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Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Colleen Gleason; David Bernard; Angela Lyddan; Telyn Wells; Jeremy Seymour; Ryan Wagner; Andrea Tavenier; Simon OConnell; Scott Alonso
Subject: TIME SENSITIVE: Answering the Call--Avoiding Bias in Prosecution CDAA Course

Good morning everyone -

I am reaching out to gauge your interest in joining an ad hoc committee that will focus on preparing our office and attorneys for motions we receive pursuant to AB 2542. Time is of the essence, so please respond ASAP. Most of you on this email chain attended the training last Friday, so we'll be off to a good start. We will definitely need guidance and support from Law & Motion and some of these motions touch on data work underway through PRA requests - hence the reason for including Ryan and Scott (smile).

This will be a heavily lift, but one that I hope we will find rewarding and meaningful.

I will be speaking with a potential candidate to assist with data collection and analysis of the data. If we can come together this week (tomorrow or Wednesday), I would greatly appreciate it.

Please let me know your interest ASAP.

Thank you,

Venus

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Good afternoon everyone -

As you know, AB 2542 - The California Racial Justice Act, was signed into law and will become effective January 1, 2021. CDAA put on an excellent two hour training today and I wanted to pass along some information. I saw a few of our attorneys on the Zoom call today - I hope you found value in the presentation as well.

If you were not able to attend the training today, CDAA is planning to upload the recorded presentation for future viewing. Stay tuned for more details about when that will happen. In the meantime, please use the link and password below to access the training materials, a sample response motion, and a copy of the legislation. The virtual presentation adds so much context to the written materials, but I would strongly encourage you to review the written materials in the meantime.

A small committee will be gathering in short order to discuss our office's approach to handling these motions, data collection and analysis, file retention, etc. We will be working expeditiously to ensure you are prepared to address these motions.

More to come,

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Dear Venus,

Thank you for registering for the CDAA *Answering the Call: Avoiding Bias in Prosecution* Distance Learning Course, to be held December 18 at 10:00 a.m. This will be a virtual class, so you will need to have access to a computer with video camera and a reliable internet connection (a hard line connection is recommended). If you having trouble connecting, contact me at shunter@cdaa.org. You will be able to log in to the class 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of 10:00 a.m. **Do not share the information below; it is for registered attendees only.**

To access the **training materials**, go to
: <https://www.cdaa.org/training/seminar-materials/avoiding-bias-in-prosecution> and enter the password [REDACTED]

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