



Jenna MacRae
Supervising Attorney/
Director of Fund & Program Development
Elder Law & Advocacy

Reflections: "I joined the Leadership Academy to grow professionally as an attorney and discover new avenues of leadership. I learned tools for compassionate self-reflection and the power of a supportive community to encourage accountability in reaching one's goals. The Academy provided a unique opportunity to connect with attorneys from diverse backgrounds in order to learn and progress together."



Jennifer McCollough
Assistant U.S. Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office - San Diego

Reflections: "I applied to the Leadership Academy to reengage in leadership training, as the perfect program to bridge the gap between my military and legal careers. While I've gained many tools through the Academy, the most meaningful thus far is the power of the phrase "not yet" as one thinks of accomplishing long term goals without becoming overwhelmed. There are many others, but in short, I would encourage any attorney to apply to this fantastic program!"



Chelsea Mutual
Senior Appellate Attorney
California Court of Appeal

Reflections: "I was drawn to the SDCBA Leadership Academy because it presented a unique opportunity to focus on both professional and personal growth while surrounded by a diverse group of similarly motivated future leaders. The Academy has allowed me to gain new perspectives, develop an authentic leadership style based on my strengths and values, and build relationships with supportive colleagues. I would encourage anyone seeking a similar experience to apply."



Mario Nguyen
Judicial Law Clerk
U.S. District Court for the
Southern District of California

Reflections: "Despite our duty to uphold the laws governing society, lawyers are not intentionally trained to be leaders. I joined the Academy to hone my leadership skills and build community with local emerging leaders. The Academy's focus on empathetic and servant leadership is invaluable in today's polarized world. You do not need to know all the answers. If you are tired of today's leaders failing us and are willing to put others before yourself, please apply."



Jaclyn Reinhart
Associate
Jackson Lewis P.C.

Reflections: "I joined the Leadership Academy because I wanted to learn different leadership styles and tools to improve my leadership skills in the various organizations I'm part of. Through the Academy, I've learned about leading from a place of empathy and leading in ways consistent with my values. I've also developed a strong network of fellow leaders that provide support and feedback that I am confident I will carry with me through my career."



Seana Scholtemeyer
Senior Trial Attorney
Walton Law, APC

Reflections: "I joined the Leadership Academy for formal training to refine my personal leadership style and build relationships with other aspiring and experienced leaders. The Academy has taught me how to leverage the strengths of my team, cultivate diverse perspectives, lead with empathy, and be accountable. Whether you are in a formal leadership position or aspire to become one, I highly recommend the SDCBA Leadership Academy."



Joy Seo
Family Law Attorney
Stark & D'Ambrosio, LLP

Reflections: "I joined the SDCBA Leadership Academy to learn leadership skills, seek personal growth, and meet like-minded individuals. The program provided an incredibly encouraging and supportive environment. Each session made leadership skills more personal and attainable. My biggest takeaway is to listen better, stay curious, and be authentic. If you strive to become an authentic, empathetic, inclusive leader, don't hesitate to apply. You will be empowered."



Andrea Warren
Special Counsel
Sheppard Mullin

Reflections: "Having moved to San Diego during the COVID-19 shutdown, I applied for the Academy to meet leaders in both the San Diego legal community and the community at-large. I knew I wanted a leadership role in San Diego but wanted to understand how/where I could effectuate the most change for San Diegans. The Academy has been an amazing platform for my journey into community leadership. I encourage all attorneys to consider applying to the Academy!"
