

Calendar of Events

June 11, 2026

Putting on an Effective DV Case: Tips and Observations from the Court's DV Department

San Diego Superior Court

1100 Union Street

San Diego, CA 92101

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Putting on an Effective DV Case: Tips and Observations from the Court's DV Department

LUNCH-HOUR LEARNING PRESENTATION, IN PERSON ONLY, JUNE 11, 2026

This is a must-see if you handle any restraining orders or DV cases. Join Commissioner Brigid Campo, who presides over the court's limited DV courtroom, in a presentation focused on critical practice pointers and in-depth advice for how to effectively present a domestic violence case. Restraining orders and DV matters have serious consequences for clients and these cases present many pitfalls for practitioners if you're unwary.

This event is jointly sponsored by the SDFLBA and the San Diego County Bar Association. Seating and registration will be limited so sign up now before space runs out.

Speaker: Commissioner Brigid Campo, San Diego Superior Court

Date: June 11, 2026

Time: 12 PM – 1 PM

Location: Presiding Department, 1100 Union St., 10th floor (Presiding Department)

Cost: FREE!

CLE: 1 hr. general participatory credit

July 8, 2026

Conjoint vs. Family Therapy: What's the Difference and Why Does it Matter?

ZOOM

Link to be provided

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12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

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LIVE WEBINAR JULY 8, 2026

Do you have a high-conflict custody case where nothing seems to be working and no one can fix the problems? Do you have a case where a child is refusing to visit with one parent and therapy hasn't been effective? Do you know the difference between conjoint therapy and family therapy – and do you know why the distinction is important?

Join Commissioner Patti Ratekin (Ret.) and Mitra Sarkhosh, LMFT for a topical and timely presentation on these thorny issues. Learn about the latest therapeutic techniques, what language you should consider putting in your stipulations, and what you should consider asking your judicial officer to order in such situations.

Speakers: Comm. Patti Ratekin (Ret.) and Mitra Sarkhosh, LMFT

Date: July 8, 2026 (via Zoom)

Time: 12 PM – 1 PM

Cost: \$15.00

CLE: 1 hr. general participatory credit

July 16, 2026

Custody, Coconuts, and Cocktails

Bali Hai

2230 Shelter Island Drive

San Diego, CA 92106

05:30 PM - 07:30 PM PST

? Aloha, friends! ?

Trade your briefs for board shorts — it's time for our Annual Happy Hour with Safe & Sound Visitation at the legendary Bali Hai!

Kick off your shoes (okay, maybe keep them on) and join us for an evening of tropical cocktails, ocean breezes, and good company as we swap the office for grass skirts and leis. It's the perfect chance to mingle with the family law community, toast to another great year, and maybe even master the art of the mai tai. ?

? *Date:* Thursday, July 16, 2026

? *Time:* 5:30 PM — 7:30 PM

? *Location:* The Bali Hai, 2230 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego, CA 92106

This year's theme: ISLAND WEAR! ?? Hawaiian shirts, sundresses, floral prints, straw hats — the louder, the better.

Come thirsty, come festive, and come ready to hula your way into summer.

Mahalo — and see you there! ???

September 11, 2026

2026 Fall Seminar

DoubleTree Hilton Mission Valley

7450 Hazard Center Dr.

San Diego, CA 92108

12:00 PM - 07:30 PM PST

Join us for an afternoon of engaging speakers and social hour to follow.

November 13, 2026

Minors Counsel Training 2026

PO Box 270661

San Diego, CA 92198

08:30 AM - 05:30 PM PST

December 11, 2026

2026 Winter Seminar

DoubleTree Hilton Mission Valley

7450 Hazard Center Dr.

San Diego, CA 92108

12:00 PM - 07:30 PM PST

Join us for an afternoon of engaging speakers and social hour to follow.