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Jim Koerber, *Editor*

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!



President's Message

By Robert Hickey

Congratulations again to all of you on your new contract. I cannot overstate the value of our unity and patience. Your Board is already thinking about the next contract and watching trends around the state. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call or e-mail them to me so I can build our next list of goals. Enjoy your 2% payment later this month. I recommend spending it all in one place. Probably, sadly, your credit card bill.

On a separate note, the recent transfer process went very smoothly and some will be settling into their new assignments soon. Thanks to DDA Bryn Kirvin and Chief Deputy District Attorney David Greenberg for their extra efforts in balancing the needs of the office with the needs of the deputies. Good luck in your new assignments!

Nominations for the 2013 DDAA Awards

The time has come for us to honor those attorneys, investigators, paralegals, support staff, and others who we feel have done a particularly outstanding job in the last year representing our office and serving our community. Please take time to nominate your co-workers for the excellent job they have done. Your name must be on the nomination, along with the reasons for the nomination. Please e-mail your nomination to DDAA Secretary Chantal de Mauregne by **Friday, August 16, 2013**. Please save the date and plan on attending the DDAA Awards Banquet on Saturday, September 21, 2013 - La Jolla Hyatt Regency at Aventine.



DDAA Happy Hour at SDCBA Bar Center - July 11, 2013



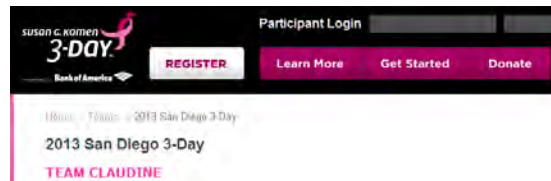
The San Diego County Bar Association is hosting a **Happy Hour** for all DDAs and our Summer Law Clerks on **Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 5 p.m.** at the new SDCBA Bar Center, 401 West “A” Street, San Diego – just two blocks from HOJ. If you plan on attending, please **RSVP to DDA Secretary Chantal de Mauregne by July 5, 2013**. We thank SDCBA President / DDA Marcella McLaughlin for suggesting this event and for making it possible. Come check out the new SDCBA. We hope to see you there!

Please Support “Team Claudine”

“Team Claudine”, consisting of DAI Nancy Dodd, DDAs Jessica Schuster, Marisa Di Tilio, Jennifer Kaplan, Nicole Rooney, Valerie Ryan, and Teresa Santana, was formed to honor and support DDA Claudine Ruiz.

“Team Claudine” will be walking 60 miles in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk in November. The Walk raises funds for breast cancer research, with seventy-five percent of the net proceeds funding national research and large public health outreach programs.

Many have been touched by this horrible disease; we hope that you can help “Team Claudine” raise money for this important cause. If you can donate any amount, please log on and give to one (or all) of “Team Claudine.” To donate: [Click Here](#).



39th Annual LGBT Pride Parade - July 13, 2013

Please join the DDAA and 150,000 cheering spectators in supporting the annual San Diego LGBT Pride Parade on **Saturday, July 13, 2013**. Come ride or walk the parade route with your fellow DA employees. The parade begins at University Avenue and Normal Street, proceeds west on University Avenue to 6th Avenue, turns south on 6th Avenue, and ends at Upas Street in Balboa Park. You can also volunteer to work in the District Attorney's Office booth during the Pride Festival, where we interact with members of the public, answering their questions and handing out office informational brochures and resource information for victims of crime. If you'd like to march/ride in the Parade or volunteer in the booth, please e-mail DDAs [Patty Herian](#) or [Danielle Hickman](#). If you work the booth, you will get a free entry ticket into the festival.



You May Take a Vacation – But Your Cases Don't!

Since it is vacation season, here is a good reminder: Post an “Out of the Office” message on our voicemail message and automatic e-mail reply. Also include an alternate telephone number, so the caller can talk to a live person for assistance. That way, if someone has an urgent need to contact you, they are aware of what to do. And DDAs should learn how to check their voicemail and e-mail when out of the office.



