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*San Diego County Bar Association welcomes a new cohort of attorneys to this 6-month leadership development program custom-tailored for lawyers.*

SAN DIEGO (January 25, 2024) — The San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) launches its third annual [Leadership Academy](#) today, with a welcome and kickoff session this evening and two full-day sessions Saturday, January 27 and Sunday, January 28. Fifteen attorneys from a variety of practices and organizations are participating in this year's cohort of Scholars. You can read more about the 2024 Scholars [here](#).

The Leadership Academy, designed exclusively for attorneys, is the first and only of its kind locally, and provides a unique platform for lawyers in the San Diego community to learn skills critical to being effective leaders not only in the legal profession but also in the community at large.

Specifically, the goals of the Leadership Academy are to:

1. Train attorneys as effective, ethical, and service-oriented leaders
2. Increase the diversity of leaders in the profession and in the community
3. Foster relationships among attorneys from a broad segment of the community
4. Provide hands-on leadership training opportunities to members of the SDCBA
5. Inspire attorneys to seek leadership positions
6. Build a support community to help members in achieving meaningful leadership opportunities

Scholars meet for a total of eight full-day training sessions over the course of six months, culminating in a capstone project followed by a graduation ceremony at the end of June. The sessions are led by renowned leaders and leadership development experts, providing Scholars with unique access to a who's who of leadership role models. Faculty includes local and state elected officials, judges, past SDCBA presidents, law firm founders, and more. A full list of past faculty and speakers can be found [here](#).

Essential topics covered in sessions include:

- Self-leadership
- Leading with Empathy and Compassion
- Authentic Communication
- Conflict and Challenges
- Leadership Recruiting and Team Building
- Mindset Training & Management
- Leading with Purpose & Vision

The two graduated cohorts from prior years continue to advance the goals of the Leadership Academy, with one Scholar having achieved her long-term ambition to serve on a local non-profit's Board of Directors. Full testimonials from past Scholars can be read [here](#).

The [San Diego County Bar Association](#), founded in 1899, is the region's largest law-related organization. Its mission is to connect lawyers and support their success and fulfillment.

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