



2026 Administrative Law Judge Training Monday, March 9 – Friday, March 13, 2026

All events will be held via Zoom.

MONDAY, MARCH 9	
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Log In, Check Technical Connections
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Opening Remarks, Chief Deputy Director Lizzy Williamson, OAH Achievements
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	AI Impact on Evidence: Ethics and Guardrails
TUESDAY, MARCH 10	
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Expert Witnesses: Credibility & Persuasion
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Writing Decisions That Withstand Judicial Review Rule 8.3 Internal Process
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11	
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Virtual Mediation by Nierman ADR Mediation: How We Do It
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Bridging Bias and Cultural Gaps: Science Backed Strategies for Inclusive Communication
THURSDAY, MARCH 12	
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM	General Jurisdiction: DDS Annual Training, Overview of Certificated and Classified Employees Layoff Training Criminal Procedure and Understanding RAP Sheets
8:45 AM – 4:10 PM	Special Education: Year in Review, Sanctions, District Filed Cases, Navigating Different Personalities
4:15 PM	Conference Closing Remarks
FRIDAY, MARCH 13	
9:00 AM – Noon	Sexual Harassment Prevention

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

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TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Log In <i>Check Technical Connections</i>	(Not Applicable)
2:00 PM – 2:25 PM	Opening Remarks, DGS Director, OAH Achievements	Zackery Morazzini Bob Varma Lizzy Williamson Susan Formaker Peter Paul Castillo
2:25 PM – 2:30 AM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
2:30 PM – 3:20 PM	AI Impact on Evidence: Ethics and Guardrails	William & Mary Law School Fredric Lederer <i>Chancellor Professor of Law and Director</i> Daniel Shin <i>Cybersecurity Researcher Center for Legal & Court Technology</i> Michael Navin <i>Principal Court Management Consultant</i>
3:20 PM to 3:30 PM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	AI Impact on Evidence: Ethics and Guardrails	William & Mary Law School Fredric Lederer <i>Chancellor Professor of Law and Director</i> Daniel Shin <i>Cybersecurity Researcher Center for Legal & Court Technology</i> Michael Navin <i>Principal Court Management Consultant</i>

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8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Log In <i>Check Technical Connections</i>	(Not Applicable)
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Expert Witnesses: Credibility & Persuasion	ALJs Holly Baldwin, Debra, Nye-Perkins, Laurie Gorsline, Paul Kamaroff, Tara Doss, Regina Brown
9:50 AM – 10:00 AM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
10:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Expert Witnesses: Credibility & Persuasion	ALJs Holly Baldwin, Debra, Nye-Perkins, Laurie Gorsline, Paul Kamaroff, Tara Doss, Regina Brown
10:50 AM – 11:10 AM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
11:10 AM – 12:00 PM	Expert Witnesses: Credibility & Persuasion	ALJs Holly Baldwin, Debra, Nye-Perkins, Laurie Gorsline, Paul Kamaroff, Tara Doss, Regina Brown
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	(Not Applicable)
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	Log In <i>Check Technical Connections</i>	(Not Applicable)
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Writing Decisions That Withstand Judicial Review	The Honorable Dena Coggins, <i>Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of California</i> The Honorable Peter Kraus <i>Associate Justice, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District</i> The Honorable Curtis Kin, <i>Judge, the Superior Court of California, Writs and Receivers Department, County of Los Angeles</i>
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
2:15 PM – 2:55 PM	Writing Decisions That Withstand Judicial Review	The Honorable Dena Coggins, <i>Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of California</i> The Honorable Peter Kraus <i>Associate Justice, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District</i> The Honorable Curtis Kin, <i>Judge, the Superior Court of California, Writs and Receivers Department, County of Los Angeles</i>
3:00 PM – 3:20 PM	<i>Break</i>	
3:20 PM – 4:10 PM	Navigating Different Personalities	Peter Paul Castillo Special Education Division Chief

