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"DIMINISHED CAPACITY: IS THERE LIFE AFTER TWINKIES?"

TOPIC OF USD SYMPOSIUM JANUARY 16 AND 23

"Diminished Capacity: is there life after twinkies?" is the topic of a symposium sponsored by the University of San Diego Center for Criminal Justice Policy and Management, in cooperation with the San Diego County Bar Association and the San Diego County Psychiatric Society, to be held January 16 and 23 at Vacation Village Hotel.

The symposium will present a comprehensive assessment of new legal standards resulting from Senate bills 54 and 590 and their impact on both the legal and psychiatric professions. Tuition for both sessions, symposium materials, two luncheons, and all refreshments are included in the registration of \$100. For more information, call USD's School of Continuing Education at 293-4586.

The new laws, according to Assistant District Attorney Richard D. Huffman, "purportedly abolish the diminished capacity defense, re-define the standards of qualification for expert testimony, and codify the definition of malice, premeditation and deliberation."

"The symposium, under the guidance of legal and psychiatric experts, will explore the new legal standards and their impact through the use of lectures, panel discussions, mock trials and workshops."

Huffman, an adjunct professor of law at USD will participate

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in the symposium as part of the faculty which also includes Louis S. Katz, San Diego attorney and former director of the Office of Defender Services; the Honorable Jack R. Levitt, judge of the Superior Court of San Diego County; Randolph A. Read, M.D., UCSD associate professor of psychiatry; the Honorable Ronald Tochtermann, judge of the Superior Court for Sacramento County and others.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Start: December 28  
End: January 16  
Topic: Symposium on "Diminished Capacity"  
20 seconds

*1/16 - Regis & Overview 8:30 to 4 p.m.  
23 8:30-4  
Vacation Village  
Hotel*

"DIMINISHED CAPACITY--IS THERE LIFE AFTER TWINKIES,"  
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AND FIVE-NINETY.....JANUARY SIXTEENTH AND TWENTY-THIRD.

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