

PC 597/597.1, Including Pre- and Post-Seizure Course Topics

The agenda for PC 597 course includes:

- Comprehensive study of PC 597/597.1
- Recognizing animal neglect and cruelty
- When to pre-seize an animal under 597.1
- When to post-seize under 597.1
- Pre- and post-seizure hearings
- Matters concerning warrants, performing investigations, and recognizing and logging evidence.
- Disposition of confiscated animals
- Dealing with the media
- Preparing a case for court
- Felony crimes
- Knowing, interpreting, and applying the law under 597/597.1
- Legal interpretations / DA's policy / instructions to local agencies (prosecutor)

Seminar Leaders:

MADLINE BERNSTEIN spcaLA President

Joining **spcaLA** (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles) in April, 1994, Madeline Bernstein is committed to the humane treatment of and respect for animals through education and enforcement of anti-cruelty laws.

Bernstein, a highly accomplished, articulate and respected attorney, is one of America's preeminent leaders and advocates promoting animal welfare. Today, spcaLA is recognized as the leading voice, educator and hope for the animals they protect and the humans they serve.

Bernstein is a frequent talk show guest offering

counsel, advice and perspective on companion animal care and welfare issues. spcaLA has established highly successful outreach programs using pets to teach at-risk junior high school students empathy and the need for the humane treatment toward all living animals, in addition to animal assisted therapy, domestic violence intervention and disaster assistance programs.

She serves on the board of directors of the State Humane Association of California (past president), the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee of the Los Angeles Zoo and the California State Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

Prior to joining spcaLA, Bernstein served as Vice President/Senior Labor Counsel for the ASPCA in New York, where she handled more than 10,000 cruelty complaints and counseled the agency in areas of employment, union labor law and management rights - drafting personnel policies and practices.

Bernstein has worked for the New York City Department of Ports and Terminals as Deputy Inspector General/Advocate - heading a team of investigators, inquiring into and prosecuting government and municipal corruption and inefficiency. She is also a former Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx County District Attorney's office.

DONALD COCEK Deputy City Attorney, Los Angeles

Don Cocek has been with the City Attorney's Office since 1986 and has been the Agency Deputy at the Van Nuys Criminal Branch since 1989. In his assignment, he is responsible for the prosecution of

a variety of criminal cases from over 40 City, County, State and Federal agencies and departments, including cases regarding animal cruelty and animal neglect – **Don has prosecuted more than 400 animal cruelty and neglect cases;** consumer protection cases; zoning and building code violations; failure to pay taxes; health and fire code violations; environmental protection cases involving endangered species, illegal importation and possession of prohibited species, water pollution and oil spills, and noise violations.

Cocek has given presentations on the prosecution of animal cruelty and neglect cases before the Texas State Bar Association, the Humane Society of the United States, and the California State Humane Association. He regularly conducts humane officer training and, in conjunction with the Animal Legal Defense Fund, assists prosecutors across the country in prosecuting animal abuse cases.

The "LA City Attorney Community Enhancement Fund" was established by Cocek. Using money collected from criminal defendants, the fund has distributed more than \$200,000 to community groups and enforcement agencies.

He recently led a group of fellow prosecutors and Department of Weights and Measures investigators from several counties and wrote new legislation to protect consumers from being overcharged at the check stand.

Cocek has received awards and certificates of appreciation from the Los Angeles City Council, California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Motor Vehicles, and spcaLA.

Who Should Attend:

- Law Enforcement Officers
- Prosecutors and Judges
- Animal Control Officers
- Humane Investigators

Due to the confidential nature of the material presented in the class, enrollment is restricted to law enforcement officers; prosecutors and judges; and animal control / humane investigators, animal health workers.

Registration Fee:

\$10.00 covers materials and refreshments, and Lunch

When and Where:

Monday, February 11, 2008 – 0900-1700
Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley
374 W. Orange Show Road, San Bernardino

Registration Deadline: Feb. 6

NAME _____

JOB TITLE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ STATE/ ZIP _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

FAX _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Payment Enclosed:

_____ seats @ \$10/each = \$_____

Please send check or money order (payable to Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley):

**374 W. Orange Show Road
San Bernardino, CA 92408
Attn: Penal Code 597/597.1**

For More Information:

Please contact Officer J. Simmons at (909) 386-1400 ext. 216 or jsimmons@hssbv.org

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