



Defense Investigator Training Academy

COMMUNICATION FOR THE INVESTIGATOR – DITA III

March 20-24, 2023

Cliffs Hotel & Spa

2757 Shell Beach Road, Pismo Beach, CA 93449

CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023

07:30-08:00

WELCOME/ORIENTATION

08:00-09:00

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

TRACY MACUGA, PUBLIC DEFENDER

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

09:00-12:00

SOCIAL MEDIA INVESTIGATIONS

TIM WRATTEN, SOCIAL MEDIA INVESTIGATOR/CONSULTANT

NORTH COUNTRY INTEL, INC

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

12:00-01:30

LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN

01:30-04:30

GANG LIFE: FROM TRAUMA TO HEALING

SERAFIN SERRANO

SILVESTRE SERRANO

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA

05:00-08:00

CULTURAL DISCUSSION DINNER



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TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

- 08:00-10:00** ***MECHANICS OF A SUPPRESSION MOTION***
MARK HARVIS, RET. DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
- 10:00-12:00** ***MITIGATION INVESTIGATIONS***
KATHY SAKOGUCHI, J.D., SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR
ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
- 12:00-01:30** ***LUNCH - ON YOUR OWN***
- 01:30-05:00** ***YOUR ETHICS MY MORALITY***
STANLEY J. DALE, M.A., J.D., CCEP
PROFESSOR OF LAW, HUMAN RESOURCES, ETHICS
UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE, LA SIERRA UNIVERSITY, BRANDMAN UNIVERSITY
- 05:30-08:00** ***DITA WELCOME DINNER***



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

08:00-11:00

ETHICS FOR THE DEFENSE INVESTIGATOR

RON WEBER, J.D., CHIEF INVESTIGATOR

TULARE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

PASCUAL BENITEZ, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, C.C.D.I.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

11:00-12:00

LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS OF USING SOCIAL MEDIA

JAMES McMAHON, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

12:00-01:30

LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN

01:30-05:30

CULTURAL COMPETENCE

BILL SANDERS, PH.D

PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES



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THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

08:00-10:00

HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH

**AURORA WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
NATIONAL ALLIANCE MENTAL ILLNESS-NAMI
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

10:00-12:00

USING MITIGATION IN YOUR CASES

**JAMES McMAHON, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

12:00-01:30

LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN

01:30-02:30

MITIGATION NARRATIVES

**STEWART DADMUN, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

02:30-04:30

INTERVIEWING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES OF TRAUMA

**THERESA DIAMOND, MITIGATION SPECIALIST
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

04:30-05:30

INVESTIGATOR SAFETY

**PASCUAL BENITEZ, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, CCDI
SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
LETICIA MACIAS, SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR, CCDI
LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**



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FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

8:00-12:00

*** FINAL EXAM ***

The Defense Investigators Association and the DITA Committee appreciate your commitment to this important training and look forward to seeing you at future DIA/DITA events.

Ron Weber – DITA Instructor of Record, DIA President

Leticia Macias – DITA Chair

Pascual Benitez – DITA Chair