

## County Supervisors recognize deputy district attorneys

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The San Diego County Board of Supervisors recently recognized six prosecutors from District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis' office for their great contributions to public safety in the last year.

Dumanis said she was proud of the work of her deputy district attorneys.

"They truly represent the dedication and quality of our entire prosecutorial team throughout the office," Dumanis said in a statement. "Their exemplary work further demonstrates our commitment to the pursuit of justice across the county."

The deputy district attorneys honored were:

\* Amy Maund: Maund prosecuted two difficult murder cases over a six-month period. In *People v. Grattan*, Maund used DNA and blood spatter evidence and a grainy surveillance video recorded at a nearby business to convict the defendant of murder, despite no eyewitnesses, no confession and no motive for the crime.

\* Brendan McHugh: As the director of the Computer and Technology Crime High-Tech Response Team (CATCH), McHugh has assembled computer forensic tools and a team of investigators who are able to complete sophisticated cases and present them in an understandable fashion in court.

\* Christopher Moon: Moon brought to justice three criminals in three cases. In *People v. Tran*, the defendant chose to testify on his own behalf and was subjected to a masterful cross examination by Moon, resulting in the conviction of two attempted murders, robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.



*From left to right: Amy Maund, Jodi Breton, Deputy DA Association President Steve Walter, Supervisor Dianne Jacob, Ryan Saunders, DA Bonnie Dumanis, Chris Moon and Nicole Rooney. Deputy DA Brendan McHugh is not pictured. Courtesy photo*

\* Jodi Breton: In the case of *People v. McCreary and Withers*, both defendants were charged with murdering a 20-year-old woman. Breton expertly dealt with challenging evidence to bring justice for the victim. After a two-month trial, a jury convicted both defendants.

\* Nicole Rooney: In less than an hour, the jury in the trial of *People vs. Badasso* returned with a guilty verdict after Rooney convinced them that the defendant was guilty of first-degree murder of her 7-month old baby. Rooney kept the jury focused on the issue of the baby's death and not the plight of the defendant.

\* Ryan Saunders: During the past year, Saunders tried several challenging and significant cases, including a first-degree murder and an elder abuse case. In *People v. Salazar*, Saunders convicted the defendant of first-degree murder of the mother of their two children, which occurred after he learned the victim had been dating another man.