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Deputy District Attorney Michael McCann Named 2025 Wildlife Prosecutor of The Year

San Diego County District Attorney [Summer Stephan](#) announced today that Deputy District Attorney Michael McCann has been named the 2025 Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year by the California Fish and Game Commission and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Division. The prestigious annual award recognizes a courtroom champion who demonstrates exceptional dedication to protecting California's fish, wildlife, natural resources and environment through outstanding prosecution of wildlife-related crimes. McCann was selected unanimously by the President of the California Fish and Game Commission and the Chief of Law Enforcement for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife from a field of nominees from across the state.

McCann serves in the San Diego County District Attorney's Environmental Protection Unit which is part of the Economic Crimes Division, and he has worked closely with wildlife officers and investigators to prosecute crimes that threaten California's wildlife, habitat and natural resources. His work has helped ensure accountability for those who violate laws designed to protect the state's unique environmental treasures for future generations.

“Deputy District Attorney Michael McCann’s commitment to environmental protection is exemplary,” DA Stephan said. “His work to hold violators accountable, protect California’s natural resources, and collaborate closely with our law enforcement partners has made a lasting impact. We are extremely proud of him and grateful to the California Fish and Game Commission and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for this well-deserved recognition.”

The Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year Award honors prosecutors who demonstrate:

- Exceptional skill and an outstanding commitment to protecting California's fish, wildlife and natural resources
- Superior performance in prosecuting wildlife, natural resource and environmental crimes

- A relentless pursuit of justice against the most egregious violators and an ability to successfully prosecute complex, controversial or landmark cases
- Exemplary collaboration with wildlife officers in conserving California's natural resources

The award was presented during the California Fish and Game Commission meeting held today at the California Natural Resources Headquarters Building in Sacramento.

The San Diego County District Attorney's Office remains committed to protecting public safety, consumer rights and the natural resources that contribute to the quality of life enjoyed by all Californians.

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About the San Diego County District Attorney's Office

The San Diego County DA's Office prosecutes all felony crimes in the county and misdemeanor crimes committed outside the City of San Diego. The office files about 40,000 criminal cases a year and balances prosecution with numerous crime prevention programs. District Attorney Summer Stephan leads the office of more than 1,000 dedicated employees who pursue fair and equal justice, and support victims daily across San Diego County.