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## **LEGAL**

Criminal law specialist **Michael L. Crowley** has been elected 2008 president of the **San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association**. He takes over the leadership of the organization consisting of more than 200 public defenders and private attorneys who have devoted their careers to criminal defense. Besides **Crowley**, who takes over the presidency from public defender **Paul Rodriguez**, **Robert E. Boyce** has been elected v.p. and **Brian P. Funk**, recording secretary. The association membership also elected nine members to the board.

The organization, at its annual meeting recognized several members, including public defenders **Jack Hockman** as Trial Lawyer of the Year and **Linda Brown**, who received the Warhorse Defense award. Criminal defense attorneys **David Bartick** and **Mark Adams** were given a special director's award, and retired South Bay attorney **William M. McGuigan** was honored with a lifetime achievement award for his 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**.

Crowley holds a bachelor's degree from the **University of South Florida** and a law degree from **California Western School of Law**. He started his legal career in 1984 as an associate in the law offices of current San Diego City Attorney **Michael Aguirre**. He has been a solo practitioner in the **Law Offices of Michael L. Crowley** since 1986.

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