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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 ranging from hate crimes, to domestic violence, to first-degree murder.

In her current assignment in the Sex Crimes and Stalking Division of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, Ms. Patrick prosecutes sexually violent predators, human traffickers, stalkers, rapists, and child molesters. She is the team leader in charge of the sexually violent predator cases her office handles, and Co-Chair of the statewide California District Attorneys Association Sexually Violent Predator Committee and the Human Trafficking Committee.

Ms. Patrick speaks to community groups, law enforcement organizations, and a wide variety of legal and educational institutions both nationally and internationally about the prevalence and methodology of sexual predators and stalkers, and how to increase public awareness and take steps to protect the community. Her doctoral thesis for her PhD focused on research into the psychology of attraction as used to seduce victims and their families.

Ms. Patrick has lectured nationally and internationally on the topics of sexual abuse, human trafficking, domestic violence, and child molestation. She recently taught human trafficking in Hong Kong and is slated to teach a law school course on human trafficking in South Korea in September. She has been involved locally with the San Diego Domestic Violence Council, the San Diego Child Protection Team, and the Sexual Assault Response Team, from whom she received the *SART Response with a Heart Award* based on her significant contribution to the professional field of sexual assault prosecution.

Ms. Patrick is a past Chair and Advisor of the California State Bar's Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (California State Bar Ethics Committee), past Chair of the San Diego County Bar Association's (SDCBA) Legal Ethics Committee (six-year term), 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.

Educational Background

Ms. Patrick received her Ph.D. from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David and her 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 through Converge Worldwide/ Baptiste 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. 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.

Publications and Editorial Boards

Ms. Patrick is published on a regular basis. She is co-author of the revised version of the *New York Times* bestseller *Reading People* (Random House 2008), and author of *Using the Psychology of Attraction in Christian Outreach: Lessons from the Dark Side* (Peter Lang 2013).

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 had her own ethics column in the *San Diego Daily Transcript* for over a decade, and had a regular column in *Law Enforcement Quarterly*. She is published frequently in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, has authored several articles for *The Practical Litigator* (ALI ABA national publication), and wrote a monthly ethics MCLE article for the *California Bar Journal* for years. Ms. Patrick is also a writer and editorial Board member for the national American Inns of Court publication *The Bench*.

Ms. Patrick devotes much of her time to writing articles for prosecutors. She is published regularly in California District Attorneys Association publications, and is also a contributing ethics author for *Doing Justice* and *The Practical Prosecutor* (National College of District Attorneys national publications).

Teaching Experience

Ms. Patrick teaches both nationally and internationally. She has been featured as a media topic area expert on the radio as well as on both local and international television. In addition, she has been teaching ethics, trial skills, and other subjects 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.

Ms. Patrick has presented to audiences as diverse as Crown prosecutors in Canada, to unemployment insurance judges at their national annual meeting, to Christian lawyers in Hong Kong. She is also an Institute of Criminal Investigation certified instructor for law enforcement.

Ms. Patrick is a faculty member at San Diego State University where she teaches upper division business ethics in the Management Department of the College of Business Administration, at both the graduate and undergraduate level. She has taught American Government and Christianity at Horizon University, and regularly guest lectures at other educational institutions.

In a different genre of teaching, Ms. Patrick presents motivational seminars, keynote speeches, and workshops on topics related to social media, reading people, persuasion, and impression management. She is a frequent conference opening speaker around the country on the subjects of “Reading People,” “The Psychology of Attraction,” “Reading Red Flags,” “Social Media and Image Management,” “Effective Communication with Difficult People,” “Leadership,” and related subjects.

Awards and Recognitions

Ms. Patrick has been recognized for her legal work as well as her work in the community. In 2013 she received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the San Diego Deputy District Attorneys Association, which was recognized by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors by declaring October 8, 2013 to be Wendy Patrick Day throughout San Diego County.

Ms. Patrick received the Sexual Assault Response Team *Response With a Heart Award* 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 Board of Directors of the California District Attorneys Association, is a member of 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.

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.