



# 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	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
8:30 – 9:00	<b>WELCOME</b>
9:00 – 10:00	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CLAUDIA BAUTISTA, PUBLIC DEFENDER VENTURA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>
10:00 – 11:00	<b>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</b>
11:00 – 12:00	<b>DITA TEAM ASSIGNMENT AND EXERCISE PREP</b>
12:00 – 1:30	<b>LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN</b>
1:30 – 3:30	<b>RECIPROCAL NOT SYMMETRICAL DISCOVERY LESLEY GORDON, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>
3:30 – 5:00	<b>NOTE TAKING MARC LEVI &amp; ERIKA VILLA, SENIOR INVESTIGATORS VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER</b>

### **5:30 – 9:00 DITA WELCOME DINNER**

DITA is providing this reception dinner for all students, DITA Lecturers, and all helpers are invited, though it is not mandatory. Here you will enjoy the fine cuisine while networking with fellow students and getting to know your teammates.

*All while celebrating DITA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 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**

***GRAMMAR & SUGGESTED WRITING STYLES***

***ERIN BROOKS, PUBLIC DEFENDER***

***TULARE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER***





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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024**

**8:00 – 10:00**

***REPORT OVERVIEW***

**KATHY SAKOGUCHI, 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 – PROVIDED BY DITA***

***FOR ALL FACULTY & STUDENTS***

**1:30 – 5:30**

***INTERVIEWING PRACTICUM***

**DITA TEAM**

***5:30 – 8:00 DITA DINNER***

DITA is providing a second dinner and all students, DITA Lecturers, and all helpers are invited. Attendance is not mandatory. Here you will enjoy the fine cuisine while reviewing the days courses and the mock case with your teammates.

***25 years of Certifying Defense Investigators!***





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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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FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

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.*

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

