



Defense Investigator Training Academy

THE CORE PILLARS OF DEFENSE INVESTIGATIONS – DITA I

April 8-12, 2024

Ventura Beach Marriott

2055 E. Harbor Blvd., Ventura Beach, CA 93001

COURSE SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

8:00 – 8:30	REGISTRATION
8:30 – 9:00	WELCOME
9:00 – 10:00	KEYNOTE SPEAKER CLAUDIA BAUTISTA, VENTURA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER DIA
10:00 – 11:00	EVOLUTION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE AND INVESTIGATOR ROLE MICHAEL PENTZ, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER LISA ZIMMERMAN, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
11:00 – 12:00	DITA TEAM ASSIGNMENT AND EXERCISE PREP
12:00 – 1:30	LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN
1:30 – 3:30	RECIPROCAL NOT SYMMETRICAL DISCOVERY LESLEY GORDON, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
3:30 – 5:00	NOTE TAKING ERIKA VILLA & MARC LEVI, SENIOR INVESTIGATORS VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

5:30 – 9:00 DITA WELCOME DINNER

DITA is providing this reception dinner and all students and DITA Lecturers and helpers are invited. Here you will enjoy the fine cuisine while networking with fellow students and getting to know your teammates. *Enjoy!*



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TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

8:00 – 12:00

INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES

PASCUAL BENITEZ, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, CCDI

SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

LETICIA MACIAS, SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR, CCDI

LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

12:00 – 1:30

LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN

1:30 – 4:30

REPORT WRITING

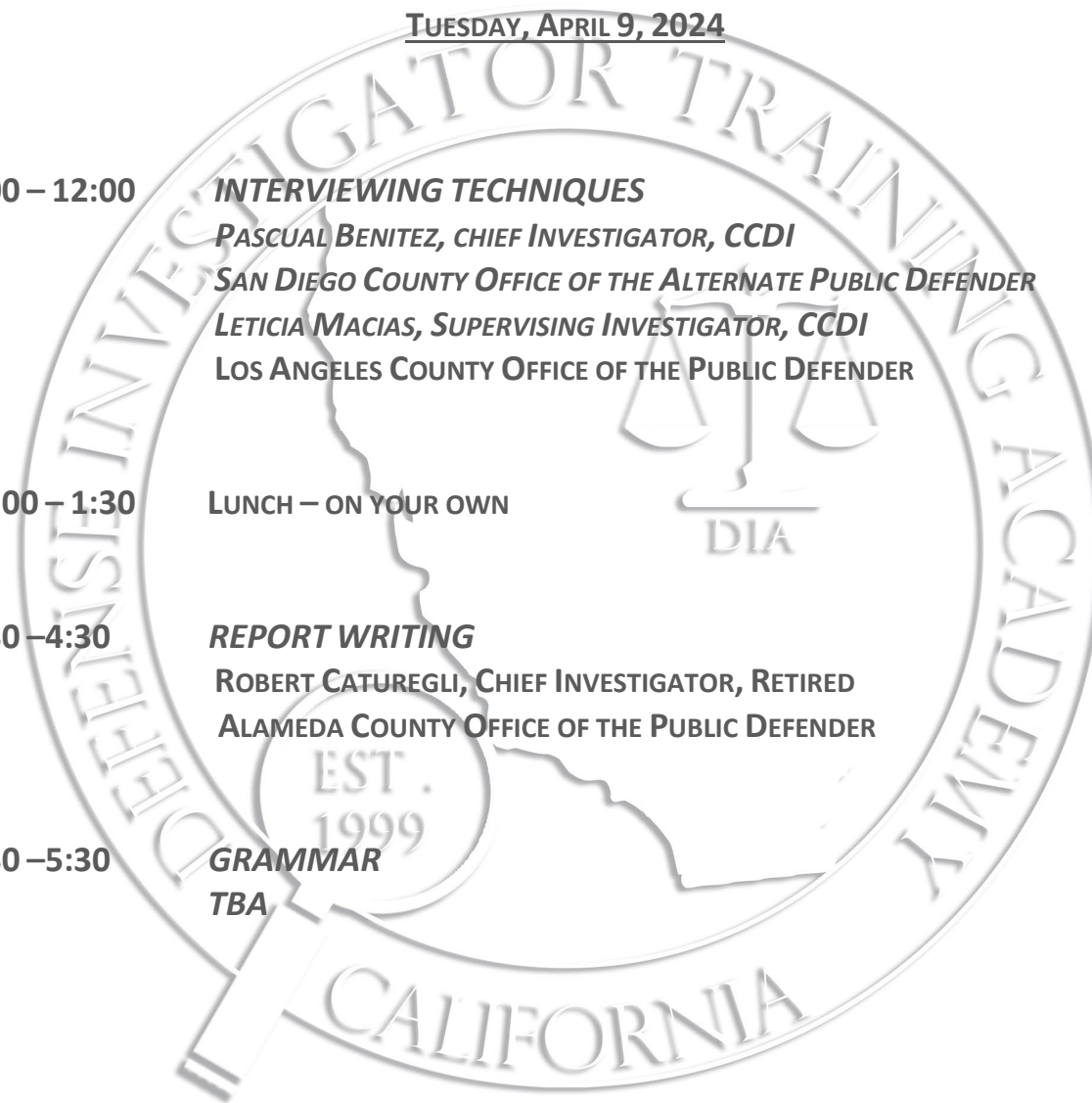
ROBERT CATUREGLI, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, RETIRED

