



INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR

The caliber of investigative talent represented by the California Defense Investigators Association (DIA) is unparalleled in the state of California. In recognition of this, each year DIA has the privilege of honoring a stellar defense professional with the Investigator of the Year Award. This award is presented at our yearly Conference to a DIA member who best exemplifies the dedication and determination required to perform the duties of a defense investigator at the highest professional level.

We are certain many members are worthy of consideration for this award and we encourage you to take this opportunity to highlight and share their invaluable contributions to criminal defense work. We are happy to accept nominations up until the annual DIA Seminar.

Nomination Requirements:

- Must be a DIA active member or associate member in good standing (must have been a member the previous calendar year). Current DIA Board members are ineligible.
- May be nominated by a DIA member, supervisor, or defense attorney.
- The nominating party must submit the nomination and two supporting letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the nominee's work.
- The nomination and supporting letters should describe how the nominee has performed his/her duties in defense of the indigent accused in an exemplary manner and in accordance with the ideals of the DIA, i.e. professionalism, diligence, resourcefulness, and integrity. Please provide as much detail as possible and thank you for taking the time to acknowledge great work.

Please submit the nominations along with the application form to by May 1, 2026:

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INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR APPLICATION FORM

CANDIDATES PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Full Name:

- Job Title:

- Office/Company:

- Address/City/State/Zip:

- Phone Number:

- Email Address:

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR

- Name:

- Phone Number:

- Email Address:

DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2026

Submit application and supporting documents to the emails of the
Scholarship Committee:

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