

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

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8:00 - 8:30	REGISTRATION
8:30 - 9:00	WELCOME
9:00 – 10:00	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CLAUDIA BAUTISTA, PUBLIC DEFENDER
[1]	VENTURA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
10:00 - 11:00	EVOLUTION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE AND INVESTIGATOR ROLE
1.7_1	MICHAEL PENTZ, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
100	LISA ZIMMERMAN, DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
15	LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
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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
	Marc Levi & Erika Villa, Senior Investigators
	VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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 25th Anniversary, Enjoy!



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





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!





THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

8:00 –10:20 TESTIFYING PRACTICUM
TESTIMONY SESSIONS 1-4

10:20 -10:45 BREAK

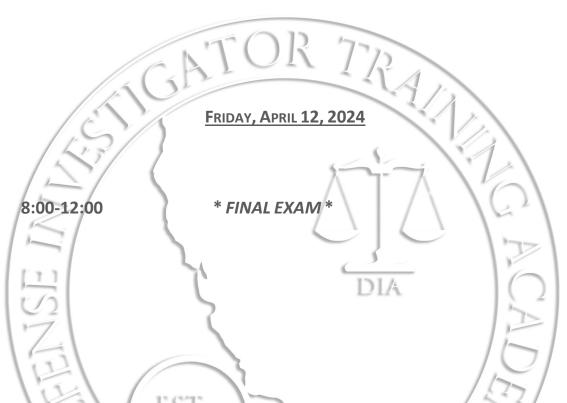
10:45 -1:00 TESTIFYING PRACTICUM
TESTIMONY SESSIONS 5-8

1:00-2:30 LUNCH - PROVIDED BY DITA
FOR ALL ATTORNEYS & STUDENTS

2:30 – 5:00 TESTIFYING DEBRIEFING
DITA TEAM







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

