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THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2021 SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

SAN DIEGO (March 23, 2021) – The San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA), the region’s largest law-related organization serving the needs of attorneys and the legal community in San Diego County, proudly announces the recipients of its distinguished 2021 Service Awards.

These annual awards celebrate the contributions and commitment of remarkable individuals and organizations serving both the San Diego legal community and the public. Winners are nominated by their peers and reviewed and selected by the SDCBA’s Awards Committee, with the approval of the Association’s Board of Directors.

Award recipients will be recognized at the SDCBA’s Annual Awards Ceremony & Celebration of Community Service, which will be held on May 21, 2021. The virtual event takes place during the SDCBA’s celebration of Law Week, which will focus this year on “Advancing the Rule of Law Now.”

The event will highlight the Association’s public service and community outreach initiatives over the past year, as well as announce the student winners of this year’s SDCBA [Law Week Poster & Video Contest](#).

“At the San Diego County Bar Association, we are steadfastly committed to serving the community, increasing diversity in the profession, and expanding access to justice. Those commitments have assumed a particular urgency over this past year, as the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted virtually every aspect of our lives and the racial justice movement continued to build,” said SDCBA President Renée N.G. Stackhouse. “These awardees have exemplified community service and increasing access to justice at a critical time, and we look forward to celebrating them at our awards ceremony in May.”

The 2021 SDCBA Service Award recipients are:

Andrea St. Julian

Attorney, Law Office of Andrea St. Julian

Outstanding Attorney Award

Recognizes an exemplary attorney who over the course of a career has demonstrated significant legal expertise and professionalism and who has made an outstanding contribution to the legal profession, the justice system, and/or the public.

Hon. Randa Trapp (Ret.)
Supervising Judge, San Diego Superior Court

Outstanding Jurist Award

Recognizes an exemplary jurist who over the course of a career has provided outstanding service to the bench, the legal profession, and/or the community.

Commissioner Nadia Keilani
San Diego Superior Court

Community Service Award

Recognizes outstanding contributions to the needs of the community (e.g., charitable, cultural, humanitarian, or educational), other than directly through the SDCBA by an attorney, law firm, or agency.

Robert Gleason
President and Chief Executive Officer, Evans Hotels

Community Service Award

Recognizes outstanding contributions to the needs of the community (e.g., charitable, cultural, humanitarian, or educational), other than directly through the SDCBA by an attorney, law firm, or agency.

Carolina Bravo-Karimi
Partner, Wilson Turner Kosmo LLP

Service to Diversity Award

Recognizes outstanding service by a member of the legal profession over a substantial period of time in promoting and encouraging diversity within the legal profession or the legal community.

Alex Calero
Senior Counsel, California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation

Service by a Public Attorney Award

Recognizes an individual who demonstrates a combination of excellence in the practice of law in the public sector with significant service to the community, to mentoring, to the legal profession, to the SDCBA, or to legal education.

David Grapilon
Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County District Attorney's Office
and

Matthew Wechter
Deputy Public Defender, San Diego County Public Defender's Office

Service to the Legal Community Award

Recognizes outstanding long-term or significant contributions to furthering the goals of the legal profession and promoting ethics, integrity, and professionalism in the practice of law by legal education, civics education, mentoring, or service to the SDCBA.

Maresa Martin Talbert

Founding Attorney, Talbert Law Office

Outstanding Service by a New Lawyer Award

Recognizes outstanding service by a new lawyer in the first six full years of practice who has demonstrated a significant commitment to serving the legal profession via legal education, mentoring, or community service.

John Adkins

Retiring Executive Director of the San Diego Law Library

Distinguished Citizen or Organization Award

Recognizes outstanding contributions by a layperson or group not composed primarily of lawyers or judges whose contributions over a period of time have had significant favorable impacts on some facet of the legal system, legal community, or civics education.

Elaine Lawrence

Retiring Executive Director of Lawyers Club of San Diego

Distinguished Citizen or Organization Award

Recognizes outstanding contributions by a layperson or group not composed primarily of lawyers or judges whose contributions over a period of time have had significant favorable impacts on some facet of the legal system, legal community, or civics education.

Mary Silva

Retiring Executive Director of the North County Bar Association

Distinguished Citizen or Organization Award

Recognizes outstanding contributions by a layperson or group not composed primarily of lawyers or judges whose contributions over a period of time have had significant favorable impacts on some facet of the legal system, legal community, or civics education.

The [San Diego County Bar Association](#), established in 1899, is the region's largest law-related organization, dedicated to serving the needs of all attorneys and the legal community in San Diego County.

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