

**MINUTES OF THE PROGRAM OF THE APPELLATE COURTS SECTION
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Ronald Reagan State Building
Second Floor Cafeteria
300 S. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90013

**“Everything Except the Briefs (And the Oral Argument): Launching an
Appeal From Superior Court and Navigating Appellate Motions Practice”**

Panelists: Kathie O’Connell, Director of Courtroom Support, L.A. Superior Court
Dana Adelstein, Research Attorney, California Court of Appeal
Dinh Ha, Research Attorney, California Court of Appeal

Moderator: Jonathan Eisenmann, Deputy City Attorney, City of Los Angeles

The Program

Section Chair Jens Koepke announced upcoming LACBA events, including the December 3 holiday party, and the January 14, 2020, program on substance abuse and depression, and the February 20, 2020, program on petitions for review.

Jens then introduced the panelists (Kathie O’Connell, Dana Adelstein, Dinh Ha) and the moderator, Jonathan Eisenmann.

Kathie O’Connell began the program by describing the number of employees in the appeals unit and the workload, providing statistics regarding the records file, the average length of time from the filing of the notice of appeal to the filing of the record on appeal, and the average size of a record on appeal. Kathie also discussed the filing of Reporter’s Transcripts and the options available to the parties on appeal. She recommended contacting the California Court Reporters Board to resolve difficulties encountered with any court reporters. Lastly, Kathie discussed tips for e-filing documents, which are available on the court’s website, and the most common mistakes that result in e-filings being rejected.

Dana Adelstein and Dinh Ha then discussed various requests, motions, and petitions filed in appellate court. After describing the typical number of motions

received and how they are assigned, Dana and Dinh relayed their experiences with specific requests, including Requests for Extension of Time, for Judicial Notice, to Augment the Record, for Publication, and to Expedite Appeal; with specific motions, including Motions to Dismiss, for Sanctions, and to File An Amicus Brief, and with Petitions for Rehearing. They concluded their remarks by commenting on what makes a clerk happy in addressing motions: including a proposed order, being concise, and being clear in what is being requested.

The panelists also fielded questions from the audience.

The written program materials consisted of the official biographies of each of the panelists, statistical data from the clerk's office, and rules applicable to the various motions, requests, and petitions discussed.

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