
2024 DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER III AND IV EXAMS

Study Guide

The following statutes, case law, and departmental policy references are provided to assist you in your preparation for the Deputy Public Defender III or IV promotional exams. Please note, that some or all the information in the guide may be included in the written exam. While the study guide will help you prepare for the test, we advise you to review all related materials that you deem necessary.

STATUTES

- Evidence Code Section 1108
- Penal Code Section 1043 (e)
- Penal Code Section 1172.6
- Penal Code Section 1368
- Penal Code Section 190.2
- Penal Code Section 190.9(a)(1)
- Penal Code Section 4500
- Penal Code Section 989
- Penal Code Section 995
- Penal Code Section 999a
- Senate Bill 1437

CASE LAW

- Boitez v. Superior Court (2023) 96 Cal.App. 5th 1213
- Box v. Superior Court (2022) 87 Cal.App.5th 60
- Dews v. Superior Court (2014) 223 Cal.App.4th 660
- In re J.L. (2015) 242 Cal.App.4th 1108
- Mitchell v. Wisconsin (2019) 139 S.Ct. 2525
- People v. Acosta (2018) 29 Cal.App.5th 19
- People v. Beltran (2013) 56 Cal.4th 935
- People v. Bolian (2014) 231 Cal.App.4th 1415
- People v. Booth (2016) 3 Cal.App.5th 1284
- People v. Butler (2010) 187 Cal.App.4th 998

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- People v. Buycks (2018) 5 Cal.5th 857
- People v. Diaz (2014) 227 Cal.App.4th 362
- People v. Forrest (2017) 7 Cal.App.5th 1074
- People v. Freidt (2013) 222 Cal.App.4th 16
- People v. Gallardo (2017) 4 Cal.5th 120
- People v. Gentile (2020) 10 Cal.5th 830, 849
- People v. Giron-Chamul (2016) 245 Cal.App.4th 932
- People v. Gonzalez (2012) 54 Cal.4th 643
- People v. Herrera (2016) 247 Cal.App.4th 467
- People v. Hunter (2017) 15 Cal.App.5th 163
- People v. Johnson (2018) 21 Cal.App.5th 1026
- People v. Lawley (2002) 27 Cal.4th 102, 131
- People v. Lee (2019) 40 Cal.App.5th 853
- People v. Leelu (2019) 42 Cal.App.5th 1023
- People v. Lewis (2015) 240 Cal.App.4th 257
- People v. Lopez (2019) 8 Cal.5th 353
- People v. Ovieda (2019) 7 Cal.5th 1034, 1041
- People v. Paul (2024) 318 Cal.Rptr.3d.142
- People v. Qualkinbush (2022) 79 Cal.App. 5th 879, 888
- People v. Sanchez (2016) 63 Cal.4th 665
- People v. Skiles (2011) 51 Cal.4th 1178
- People v. Superior Court (Jones) (2021) 12 Cal.5th 348 (Jones II)
- People v. Tejeda (2019) 40 Cal.App.5th 785
- People v. Williams (2018) 23 Cal.App.5th 396
- People v. Zorich (2020) 55 Cal.App.5th 881, 887–888, 890
- Sarmiento v. Superior Court of San Diego County (2024) 98 Cal.App.5th 882
- U.S v. Vazquez (1st. Cir.2013) 724 F.3d 15, 23-24

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PUBLIC DEFENDER POLICIES

- Conflict of Interest/Outside Employment Policy (A-2)
- Email Usage Policy (A-25)
- Media Policy (M-1)
- Policy on Case File Documentation Standards (A-20)
- Policy on Communications with Appellate Counsel and Successor Counsel's Access to File (A-19)
- Policy on State Bar Complaints, Citations for Contempt/Sanctions, Complaints Regarding Other Justice System Participants, Civil Lawsuits/Subpoenas (A-16)
- Policy on Use of Social Networking Sites (A-18)