ALAMEDA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

4:30 – 5:30

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

8:00 – 10:00

REPORT OVERVIEW

**KATHY SAKOGUCH, SUPERVISING INVESTIGATOR, RETIRED
ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

10:00 – 12:00

THE ART OF TESTIFYING

**MARK HARVIS, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, RETIRED
LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

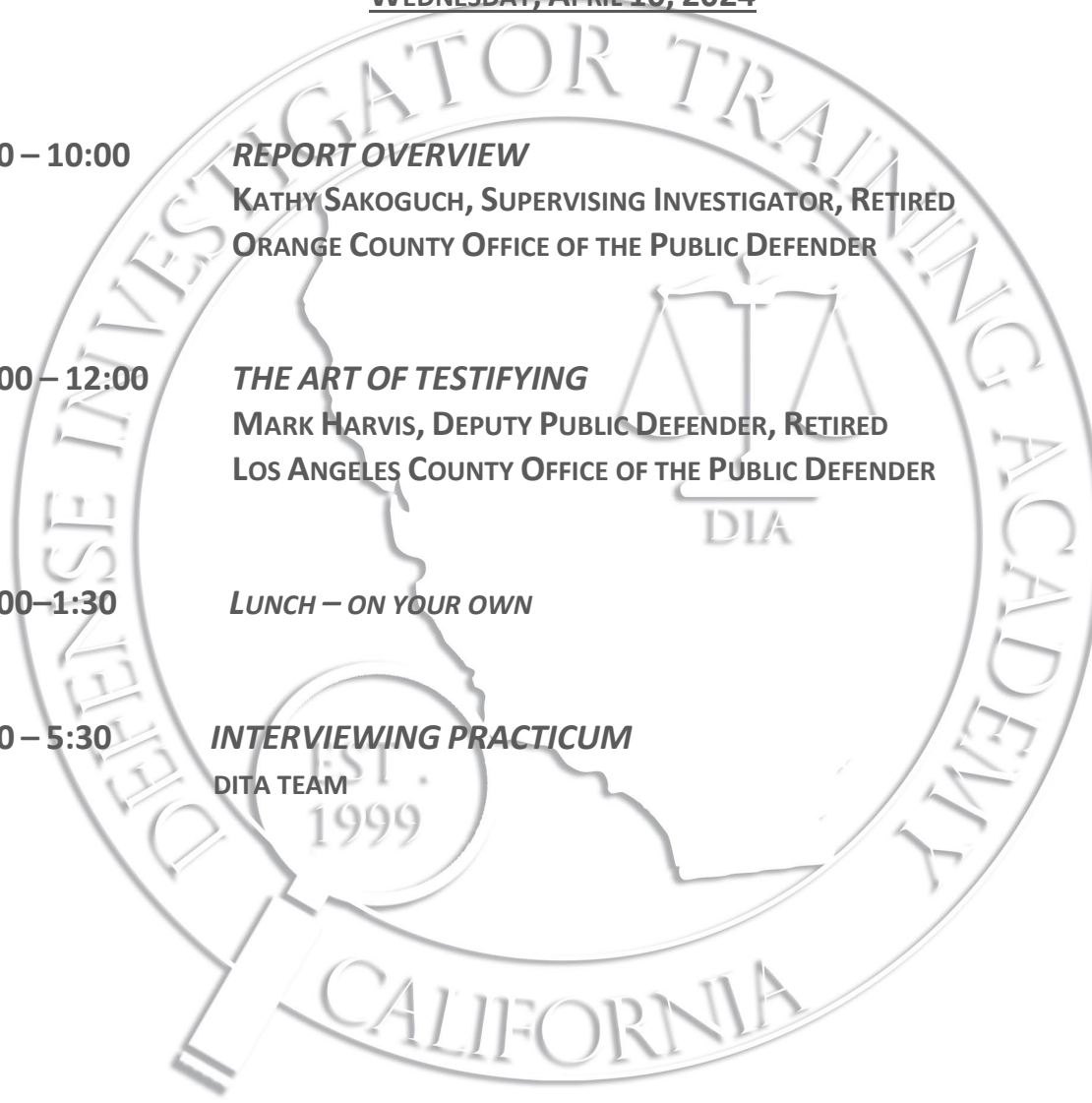
12:00 – 1:30

LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN

1:30 – 5:30

INTERVIEWING PRACTICUM

DITA TEAM





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THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

