

Catherine (Katie) Rosoff is an Associate with Schilling Law Group, PC, in Newport Beach. Ms. Rosoff's practice focuses on business litigation. She has assisted clients on a wide variety of pre-litigation and litigation matters as well as employment-related disputes. Prior to joining Schilling Law Group, Ms. Rosoff worked at Paul Hastings LLP, where she worked in the Employment Law department. During college, Ms. Rosoff was a member of the University of Wisconsin, Madison's Division I Lightweight Women's Rowing team where she won the Intercollegiate Rowing Association's national championship in the Lightweight 4+.



Yulissa Cardoza

2L Chapman University's Dale E. Fowler School of Law

Yulissa Cardoza graduated in 2019 from UC Riverside, with a B.A in Sociology and Spanish: Cultural Studies, and is currently a 2L at Chapman Fowler School of Law. She is exploring different legal fields as her passion is in helping others and commitment to service.

Content Creators- What Are Your Rights to Film Injustice With Your Phone? Can They Make You Put It Away?

ROOM 237B

Do you have the right to stop someone recording you in a public place? Can the government stop you from recording a police interaction? Does the First Amendment protect you if you turn on your camera at city hall or in a government building? Explore your rights and responsibilities as citizen journalists documenting what goes on in your community.

Moderator:



Brent North, Esq.

North & Nash, LLP

Brent North is a founding partner of North & Nash, APLC. He has been practicing law and serving CRF-OC for 27 years, representing public and private entities involving education law and employment law. He regularly handles issues involving investigations and litigation of employee and student misconduct. He is an avid father, grandfather, marathoner, hiker, mountain biker and outdoorsman.

Panelists:



Angelo Mishriki, Esq.

Atkinson, Andelson, Loya Rudd & Romo

Angelo Mishriki is an experienced litigator and trial attorney representing public and private entities in labor and employment matters. He has experience in state and federal court, and has tried many jury trials to verdict. As a former prosecutor and former corporate counsel, he is adept at identifying and solving complex problems.

Content Creators- What Are Your Rights to Film Injustice With Your Phone? Can They Make You Put It Away?

ROOM 237B

Panelists:



Dallis Cavallaro, Esq.,
Cavallaro Criminal Law, PC

Dallis Cavallaro is a zealous legal advocate that has defended hundreds of clients charged with criminal offenses in Southern California. She also provides victims rights representation services, helping those who have been the victim of crime navigate the criminal justice system.

A large portion of Dallis' practice focuses on helping military veterans and active-duty service members who find themselves involved in the criminal justice system. Dallis has helped numerous veterans through Veterans Treatment Court and military diversion programs, resulting in not only a dismissal of their criminal case, but also a brighter future for the veteran and their loved ones.

Dallis graduated top of her class from the Dale E. Fowler School of Law at Chapman University, where she was the Managing Editor of the Chapman Law Review. While in law school, Dallis was on the moot court team where she consistently ranked as one of the finest appellate advocates in her class. During that time, she was also honored to intern for a Federal Judge in the Central District of California. In addition, Dallis has volunteered as a Certified Sexual Assault Crisis Counselor for a non-profit in Orange County, California.

Domestic Abuse - At the Intersection of Family Law and Criminal Law

ROOM 379

As a society, our understanding of domestic abuse is evolving. Has the law kept up? This workshop will discuss the ways in which domestic abuse allegations can intersect and diverge in the family law and criminal law arenas, and will explore the role that judges, lawyers, and victims play in determining how abuse allegations are handled by the legal system.

Moderator:



Matthew Buttacavoli, Esq.

Partner, Minyard Morris

Matthew is a partner Minyard | Morris and currently limits his practice to family law. Matthew graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, Irvine (B.A., 1995) and cum laude from the University of San Diego School of Law (J.D., 1999), where he served as Executive Editor of the San Diego Law Review and received the General George W. Hickman, Jr. Award for excellence in Constitutional Law. Matthew is an alumnus of the Family Law Trial Institute, a nationally preeminent program which for more than twenty years has provided advanced education, training and instruction in trial practice.

