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[Crowley elected 2008 president of S.D. Criminal Defense Bar](#)

Certified criminal law specialist **Michael L. Crowley** has been elected the 2008 president of the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association. He takes over the presidency from public defender Paul Rodriguez.

Robert E. Boyce has been elected vice president and Brian P. Funk, recording secretary, of the defense bar. The association membership also elected nine members to the board of directors.

Meanwhile, the organization recognized public defender Jack Hockman as Trial Lawyer of the Year and gave public defender Linda Brown the Warhorse Defense award. Additionally, criminal defense attorneys David Bartick and Mark Adams were given a special director's award, and now retired South Bay attorney William M. McGuigan was honored with a lifetime achievement award for his long-time contributions to the criminal defense community.

In 2005, **Crowley** was honored as the Top Trial Lawyer by the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association along with colleagues Jerry Coughlan and Michael Pancer. The three were the defense attorney's in the city council "Strippergate" criminal trial, which ended in verdicts against city councilmen Michael Zucchet and Ralph Inzunza. **Crowley's** client, David Cowan, the former council aid to the late councilman Charles Lewis, was acquitted.