8:00 – 10:20

TESTIFYING PRACTICUM

TESTIMONY SESSIONS 1-4

10:20 – 10:45

BREAK

10:45 – 1:00

TESTIFYING PRACTICUM

TESTIMONY SESSIONS 5-8

DIA

1:00 – 2:30

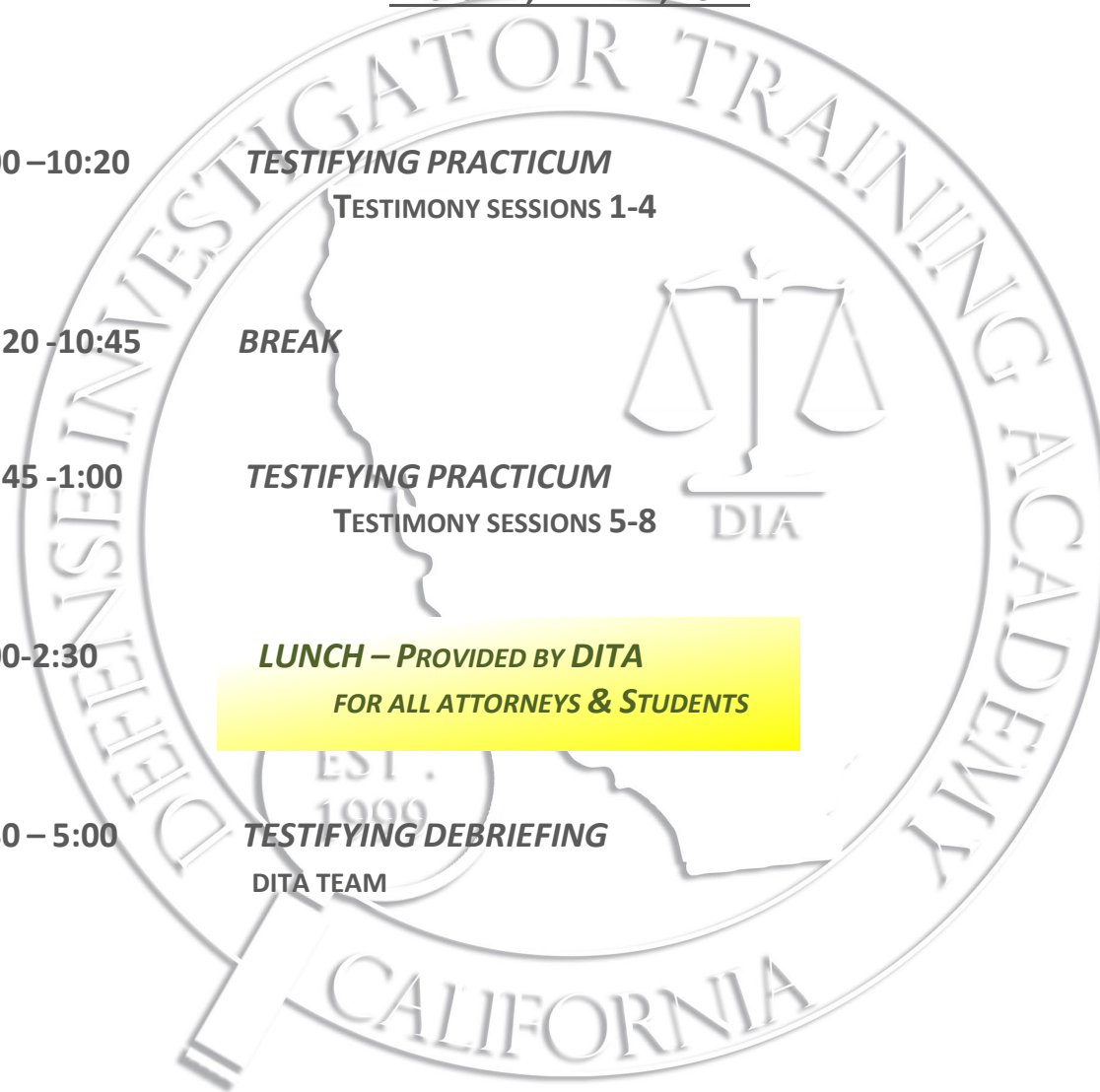
LUNCH – PROVIDED BY DITA

FOR ALL ATTORNEYS & STUDENTS