Matthew is also an alumnus of the Family Law Advanced Business Valuation Institute. Matthew has been named a Certified Specialist in Family Law by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization and has been named a Super Lawyer, a distinction given across the country who have reached high achievements and standards within their respective fields. His previous legal experience includes general civil litigation, business and contract disputes, complex products liability and construction defects, real estate, title and escrow, mortgage and finance, wrongful death, torts, and appeals.

WORKSHOP 6

Domestic Abuse - At the Intersection of Family Law and Criminal Law

ROOM 379

Panelists:



The Honorable. Andre de la Cruz
OC Superior Court - Civil Law Panel

Judge Andre De La Cruz was appointed to the Superior Court of California, Orange County, by Governor Edmund Brown in November 2017. Upon appointment, he was assigned to preside over Family Law matters at the Lamoreaux Justice Center where he conducted hundreds of bench trials and hearings regarding Domestic Violence, custody/visitation, and distribution of marital assets. After four years in a family law assignment, Judge De La Cruz switched into a criminal assignment, presiding over criminal jury trials and felony/misdemeanors arraignments. As of mid-2023, Judge De La Cruz is now in a Civil assignment, conducting jury trials regarding unlimited civil disputes, small claims appeals, and all related motions. Prior to his judicial career, Judge De La Cruz was a member of the U.S. Patent Bar and was a patent litigator for international law firms. Judge De La Cruz is additionally a veteran of the U.S. Navy.



Janani Rana, Esq.
Minyard Morris

Janani S. Rana is a Certified Family Law Specialist and Partner at Minyard Morris, an exclusively family law firm located in Newport Beach, California. Ms. Rana handles high income/asset divorce and paternity proceedings involving issues of custody, child and spousal support, business valuation, property division, complex asset characterization, valuation and division, and attorney fees. She is a 2009 graduate of the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, and has been a guest lecturer at the law school on the issue of characterizing and valuing life insurance and retirement assets in divorce. Ms. Rana is Co-Chair of the USC Gould School of Law Orange County Regional Committee, and Co-Chair of the South Asian Bar Association of Southern California's Orange County Judicial Evaluations Committee. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Orange County Women Lawyers Association. Ms. Rana has been named to the Best Lawyers "Ones to Watch" List each year since the inaugural edition in 2020, and the Super Lawyers Rising Stars List every year for the past several years.

Domestic Abuse - At the Intersection of Family Law and Criminal Law

ROOM 379

Panelists:



Tina Hanley, Esq.

Orange County District Attorney's Office

Tina Hanley is a Deputy District Attorney at the Orange County District Attorney's Office. She currently prosecutes felony domestic violence cases in the Family Protection Unit. She also regularly trains law enforcement agencies on investigating and prosecuting domestic violence crimes. Tina also volunteers at various local women shelters in Orange County teaching on those topics, including at Laura's House, Human Options, and Radiant Futures. Prior to her career at the OCDA, Tina was also a Deputy District Attorney at the Ventura County District Attorney's Office where she was the Wiretap Deputy for Major Narcotic crimes. Prior to that, she was an Assistant Attorney General in American Samoa in 2011 to 2012, where she focused on law and motions for the civil and criminal divisions, as well as advising the Territorial Registrar. Tina has first chaired over 40 jury trials in her career. In her spare time, she volunteers as a Mock Trial coach for Santa Ana High School students. She is a board member for the Filipino American Lawyers of Orange County, National Asian Pacific Islander Prosecutors Association, and the District Attorney Women's Network.



Bethel Cope-Vega, Esq.

Orange County District Attorney's Office

Bethel Cope-Vega holds the distinction of being the sole prosecutor of complex child abuse in Orange County. Her cases include abusive head trauma in infants, torture, and a recent spike in casualties of fentanyl. It is her honor to fight for the most vulnerable of victims.

Prior to graduating law school in 2009, she taught high school in Compton, CA for five years. When one of her students was shot and killed, she witnessed both the grief and wariness his murder instilled in his community. She was inspired to work relentlessly toward accountability for those who break the law, integrity by those who enforce it, and justice for all victims. Bethel is a board member of the Association for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity in her office, and a board member for the Loving Way Foundation, a foundation that provides support to victims of severe child abuse.



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