

SUMMER STEPHAN Bio

Chief Deputy District Attorney- San Diego County

Summer Stephan received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California, at Davis, and her Juris Doctor from Pacific McGeorge School of Law. She has been a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego County for 24 years, and was a San Diego Superior Court Research Attorney before joining the DA's office.

As a trial prosecutor, she tried over 100 jury trials including capital and special circumstance homicide, sexually based homicide, sexual assault, sexual exploitation of minors, and child abuse cases. Summer recently tried a high profile complex jury trial with an insanity plea involving a school shooting at an Elementary School with multiple child and adult victims and witnesses.

Summer served as the Assistant Chief of the North County Branch from 2003 to 2005. Summer was then appointed as the Chief of the Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division where she served from 2005 to 2008. The Sex Crimes division under Summer's leadership was responsible for prosecuting sex crimes, child molestation, sexually violent predators, sexual exploitation and human trafficking, and stalking cases. From 2008 to 2012, Summer was the Chief of the North County Branch which serves a third of San Diego County's population. In January of 2012, the District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis appointed Summer as Chief Deputy District Attorney for the San Diego County District Attorney's Office.

Summer was selected as one of only two prosecutors in the State of California on the Governor's Task Force for High Risk Sex Offenders and Sexually Violent Predators. She has served as an expert witness before the California State Legislature on legislation related to sex crimes, and other public safety topics. She serves on the Regional Human Trafficking Task Force, the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Committee, and several organizations focused on combating human trafficking. Summer also spear headed the PRICE Coalition which brought together law enforcement, colleges and universities, San Diego area High Schools, victim advocates and other community groups and created an educational media campaign targeting sexual violence against teen girls and women with the slogan: "Know the Price."

Summer was the recipient of several awards including the Deputy District Attorneys Association "Outstanding Achievement Award for 1997". The award focused on the successful capital prosecution in the murder and sexual assault of an elderly woman and the murder of the manager of a Clothestime store which became known as the Clotherstime murder. The Deputy District Attorneys Association also awarded Summer with the "Chuck Nickel Award" for professional excellence for 2008 in recognition of Summer's state wide contribution to public safety in the area of sex crimes. Summer also received the San Diego Police Department's "Prosecutor's award" for homicide prosecution, the Sexual Assault Response Team award for "Response with a Heart", the FBI

commendation for prosecution of an auto theft organized crime ring, and the Mayor's award for helping to improve public safety in the Oceanside community to highlight a few. Summer just received the 2014 BSCC- "Angel of Human Trafficking" award for 10 years of dedication in this area.

Summer also regularly contributes to the development of newer Deputy District Attorneys as a regular instructor for the New Deputy District Attorney and Felony Advocacy training. She also regularly instructs on various prosecution and public safety issues locally and across the state with an emphasis on sex crimes.