There are simple tutorials on the DA Net:

- [1. Telephone Tips](#)
- [2. Voicemail from Outside the Office](#)
- [3. E-mail Access from Outside the Office](#)

2nd Annual George Bennett Competition Was a Success!

The **2nd Annual George Bennett Closing Argument Competition** took place on Friday, June 21, 2013, and included all of our Summer Interns competing in three rounds to determine a winner. The fact pattern involved a fictional Estes robbery case. After each round, the advancing contestants were provided with additional facts.



Between the second and final rounds, a lunch was hosted on the 13th floor for all the interns and judges. Assistant District Attorney **Jesse Rodriguez**, Chief Deputy District Attorney **David Greenberg** and Chief of Employee Relations **Cheryl Ruffier**, all took time out of their busy schedules to speak to our intern class about being part of the District Attorney's Office “family.”



The final and head-to-head round involved Summer Interns **Rachael Curtis** from Superior Court and **Jerry Wendricks** from Gangs. **Judge Larry Burns** from the United States District Court served as our trial judge, and he was incredibly generous in his times and comments. He spoke movingly about George Bennett and why the competition was named after him. We thank Judge Burns for his time, comments, and for participating!

Packed into a completely full Department 17, Rachael and Jerry both had to give 10 minute closing arguments before a “jury” of Deputy District Attorneys. If that wasn’t enough pressure along with the event being photographed for recruiting purposes, Deputy District Attorney **Nicole Rooney** was tasked with providing a Defense Closing Argument. After Nicole did an amazing, highly-objectionable defense closing, Rachael and Jerry were then each required to give a 5 minute rebuttal. After deliberations, Judge Burns then declared **Rachael Curtis the winner of the competition.**



Some special thanks are in order: to **Alison Boutilier** for coming up with this year’s problem and doing a huge part of the organization, to **Dwain Woodley** for his leadership in running the Summer Intern program, to **Saachi Sharma** who as our Recruiting Student Worker spent countless hours organizing judges, the lunch and juggling schedules, to **Kelly McCay** and **Nate Cunningham** for photographing the rounds, and to **Kim Allen** and **Kelly Lyons** for tons of logistical support.

Thanks to our judges for the competition who provided invaluable feedback to our competitors and served as our “jury”: **Shawn Tafreshi, Michael Runyon, Laura Vogltanz, Chris Lindberg, John Philpott, George Modlin, Brenda Daly, Linh Lam, John Cross, Dan Owens, Jerry Gonzalez, Michelle Ialeggio, Roy Lai, Nicole Rooney, Alison Boutilier, and Jim Koerber.**

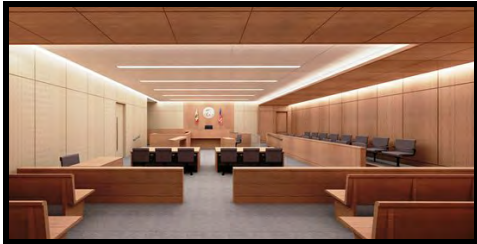


Proposed Downtown San Diego County Courthouse



Construction of the new Downtown San Diego Courthouse is currently scheduled to begin in mid-2014, with completion in late 2016. The 22-story, 704,000-square-foot structure will house 71 courtrooms as well as space for public services, court administration, and secure holding of in-custody defendants. It will include a public bridge to the adjacent Hall of Justice. Along with a new public park planned by the city on the current courthouse site, the new courthouse will complement the Hall of Justice and other buildings around it and help to shape the character of an emerging civic district in downtown San Diego.

(For more information: [Click here.](#))



DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF 7/2/13

Officers and Directors Present:	Robert Hickey	Patrick Ojeil	Cari Philpott
	Steve Walter	Chantal de Mauregne	Brenda Daly
	James Koerber	David F. Williams III	
	Bryn Kirvin	Adam Gordon	

Members Present: Terri Wyatt

Consultant: John Wainio

- 1. Call to Order:** President Hickey called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. at the SDCBA Bar Center, 401 West "A" Street, 11th Floor, San Diego.
- 2. Association Comment:** None.

