



2017 ANNUAL SEMINAR

Media and the Investigator

Thursday June 15, 2017

- 8:00am - 8:30am **REGISTRATION**
Riviera Hotel and Resort – El Dorado Room
- 8:30am - 8:45am **Opening Remarks:**
Pascual Benitez, DIA President & Jerry Maya, DIA Vice-President
- 8:45am - 9:00am **Keynote Address:**
Steve Harmon
- 9:00am - 11:00am **Photography Workshop:**
Keith Rosenthal
- 15 Minute Break**
- 11:15am - 12:30pm **Audio and Video Media:**
Keith Rosenthal
- 12:30pm - 2:00pm **LUNCH**
Feel free to explore options in Palm Springs!
- 2:00pm - 3:15pm **Social Media Culture:**
Stephanie Shaterian
- 15 Minute Break**
- 3:30pm - 5:00pm **News Media and the Criminal Process:**
Elena Saris
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm **DIA PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION – Grand Ballroom I**



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8:30am - 10:30am

Social Media and Internet Investigation:

Lubna Debbini

15 Minute Break

10:45am - 12:00pm

Demonstrative Evidence and Media Admissibility:

Kathleen Guneratne

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Lunch and General Membership Meeting:

DIA will be providing seminar attendees with lunch - **Grand Ballroom I**

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Humorist at Law:

Sean Carter

3:30pm - 4:00 pm

Closing Statements and Discussion:

Pascual Benitez, DIA President & Jerry Maya, DIA Vice-President
DIA Board of Directors

Attendees will receive 11 hours of Professional Continuing Education Credit.

Schedule, topics and presenters are subject to change.



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Speaker Announcement

Sean Carter, Esquire – Humorist at Law: Mesa, AZ

Mr. Carter graduated from Harvard Law School in 1992. His ten years of legal practice focused on corporate securities and mergers and acquisitions. During this time, he represented such clients as GNC, Experian, The Boston Beer Company, Homeside Lending, Safelite Auto Glass, J. Crew and many others. Most recently, he served as in-house counsel to a publicly-traded finance company. In 2002, Mr. Carter left the practice of law to pursue a career as the country's foremost Humorist at Law. Since then, Mr. Carter has crisscrossed the country delivering comedic professional educational seminars for more than 250 organizations in three dozen states.

Steve Harmon, Public Defender – Riverside County Public Defender: Riverside, CA

Mr. Harmon has been practicing for over 40 years and is currently the Public Defender for the Riverside County Public Defender's office. He has tried over 350 jury trials; including four death penalty cases. Mr. Harmon has lectured and presented at numerous criminal defense forums. Mr. Harmon has an undergraduate degree from UCLA and graduated from Loyola Law School.

Keith Rosenthal, Certified Forensic Photographer – Rosenthal Photography: Napa, CA

Mr. Rosenthal is a professional photographer in the Napa Valley region of California. He brings his four decades of photography experience to the field of Forensic Photography. Mr. Rosenthal has been recognized as an expert in the field of photography in Superior Court and has shared his expertise through speaking engagements and one on one consultation throughout the state.

Kathleen Guneratne, Assistant Public Defender – Alameda County Public Defender: Oakland, CA

Ms. Guneratne is an Assistant Public Defender with the Alameda County Public Defender's Office. She has been practicing criminal law since 2007, first with the Seattle Public Defenders Office, privately arguing international law and currently with the Alameda County Public Defender's Office. Ms. Guneratne is currently the head of the Law and Motion Team. She is a graduate of Georgetown University and New York University (NYU) School of Law.

Elena Saris, Head Deputy Public Defender – Los Angeles Co. Public Defender: Los Angeles, CA

Ms. Saris is a Head Deputy with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office and leads the Metropolitan Court in Los Angeles. She has worked as a training lawyer for new public defenders and for felony lawyers in advanced trial tactics. Ms. Saris consults for television court dramas and hosts the legal podcast Trial Lawyer Confidential. In 2006, she was lead counsel in the case of **People v. Michael Goodwin** – who was on trial for the murder of race car driver Mickey Thompson. The case received a great deal of local and national press and was covered by CBS for an episode of 48 hours entitled "Murder in the Fast Lane". She is a graduate of Northwestern University and Whittier College School of Law.



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Stephanie Shaterian, Social Media Corporate Trainer – fLO Content: Lafayette, CA

Ms. Shaterian is co-founder of fLO Content, a creative agency specializing in video and multi-platform storytelling for small businesses. Her background is in performing and developing original productions and as a corporate trainer. She has an extensive background in performing and developing original theatrical productions as well as many years as a corporate trainer. She strives to create immersive and valuable presentations that encourage the audience to think outside of the box.

Lubna Debbini, Investigator – Orange County Alternate Defender: Santa Ana, CA

Ms. Debbini is a criminal defense investigator with over 20 years of experience in the field; the last 18 with the Orange County Alternate Defender. She is a member of the first D.I.T.A graduating class in 2001. Ms. Debbini is a former DIA board member serving in many capacities; including D.I.T.A co-chairperson and Vice-President. She is an experienced presenter and has taught at local, state and national conferences.