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**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

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**Wendy Patrick**

Wendy L. Patrick is a career trial attorney, recognized by her peers as one of the Top Ten criminal attorneys in San Diego by the San Diego Daily Transcript, and named the Public Lawyer of the Year by the California State Bar Public Law Section. Ms. Patrick has completed over 165 trials ranging from hate crimes, to domestic violence, to first-degree murder.

In her most recent assignment in the Special Operations Division of the San Diego District Attorney's Office, she handled cases involving sensitive issues including threat assessment. She is the immediate past president of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) San Diego Chapter, the incoming Sargent of Arms of the ATAP national board, and an ATAP Certified Threat Manager.

While in the Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division, Ms. Patrick prosecuted sexually violent predators, human traffickers, stalkers, rapists, and child molesters. She served as Co-Chair of the statewide California District Attorneys Association Sexual Violent Predators Committee and Human Trafficking Committee.

**Teaching Experience**

Ms. Patrick speaks to community groups, law enforcement organizations, and a wide variety of legal and educational institutions both nationally and internationally about human trafficking, domestic violence, threat assessment, cutting edge investigation and use of social media, the methodology of sexual predators and stalkers, and how to increase public awareness and protect the community.

She has taught human trafficking in a variety of locations within the United States, as well as in Hong Kong, South Korea, and South Africa. She also teaches sexual assault prevention for the Army, having presented programs domestically as well as in Bavaria and Wiesbaden, Germany.

In the legal realm, Ms. Patrick has been teaching ethics, trial skills, substance abuse, competence, elimination of bias, civility, and other subjects around the country on a regular basis for over twenty years to a variety of legal and business organizations.

She has served as an instructor for national and international audiences through programs like the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and the National College of District Attorneys, as well as for educational institutions, law firms, and other professional groups. She also lectures frequently for law enforcement groups and is an Institute of Criminal Investigation certified instructor for law enforcement.

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**Awards and Recognitions**

In addition to being selected as one of the Top Ten criminal attorneys in San Diego and named the Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year, Ms. Patrick received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the San Diego Deputy District Attorneys Association.

Ms. Patrick also received the Sexual Assault Response Team Response With a Heart Award, the Service to the San Diego County Bar Association award, the Friend of the Community Award from the Tom Homann Law Association for her work prosecuting hate crimes.

**Educational Background**

Ms. Patrick received a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David and a Master of Divinity degree summa cum laude from Bethel Seminary San Diego where she was awarded the Excellence in Preaching Award and the Zondervan Biblical Languages Award. She is ordained as a Christian minister through Converge Worldwide (formerly Baptist General Conference). She received her law degree from California Western School of Law, and her bachelor's degree in psychology with honors from the University of California Los Angeles.

**Publications and Editorial Boards**

Ms. Patrick is published on a regular basis. She is author of *Red Flags: How to Spot Frenemies, Underminers, and Ruthless People* (St. Martin's Press), and co-author of the revised version of the New York Times bestseller *Reading People* (Random House).

Ms. Patrick was a contributing author to the *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism* (Macmillan Reference 2007) and *Hate Crimes: Causes, Controls, and Controversies* (SAGE 2004). She is published frequently in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, and wrote a monthly ethics MCLE article for the *California Bar Journal* for years. Ms. Patrick is also a writer and past editorial Board member for the national American Inns of Court publication *The Bench*.

Ms. Patrick has an online column in *Psychology Today*, a regular column in *Law Enforcement Quarterly*, and had her own ethics column in the *San Diego Daily Transcript* for over a decade.

She has been quoted in a variety of sources such as *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *US News and World Report*, *Washington Post*, *Associated Press*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *CSNBC*, *CNN.com*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*.

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**Academic Teaching Experience**

Ms. Patrick has been a faculty member at San Diego State University for over a decade, where she teaches upper division business ethics in the Management Department of the College of Business Administration, both on campus and abroad—including teaching in Barcelona, Spain, and Prague, Czech Republic.