3. **Treasurer's Report:**
Primary Savings: \$****
Money Market: \$****
Litigation Money Market: \$****
Checking: \$****

If any member desires to see an itemized list of our spending and savings, it is available by contacting DDAA Treasurer Cari Philpott.

4. **President's Report:** President Hickey updated the Board on the status of the 2013-2015 MOA with the County. The MOA has now been signed, and a copy has been posted on the DDAA website: [Click here](#). We will request the County provide more legible versions of the salary charts included in the MOA. Kudos to DDA Sophia Roach for her extensive proofreading and correction of the final MOA. The salary increase will appear in the July 19th paycheck; the parking reimbursement in July will increase to \$200. Director Koerber said that the County has selected Kaiser and Anthem as the health plan providers for the next two years, and we should know shortly about the proposed increases in health plan costs starting in January 2014. The dialogue with the County during the contract negotiation process was positive, and hopefully forged new ties with County officials at all levels.
5. **Looking Ahead to the Next Contract:** Even as the new MOA goes into effect, President Hickey discussed trends on the horizon for future public employee labor contracts. Merit-based step increases are currently being implemented by some public employers, and are one of the possibilities in our County. President Hickey said the DDAA Board will continue to discuss contract strategies and ideas on an on-going basis, and encourages any DDA or CSPA attorney to e-mail him with your ideas for the next contract negotiation process.
6. **Request for Financial Support – “Shop with a Cop” – DAI Julio Barrios:** “Shop with a Cop” benefits needy or neglected children from across San Diego County at the annual event held in early December. The event will provide over 300 children with breakfast and a show at SeaWorld, plus a \$100 shopping spree at Target. President Hickey said there was a request for financial assistance from DAI Julio Barrios. The Board voted to contribute \$500 to this worthy cause. (Motion: Hickey; Second: Walter. Vote: Unanimous.)
7. **DDAA Awards Selection Meeting:** The Board decided to Go Green this year and send out an Evite to the DDAA membership for the upcoming DDAA Awards Banquet. Look for the Evite to arrive in your office mail box by late August. The Board scheduled a date in August for their Executive Session to discuss and decide the recipients of the 2013 DDAA Awards.
8. **United States Congressman Scott Peters ([D-CA 52ND District](#)):** Congressman Peters appeared to introduce himself and meet with the Board. After

introductions by the DDAA Board, Congressman Peters provided a brief biography of his years of public service. He stated he values and supports public employees, and is working in Congress on ways to improve public safety in San Diego County. Congressman Peters encouraged anyone needing assistance with federal issues to contact his local San Diego field office.

9. **PAC Report:** SDAC President Wyatt reminded the SDAC membership that the PAC monthly meeting is the last Tuesday of the month at Panda Inn downtown. Please e-mail her if you want to attend. The PAC is discussing possible recipients of their Service Award at the DDAA Awards Banquet in September.
10. **Consultant's Report:** Consultant Wainio updated the Board on the race for San Diego County District Attorney. He explained that candidate financial disclosures are expected later this month.
11. **New Business:** None.
12. **Executive Session:** The Board met in Executive Session. Not reported.
13. **Next DDAA Board Meeting:** The DDAA Board will meet in Executive Session in August to discuss the DDAA Awards.
14. **Adjournment:** 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Chantal de Mauregne, Secretary

DAY AT THE RACES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2013

11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

DEL MAR RACE TRACK

Join the Deputy Sheriffs' Association and the SDPOA for a family friendly day at the races!

\$25 includes Admission to the Track, Exclusive VIP Area, Private Betting Window & Bar, Buffet Lunch, and Non-Alcoholic Drinks. Buffet served 1–3 p.m.
Open to all first responders, their families, and their friends.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW:

SDPOA - 8388 Vickers St., San Diego



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Del Mar Race Track
2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.



