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District Attorney Summer Stephan Honored with Prestigious Witkin Award

San Diego County District Attorney [Summer Stephan](#) was honored with the Bernard E. Witkin Esq. Award for Excellence in the Practice of Law, for her extraordinary contributions, leadership, and accomplishments as District Attorney.

DA Stephan accepted the award at a reception at the Tom Ham’s Lighthouse in front 150 invited guests and members of the legal community. The award was presented by the Board of Trustees of the San Diego Law Library Association (SDLLA), an organization that strives to provide access to justice for all citizens, including attorneys and members of the lay public.

“District Attorney Summer Stephan has devoted her life to protecting children, families and to providing justice to the most vulnerable,” said Assistant District Attorney Dwain Woodley, who introduced DA Stephan at the event. “I saw firsthand her extraordinary contributions, leadership, and accomplishments as the DA before and during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The amount of thought and leadership that goes into every decision she makes is truly inspirational and I can think of no one who is better suited for this award.”

In the same ceremony, the Honorable Patricia Guerrero, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court received the Witkin award for Excellence in the Adjudication of the Law, Mary Jo Wiggins received the Witkin award for Excellence in Legal Education and San Diego County Board of Supervisors Chair, Nathan Fletcher, received the Witkin award for Excellence in Public Service.

The Witkin award is named for Bernard E Witkin, the legendary and iconic legal author who pioneered the epic Summary of California Law, among other notable publications. The SDLLA, sponsors the Witkin award event as a way to honor members of the San Diego legal and government community for advancing access to justice, including excellence in the practice and adjudication of the law.