



# Thursday Seminar

## Alternatives to Incarceration for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health Issues - Alternative Sentencing Courts Explained

What is available for individuals suffering from substance use disorders and mental health issues who are charged with a crime? This training will help identify who qualifies for the Alternative Sentencing Courts (Sentenced Offender Drug Court, Co-Occurring Disorders Court, Women's Re-Entry Court, Veterans Court and Community Collaborative Court) and the procedures to follow in order to send cases to these courts. It will explain what happens when someone is sent to a treatment program, and the possible outcomes of successful or unsuccessful completion.

**Kim Hassett, DDA** has been the Office's Alternative Sentencing Court Coordinator since 2013. She has been assigned to the treatment courts in Central since 2009. Her prior assignments include, Long Beach, Pomona Juvenile, Inglewood Juvenile, Torrance, Compton and Central.

## The Intersection of Mental Illness and Crime – Unpacking the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) Program; What is ODR and How Does It Work?

This presentation will explain the logistics of the ODR court, Mental Health Diversion and Department of State Hospital sponsored Diversion. It will provide an overview of the program, who qualifies, the suitability process, the rewards for successful completion as well as the consequences of failure. It will also explain the differences between *Penal Code §1001.36* diversion and the different types of ODR diversion.

**Adrian Armstrong, DDA** joined the Office in 2007. Her past assignments include: Drug Court Representative; Central Trials; Juvenile Division; Area Offices in West Covina, Whittier, Alhambra; El Monte, as well as the Pomona Branch Office. Currently, she is at the Office of Diversion and Reentry in the Mental Health Division.

## Collaborative Courts – The Defense Perspective

Alternate Public Defender, Michelle Hall, will discuss the particular services offered by these programs and her experiences since being assigned to these courts.

**Michelle Hall, APD** started her career in the Public Defender's Office (1996-2001). She has been with the Alternate Public Defender's Office since 2001 and has been working with the Collaborative Courts since their inception in 2003.

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**Date/Time:** Thursday, June 24, 2021 (1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

**Zoom Registration Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xQRBYbpUQtILSHUSZt2hRQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xQRBYbpUQtILSHUSZt2hRQ)

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