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Wendy L. Patrick is a San Diego County Deputy District Attorney named by her peers as one of the Top Ten criminal attorneys in San Diego by the *San Diego Daily Transcript* and one of San Diego's *Super-Lawyers*. She has completed over 150 trials including over 100 jury trials ranging from hate crimes, to domestic violence, to first-degree murder. In her current assignment in the Sex Crimes and Stalking Division she prosecutes cases involving vice, human trafficking, child molestation, and sexually violent predators.

Ms. Patrick is Chair of the California State Bar's Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (COPRAC), immediate past Chair of the San Diego County Bar Association's (SDCBA) Legal Ethics Committee, and teaches ethics both nationally and internationally. Ms. Patrick has been featured as a media topic area expert on the radio as well as on both local and international television.

## Teaching Experience

Ms. Patrick teaches upper division business ethics at San Diego State University, and regularly guest lectures at other educational institutions. In addition, she has been teaching ethics as well as trial skills around the country on a regular basis for over a decade 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 has presented to audiences as diverse as Crown prosecutors in Canada, to unemployment insurance judges at their national annual meeting, to the American Truckers Association Litigation Center. She is also an Institute of Criminal Investigation certified instructor for law enforcement. In a different genre of teaching, Ms. Patrick presents motivational seminars, keynote speeches, and workshops to national and international audiences on topics related to persuasion, impression management, and online social media. She is a frequent conference opening speaker around the country on the subjects of "Reading People," "Social Media and Image Management," "Effective Communication with Difficult People," "Leadership," "Building Partnerships," and related subjects.

## **Publications and Editorial Boards**

Dr. Patrick is widely published in a variety of different areas. In addition to co-authoring *Reading People*, she and was a contributing author to the *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism* (Macmillan Reference 2007), and *Hate Crimes: Causes, Controls, and Controversies* (SAGE 2004). She has had her own ethics column in the *San Diego Daily Transcript* for over a decade, and previously had a regular column in *Law Enforcement Quarterly*. She has been published multiple times in California District Attorneys Association publications, and has authored several articles for *The Practical Litigator* (American Law Institute American Bar Association national publication). She is also published frequently in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, writes a monthly ethics Minimum Continuing Legal Education article for the *California Bar Journal*, and has authored an article for *The Professional Lawyer*, published by the American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility and the Standing Committee on Professionalism. She is also a contributing ethics author for *Doing Justice* and *The Practical Prosecutor* (National College of District Attorneys national publications).

Ms. Patrick sits on several of the editorial boards for some of the publications for whom she writes. She is a writer and editorial Board member for *San Diego Lawyer*, the California State Bar *Criminal Law Journal*, and *The Bench*.

## **Awards and Recognitions**

Ms. Patrick has been recognized for her legal work as well as her work in the community. She received the *SART Response With a Heart Award* based on her significant contribution to the professional field of sexual assault prosecution in 2011, the Service to the San Diego County Bar Association award in 2005, the Friend of the Community Award from the Tom Homann Law Association in 2003 for her work prosecuting hate crimes, and was recognized as one of San Diego *Metropolitan Magazine's* 40 under 40 honorees in 2001.

## **Professional Associations**

Ms. Patrick sits on the Executive Committee of the California State Bar Criminal Law Section and is a Master and team leader in the Louis M. Welsh American Inn of Court. She is a past Vice President of the SDCBA, a past Vice President and Programs Chair of the Lawyers Club of San Diego, and a past Board member of the San Diego Crime Victim's Fund, the Society Club of the American Cancer Society, the County of San Diego Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, and the San Diego Chapter of the National Speakers Association.

## **Educational Background**

She received her Bachelors degree in psychology with honors from the University of California Los Angeles, and her Law Degree from California Western School of Law. Her legal education was multi-cultural and included study in Vienna, Austria, Budapest,

Hungary, and with a Barrister firm in London, England. Ms. Patrick is admitted to practice law in California, the United States District Court in the Southern District of California, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Regarding her true passion in life, Ms. Patrick holds 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 also holds a Certified Biblical Counseling Certificate from Horizon College.

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.