



## SUMMER STEPHAN

### Chief Deputy District Attorney San Diego County



**Summer Stephan** is a career prosecutor who has served as a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego County for 27 years, rising through the ranks to appointments as Chief of the DA's North County Branch and Chief of the Sex Crimes and Human Trafficking Division, which are special victim units that she pioneered.

In 2012, she was appointed Chief Deputy District Attorney.

As a trial prosecutor, Ms. Stephan tried more than 100 jury trials, including special circumstance homicides, sexually violent predators, child molestation, sexual assault, child abuse, school shooting, assault on peace officers, and human trafficking-related cases.

Chief Deputy DA Summer Stephan holds leadership positions in public safety on the national state and local level. She serves as Chair of the County of San Diego Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Advisory Council. Summer Co-Chairs the California District Attorneys Association Human Trafficking Committee and chairs the Women Prosecutors of the National District Attorneys Association, Human Trafficking Committee.

Ms. Stephan is the recipient of numerous local, state and federal awards, including an FBI commendation for organized crime prosecution. She received The Outstanding Achievement award for special circumstance homicide prosecution involving the sexual assault and murder of an elderly woman, and the Chuck Nickel Awards for professional excellence and statewide impact in public safety by the San Diego County Deputy District Attorneys Association. She was named Angel of Anti-Human Trafficking and "Modern Day Abolitionist". She is the recipient of a 2014 commendation by San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer as Commission Partner for creating positive change in the community. San Diegans Against Crime recognized her efforts with the "2016 Public Safety Leadership Award." Also bestowed were the 2016 "Spirit of the Community" Junior League award and the 2016 "Voices for Justice" award by the Interfaith Center for Worker Justice.

Ms. Stephan spearheaded the innovative "Know the Price" campaign, which focused on reducing sexual assaults of college students. She also led the award-winning "The Ugly Truth" Human Trafficking Campaign. Summer chairs the Task Force on Threats of Targeted Violence to our schools and community. Summer was selected as one of only two prosecutors in California to serve on Governor Schwarzenegger's Task Force for High-Risk Sex Offenders and Sexually-Violent Predators that created statewide policy in this area. Ms. Stephan began the first Veterans Treatment Court in North County with DDA George Loyd, a heroic Marine Corps veteran.

Ms. Stephan is an instructor and trainer locally and across the state and nation, including the National District Attorneys Association Executive Management Course: "How to go from Boss to Leader". She has testified as an expert witness on public safety issues in the California State Legislature.

Ms. Stephan received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California at Davis and her Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. She completed the "Driving Government Performance" Executive Education Course at the Harvard, Kennedy School of Government.

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