

The 35th Annual Conference
of the California Association of LPS Hearing Officers
April 18^h & 19th, 2026
Courtyard Marriott – San Francisco Airport Burlingame
San Francisco, California
Tentative Conference Agenda

Saturday, April 18^h

- 7:30 - Registration and Breakfast
- 7:45 Therapeutic Jurisprudence: How the LPS Hearing Process Can have Healing or Damaging Effects on Participants
Andrea Carlin JD,MSW, Mental Health Hearing Officer, San Diego County Superior Court, CALPSHO President
- 8:45 Objections Over Zoom: The Good, The Bad, and The Buffering
Deep Athwal, JD, Mental Health Hearing Officer/Managing Partner California Hearing Officers, LLP, CALPSHO Board Member; Michael Francis, JD, Mental Health Hearing Referee, Los Angeles Superior Court, Former CALPSHO President
- 10:15 - Morning Break
- 10:30 - (one hour presentation followed by Q & A): Navigating Judicial Ethics in Mental Health Hearings *The Honorable My-Le Jacqueline Duong, Superior Court of Santa Clara County; Hoa Trinh, JD, Mental Health Hearing Officer, Santa Clara County, CALPSHO Vice President*
- 12:00 - Lunch & CALPSHO Annual Membership Meeting
- 1:00 - Safety Through Understanding: Practical De-escalation Strategies for LPS Hearings
Cameron Quanbeck, MD; Liz MacAskill, B.S., Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (expected 2027); Jae Kim
- 3:00 - Afternoon Break
- 3:15 - Disability Rights: More information to come!
- 5:15 - CALPSHO Board Meeting – Election of Officers

Sunday, April 19th

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:00 Mental Health Laws and Policy: Where Things Stand and Where We are Going
Randall Hagar, Principal, EmpiriCal Policy
- 9:30 Morning Break and Check-Out
- 10:00 Hypothetical Riese and Certification Review Hearings and Discussion
David N. Pugh, JD, LCSW, Mental Health Hearing Officer, San Diego County, former CALPSHO President; and Samuel Bluck, JD, Mental Health Hearing Officer, San Diego
- 12:00 Conference Wrap-Up
- 12:15 End of Conference

*MCLE Credit Approval Pending