THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2022 SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

SAN DIEGO (March 15, 2022) – 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 winners of its distinguished 2022 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 approval of the SDCBA’s Board of Directors.

Award winners will be recognized at the SDCBA’s Annual Awards Ceremony & Celebration of Community Service, which will be held on May 20, 2022. The event takes place during the SDCBA’s celebration of Law Week, which will focus this year on the theme of “Toward A More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change.” Student winners of the Law Week Poster & Video Contest highlighting that theme will also be announced at the event.

"Lawyers are in a unique position to give back to our community," said SDCBA President David Majchrzak. "With the trust and resources that have been afforded to us, we have not just an opportunity, but an obligation to 'do good.' The SDCBA Service Awards celebrate this ideal, highlighting those that inspire each of us to action with their efforts to help others. This year's eight honorees are paragons of service who continuously go above and beyond to make the lives of others a little bit brighter every day. We are all richer for it."

The 2022 SDCBA Service Award winners are:

James D. Crosby
James D. Crosby, Attorney at Law

Outstanding Attorney Award
An exemplary attorney who, over the course of their career: (1) has demonstrated significant legal expertise; (2) served as a model of civility and professionalism in the practice of law; and (3) has made an outstanding contribution to the legal profession, the justice system, or the public. The SDCBA presents this legacy award to recognize prolonged service to the San Diego legal community. Nominees must be an SDCBA Member to be eligible for this Service Award.

Hon. Larry A. Burns
United States District Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of California

Outstanding Jurist Award
An exemplary jurist who, over the course of their career, has provided outstanding service to the bench, the legal profession, the justice system, or the public. Nominees must be an SDCBA Member to be eligible for this Service Award.
Ian M. Seruelo
Law Offices of Ian M. Seruelo

**Community Service Award**
Outstanding contributions by an attorney, law firm, or organization to the needs of the community (e.g., charitable, cultural, humanitarian, educational), other than directly through the SDCBA.

Ken So
Chief Deputy City Attorney & Chief Diversity Officer, San Diego City Attorney’s Office

**Service to Diversity Award**
Outstanding service by a member of the legal profession who (1) has taken intentional and identifiable steps to advance Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in a legal workplace or the legal profession; (2) has improved access to justice for individuals from demographic groups with historical challenges to access in numerous aspects of the legal profession and community; or (3) has sought to eradicate barriers for historically excluded or disadvantaged legal professionals, including but not limited to legal professionals who are Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color, LGBTQ+, or of different abilities. Nominees must be an SDCBA Member to be eligible for this Service Award.

David P. Finn
Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney’s Office, Southern District of California

**Service By a Public Attorney Award**
Outstanding service to the community, the legal profession, the SDCBA legal education, or mentoring by an attorney who also has demonstrated excellence in the practice of law in the public sector. Nominees must be an SDCBA Member to be eligible for this Service Award.

Blanca Quintero
Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney’s Office, Southern District of California

**Service to the Legal Community Award**
Outstanding long-term or significant contributions that further the goals of the legal profession and promote ethics, integrity, and professionalism in the practice of law through legal education, civics education, mentoring, or service to the SDCBA or the legal community. Nominees must be an SDCBA Member to be eligible for this Service Award.

Claudia L. Ignacio
Attorney at Law, Hone Maxwell LLP

**Service By a New Lawyer Award**
Outstanding service by a New Lawyer who, during their first seven years in practice, has demonstrated a significant commitment to serving the legal profession, the justice system, or the SDCBA through legal education, mentoring, or community service. Nominees must be an SDCBA Member to be eligible for this Service Award.

University of San Diego School of Law Legal Clinics

**Distinguished Organization Award**
Outstanding contributions over a period of time by a group or organization not comprised primarily of attorneys or judicial officers, which resulted in a significant, favorable impact on some facet of the legal system, the legal community or profession, 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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