She is a program developer and Lead Instructor for the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Leadership Program at the University of San Diego Master of Science Program where she teaches Communication for Law Enforcement Leaders.

**Professional Associations**

Ms. Patrick is a past Chair and Advisor of the California State Bar Ethics Committee (Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct), and past Chair of the San Diego County Bar Association's (SDCBA) Legal Ethics Committee where she served a six-year term. She is co-chair of the California District Attorneys Association Ethics Committee.

Ms. Patrick is widely published in the field of legal ethics, had her own ethics column in the San Diego Daily Transcript for more than a decade, and teaches ethics nationally on a regular basis.

On a personal note, Ms. Patrick holds a purple belt in Shorin-Ryu karate, is a concert violinist with the La Jolla Symphony, and plays the electric violin professionally with a rock band, performing both locally and in Hollywood.

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**Tracy Prior**

Tracy Prior, Chief Deputy District Attorney from San Diego County, graduated college magna cum laude from UCLA and received her law degree from the University of San Francisco. She externed at the California Supreme Court while in law school and has enjoyed a career as a prosecutor. She has been a prosecutor for 24 years where she has tried over 75 cases to verdict including rape, child physical abuse, several multiple-victim child molestation, vehicular manslaughter, arson, and several murder cases including one Domestic Violence capital case.

After specializing in Domestic Violence and Child Abuse misdemeanor cases at the City Attorney's Office Tracy joined the District Attorney's office where she prosecuted general crimes in North County and then joined the Family Protection Division. Tracy held significant leadership roles including Assistant Chief of the Family Protection Division for six years, trial as well as Chief of the Family Protection Division for three years.

She also develops, coordinates, and leads the New Deputy District Attorney Training program, serves as a member of the Major case review committee, the Brady committee, and the Legal Training Advisory committee. Tracy has served as an adjunct professor at Miramar and Palomar Colleges, has taught at the state and national levels and has presented to international audiences on topics surrounding Crawford v. Washington, use of propensity evidence in Domestic Violence, child suggestibility, and Sexual Assault cases, as well as prosecution of child molestation cases. Tracy was instrumental in the development of San Diego County's Strangulation Protocol which has increased felony filings of DV strangulation cases sevenfold since its implementation. She also developed the San Diego County Elder Abuse protocol, authored chapters in California District Attorney's Association Child Abuse and Domestic Violence manuals and authored an article for the National District Attorney's Association publication The Prosecutor.

Tracy currently serves as the Chair of the Domestic Violence Subcommittee of the National District Attorney's Association Women's Section where she led a team to develop protocols for information sharing and training between prosecutors and the National Football League and Major League Baseball. Tracy recently received the NDAA "Presidents Award" for her work in Child Abuse, a lifetime achievement award from the San Diego Domestic Violence Council, and the Chuck Nickel Award from the San Diego District Attorney's Association.

Recently, Tracy testified before the United States Senate Judiciary Committee as an expert on Domestic Violence Best practices for the hearing involving reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Tracy is currently leading the effort to open a 40,000 square foot Family Justice Center in San Diego County. Tracy has been married 24 years and her biggest accomplishments are her two young boys, ages 12 and 10.

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**Adrian VanNice**

Adrian VanNice is Chief Trial Deputy in the 20th Judicial District, Colorado, better known as the Boulder County District Attorney's Office, where she has worked since 1999. She supervises the Cold Case Team, the Juvenile Unit, and various collaborative task forces on gun violence and other issues. She currently prosecutes major crimes, and previously prosecuted Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault cases exclusively. She is a member of the Board of the NDAA Women Prosecutors Section, a founding member of the Colorado Forensic Compliance Team, as well as the advisory board for the Colorado SAFE/SANE program. She teaches throughout Colorado, nationally, and internationally on topics related to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence investigation and prosecution, prosecution of child sexual assault, evidentiary issues for prosecutors, and trial skills.

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