



24 Hours

# Civil Liability

POST Plan IV

**Dates: 2024-2025**

**October 7-9, 2024**

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*Sheraton Garden Grove*

**Supervisors and Managers** - With the rising number of civil complaints filed against law enforcement agencies; this course will provide instruction on the basis of legal liability both in the workplace and in the field. It will also focus on programs designed to reduce liability incurring situations. The class will cover and review current events and cases that impact your agency and shape both policies and procedures.

**SUBJECT AREAS WILL INCLUDE:**

- Defense Problems**
- The Basis of Liability**
- The Selection of Personnel**
- Employment Rights Litigation**
- Government Immunities**
- Personal Liability**
- Federal Liability**
- Current Cases and Trends**

**Bruce Praet** – Lexipol (Chairman of the Board), Law firm of Ferguson, Praet & Sherman. In addition to successfully defending countless high profile cases in federal and state court, Bruce combined with Gordon Graham to found Lexipol and continues to serve as Chairman of the Board. He also serves on several POST committees and teaches courses in Officer Involved Shootings, K9 Liability, Internal Affairs and the Executive Development Course.

**Michael Gennaco** – Principal, OIR Group. Mr. Gennaco is a lawyer who has specialized in the civilian oversight of law enforcement for fourteen years. Beginning in 2001, he was the Chief Attorney for the L.A. County Office of Independent Review, which monitored the L.A. Sheriff's Department. Mr. Gennaco also served for over six years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California. More recently, Mr. Gennaco has also provided advice in oversight to police agencies throughout California, as well as Portland, Denver, and New York City.

**Stephen J. Connolly** – Executive Director, Orange County Office of Independent Review. Mr. Connolly has been a police monitor for most of his fifteen year career as an attorney. He has worked with the Sheriff's Departments in Los Angeles, San Diego, and Orange Counties in reviewing individual cases as well as broader systemic and policy issues, and has also been involved in shorter term projects in cities such as Burbank, Palo Alto, and Anaheim. Mr. Connolly provides training on supervision and risk management on a regular basis, and has spoken about civilian oversight at several national conferences.

Class hours are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Course information available at our website:

**[www.csulb.edu/centers/ccj](http://www.csulb.edu/centers/ccj)**

Make checks payable to *CSULB Foundation*. Payment is preferred on the first day of class. If you cannot provide a check the first day, your agency can be invoiced. Credit cards are now accepted. Payment restrictions and policies can be found on our website under General Information.

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