2:30 – 5:00

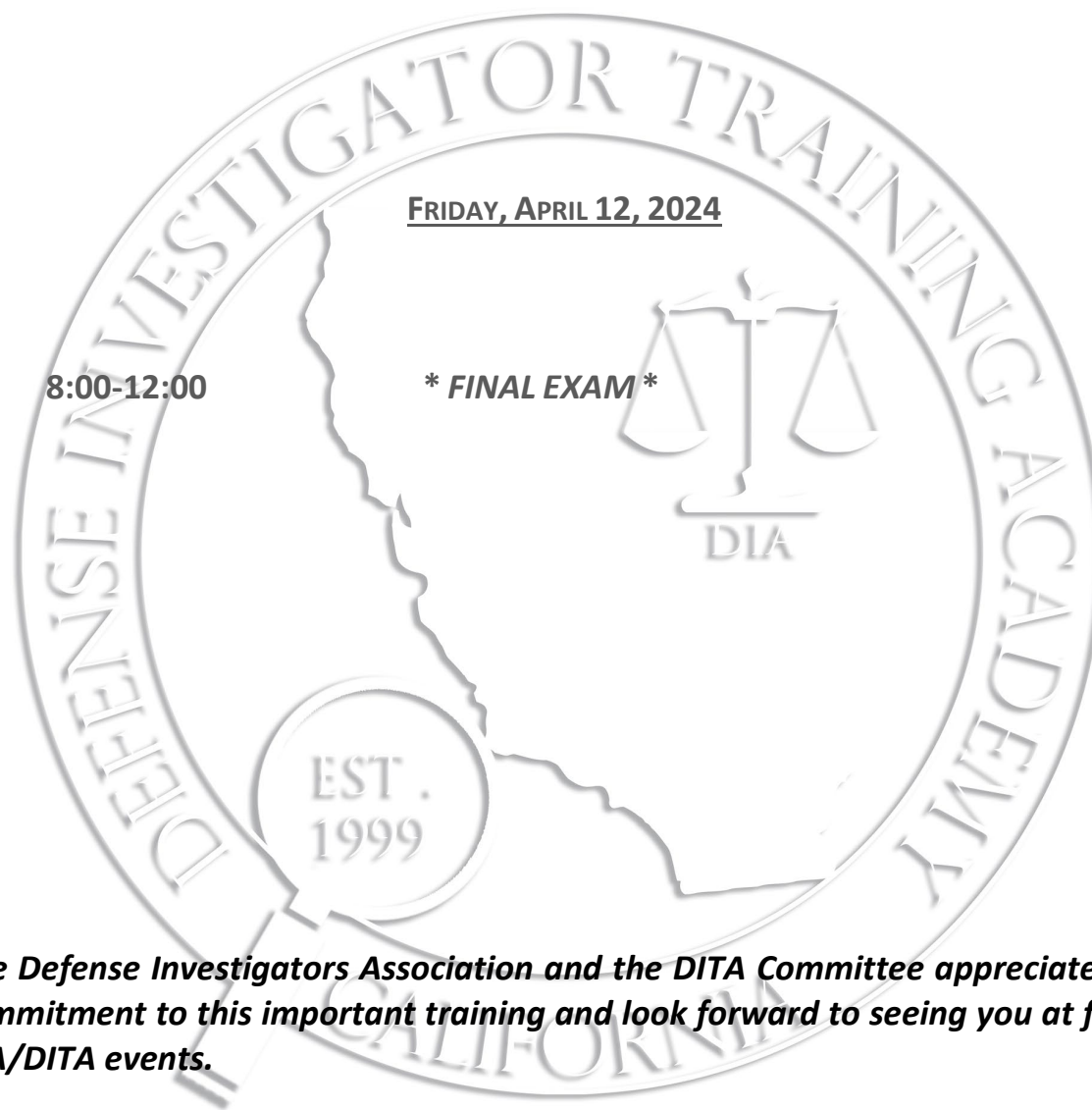
TESTIFYING DEBRIEFING

DITA TEAM





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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.

***Pascual Benitez, DITA Chair
Leticia Macias, DITA Chair***