

JURY SELECTION IN LIGHT OF CODE CIVIL PROCEDURE 231.7

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2026

Program: 12:30PM – 1:30PM

Tom Beasley from the Anaheim City Attorney's Office will discuss how California Code of Civil Procedure section 231.7 reshapes jury selection by prohibiting peremptory challenges based on implicit and explicit bias. The presentation will explain the statute's expanded list of protected characteristics and the new standards courts use to evaluate whether a juror strike is impermissibly discriminatory. Attendees will learn how the burden-shifting framework works, including the requirement that reasons for a strike be objectively reasonable and unrelated to stereotypes. The session will also cover practical impacts on trial strategy, common pitfalls, and recent applications of section 231.7 in California courts.

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