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From: Dorilyn Ahana via California District Attorneys Association [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Venus D. Johnson
Subject: RE: AB 2542 - Racial Justice Act

The following message has been sent to you in response to your Discussion message

Message From: Dorilyn Ahana

Hi Venus,

It's Dori from Marin. I'm on vacation right now but saw your post and wanted to touch base with you on your inquiry. I'm interested as well in continuing to share ideas. My county is smaller than yours but so far what I've done is require attorneys to attend the seminar you referenced. I also sent out a legal summary briefing discovery obligations and Brady issues as well (speaking to what proactive measures we need to take to create or search for records for disclosure) and a brief description of the different types of petitions (and standards) for those petitions. The petitions are coming to me to start as well as discovery motions so the approach can be consistent. We do keep adequate statistics but don't have a statistician. Some of that legal summary (which was drafted by a friend at the SF DA's office) will probably also be included in Rubin's IPG that will be circulated soon.

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