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TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW:
DSA Store - 13881 Danielson St., Poway | SDPOA - 8388 Vickers St., San Diego
Deputy Dawn Anderson-Armstrong (760) 801-3081 San Diego Courts
Deputy Tim Petrachek (760) 315-6465 Encinitas Station



FIRST RESPONDER DAY AT THE RACES



2013 DDAA Awards Nomination Form

Your DDAA Board of Directors will accept nominations in the following categories for this year's awards. Please state your name, the name of your nominee, and the reasons why you think your nominee deserves a particular award. Please feel free to attach additional pages or supporting documentation, if necessary. Your nomination form must be submitted by **Friday, August 16, 2013**. Please e-mail your nomination to DDAA Secretary Chantal de Mauregne. The DDAA Board of Directors will have a special meeting to vote on these matters after receiving all the nominations. The winners will be announced at the DDAA Awards Banquet held on Saturday, September 21, 2013.

Name of Person Submitting the Nomination: _____

San Diego County Prosecutor of the Year Award

Outstanding Achievement Award (DDA)

Outstanding Achievement Award (DDA) – 7 Years or Less of Service

Paralegal / Support Staff Outstanding Achievement Award

Child Support Prosecution Attorney of the Year Award (CSPA)

Charles Nickel Award for Excellence in Training, Public Policy, or Legal Education

Award for Judicial Excellence

District Attorney Investigator of the Year Award

Government Official / Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award

Edwin L. Miller Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award (DDA)

George “Woody” Clarke Award for Prosecutorial Excellence (DDA)

San Diego County Prosecutor of the Year (DDA)

Outstanding achievement by a prosecutor who has demonstrated excellence and fairness in the conduct of a specific case or cases or public policy accomplishment with the most significant impact to the County of San Diego during the last year.

Outstanding Achievement Award (DDA)

Achievement by prosecutors who have distinguished themselves through hard work and dedication in seeking justice in criminal prosecutions in the conduct of a specific case or cases or public policy accomplishment during the last year or over the course of an entire career.

Outstanding Achievement Award (DDA) – 7 Years or Less of Service

Achievement by prosecutors who have distinguished themselves through hard work and dedication in seeking justice in criminal prosecutions in the conduct of a specific case or cases or public policy accomplishment during the first seven years of their career in this office.

Child Support Program Attorney of the Year

Achievement by a lawyer in the Child Support Program who has most demonstrated distinction to the Department during the last year.

Edwin L. Miller Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award

Outstanding prosecutor who has exemplified excellence, professionalism, ethics, respect, knowledge, team work, communication, and accomplishment during his or her career.

Charles Nickel Award for Excellence in Training, Public Policy, or Legal Education

Outstanding prosecutor honored for his or her professional excellence and contributions which have had significant local or statewide impact in the area of public policy, legislation, training or education in the criminal justice arena.

Award for Judicial Excellence

Exemplary jurist with judicial temperament who has promoted justice, fairness, and equality during their public service to the People of the State of California during the last year or over the course of an entire career.

George “Woody” Clarke Award for Prosecutorial Excellence

Outstanding prosecutor whose contributions in a particular subject matter area of the law promoted justice, fairness, and equality in the prosecution of cases with an important and sustaining impact on the legal community as a whole during the last year or over the course of an entire career.

District Attorney Investigator of the Year

Outstanding District Attorney Investigator who has demonstrated excellence in criminal investigation and a commitment to law enforcement in a specific case or cases during the last year or over the course of an entire career.

Government Official / Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Outstanding public servant or law enforcement officer whose efforts have had significant local or statewide impact on public safety or the criminal justice system during the last year or over the course of an entire career.

Paralegal / Support Staff Outstanding Achievement Award

Achievement by paralegal or support staff who has distinguished themselves through hard work and dedication by assistance in the conduct of a specific case or public policy accomplishment or service to the DDAA during the last year or over the course of an entire career.