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

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8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Log In <i>Check Technical Connections</i>	(Not Applicable)
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Virtual Mediation	Craig Nierman <i>Arbitrator and Mediator, Nierman ADR</i>
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
10:10 AM – 11:00 AM	Mediation: How We Do It	ALJs Glynda Gomez, Wim van Rooyen, Dan Senter, Cole Dalton
11:00 AM – 11:20 AM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
11:20 AM – 12:00 AM	Mediation: How We Do It	ALJs Glynda Gomez, Wim van Rooyen, Dan Senter, Cole Dalton
12:00 AM – 12:45 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	(Not Applicable)
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	Log In <i>Check Technical Connections</i>	(Not Applicable)
1:00 PM – 1:50 PM	Bridging Bias and Cultural Gaps: Science Backed Strategies for Inclusive Communication	Pepperdine University Professor David Hoffman, Dr Shaphan Roberts
1:50 PM – 2:00 PM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Bridging Bias and Cultural Gaps: Science Backed Strategies for Inclusive Communication	Pepperdine University Professor David Hoffman, Dr Shaphan Roberts
2:50 PM – 3:10 PM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
3:10 PM – 4:30 PM	Bridging Bias and Cultural Gaps: Science Backed Strategies for Inclusive Communication	Pepperdine University Professor David Hoffman, Dr Shaphan Roberts

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

GENERAL JURISDICTION

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Log In <i>Check Technical Connections</i>	(Not Applicable)
8:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Department of Developmental Services Annual Training for the Office of Administrative Hearings	DDS
9:55 AM – 9:55 AM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
9:55 AM – 10:55 AM	Department of Developmental Services Annual Training for the Office of Administrative Hearings	DDS
10:55 AM – 11:05 AM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
11:05 AM – 12:00 PM	Department of Developmental Services Annual Training for the Office of Administrative Hearings	DDS
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	(Not Applicable)
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	Log In <i>Check Technical Connections</i>	Not Applicable
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Overview of Certificated and Classified Employees Layoff Training	ALJs Carl Corgin, Sean Gavin, Regina Brown
2:00 PM – 2:10 PM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
2:10 PM – 3:00 PM	Criminal Procedure and Understanding RAP Sheets	ALJs Harden Sooper, Michelle Dylan, Adam Berg
3:00 PM – 3:20 PM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
3:20 PM – 4:00 PM	Criminal Procedure and Understanding RAP Sheets	ALJs Harden Sooper, Michelle Dylan, Adam Berg
4:15 PM	Conference Closing Remarks	Zachery Morazzini OAH Director

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8:15 AM – 8:45 AM	Log In <i>Check Technical Connections</i>	(Not Applicable)
8:45 AM – 9:50 AM	Special Education Year in Review: California and 9th Circuit	Peter Paul Castillo Special Education Division Chief
9:50 AM – 10:00 AM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
10:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Special Education Year in Review: California and 9th Circuit	Peter Paul Castillo Special Education Division Chief
10:50 AM – 11:10 AM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
11:10 AM – 11:45 AM	Special Education Year in Review: California and 9th Circuit	Peter Paul Castillo Special Education Division Chief
11:45 AM – 1:10 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	(Not Applicable)
12:45 PM – 1:10 PM	Log In <i>Check Technical Connections</i>	(Not Applicable)
1:10 PM – 2:00 PM	Sanctions	ALJs Christine Arden, Rommel Cruz, Tiffany Gilmartin
2:00 PM – 2:10 PM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
2:10 PM – 3:00 PM	District Filed Cases	ALJs Cynthia Fritz, Ashok Pathi, Cara Lucier, Joy Redmon
3:00 PM – 3:20 PM	<i>Break</i>	(Not Applicable)
3:20 PM – 4:10 PM	Navigating Different Personalities	Peter Paul Castillo Special Education Division Chief
4:15 PM	Conference Closing Remarks	Zachery Morazzini OAH Director

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

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TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Sexual Harassment Prevention (Covers Other Workplace Issues)	At Your Workstation
8:45 AM – 9:50 AM	Special Education Year in Review: California and 9th Circuit	Peter Paul Castillo Special Education Division Chief
9:50 AM – 10:00 AM	<i>Break</i>	
10:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Special Education Year in Review: California and 9th Circuit	Peter Paul Castillo Special Education Division Chief
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