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San Diego Deputy District Attorney Danielle Hall Receives Prestigious National Jackie Lacey Scholarship for Aspiring Prosecutors

San Diego County District Attorney [Summer Stephan](#) announced today that Deputy District Attorney Danielle Hall has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Jackie Lacey Scholarship for Aspiring Prosecutors recognizing an outstanding early-career prosecutor. Presented annually by the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) Women Prosecutors Section, the award recognizes a rising prosecutor whose work exemplifies resilience, integrity, leadership and service to the community.

Named in honor of former Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey, a trailblazer who became the first woman and first African American elected to lead the nation's largest local prosecutor's office, the scholarship celebrates prosecutors who have already distinguished themselves through exceptional courtroom advocacy, ethical leadership and an unwavering commitment to justice. Hall was selected from nominees across the country for demonstrating these qualities in the courtroom and in her service to the profession.

"I'm so proud that NDAA, the oldest and largest prosecutor association in the nation, has chosen Deputy DA Danielle Hall from San Diego to receive this prestigious award," said San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan. "Danielle Hall represents the very best of the next generation of prosecutors. She leads with integrity, serves victims with compassion, and pursues justice with remarkable professionalism and skill. Jackie Lacey paved the way for countless women in prosecution, and Danielle embodies the values of excellence, courage and public service that this award was created to honor."

Hall, who has served as a deputy district attorney in San Diego County for more than four years, currently serves on a felony trial team prosecuting crimes ranging from robbery and drug offenses to vandalism. During her tenure, Hall has completed 22 jury trials, including trying a DUI murder case.

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In the nomination submitted to the NDAA, Hall was recognized not only for her courtroom skill, but for her compassion toward victims, dedication to ethical prosecution, and leadership among her colleagues. The nomination also highlighted her commitment to mentoring future prosecutors through outreach to high school and law students, participation in prosecutor recruitment efforts, and support of organizations dedicated to advancing diversity within the legal profession.

Hall was formally recognized during the National District Attorneys Association's Annual summer meeting over the weekend.

The NDAA Women Prosecutors Section is dedicated to supporting, mentoring and advancing women prosecutors nationwide while promoting excellence in prosecution and leadership throughout the criminal justice profession.

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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.