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## San Diego Deputy District Attorney Honored by County Bar Association

### *Deputy DA Michelle Ialeggio Recognized for Excellence in Public Sector Prosecution*

San Diego County District Attorney [Summer Stephan](#) announced today that Deputy District Attorney Michelle Ialeggio has been given a public service award by the San Diego County Bar Association, for demonstrating a combination of excellence in the practice of law with service to the community, the profession, the bar association or legal education. The 2018 San Diego County Bar Association Service Awards recognize distinguished individuals and organizations for their commitment to serving the San Diego community. Winners will be recognized at an annual luncheon and community service celebration today at the Westin San Diego (Emerald Plaza) from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**“I am so proud of Deputy DA Michelle Ialeggio and congratulate her on this award,” District Attorney Summer Stephan said. “In her 13 years as a prosecutor, Michelle has delivered justice for so many, including the most vulnerable of victims – children. Michelle has prosecuted cases ranging from child homicide and torture, to multiple victim child molestation and pornography cases. She truly embodies the spirit and determination we see across our entire organization at the District Attorney’s Office.”**

Deputy DA Ialeggio has a history of success in the DA’s Office. She has prosecuted more than 75 jury trial verdicts, and is well respected by the judiciary and opposing counsel.

In 2015, Michelle was awarded the “Outstanding Achievement Award,” by the DA’s office in recognition of her hard work and dedication in prosecuting a marine who killed his 6-week-old daughter by intentionally fracturing her skull. Michelle fought tirelessly in a five week trial to obtain justice. This case illustrated Michelle’s passion for her job and compassion in speaking for the voiceless.

In addition to excelling as a prosecutor, Michelle commits countless hours to serving the community. Within the DA’s office, Michelle sits on the invitation-only Legal Training Advisory Committee, which plans and executes continuing education. She also runs a three-week trial skill training

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program for new Deputy District Attorneys. Michelle has conducted national trainings for prosecutors, police officers, social workers and doctors on the topic of abusive head trauma. Michelle also is passionate about women's advocacy. She is a past board member and vice president of Lawyers Club of San Diego. For 10 years, she has served on the Fund for Justice Committee, Lawyers Club's charitable arm.

Michelle graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2004, and remains active with USD, teaching courses on preliminary hearings and trial skills.

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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 justice and support victims daily across San Diego County. DA Summer Stephan has devoted her life to protecting children and families and providing justice to the voiceless and most vulnerable. She is a national leader in the fight against sexual exploitation and human trafficking, and has served as a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego County for 28 years.*

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