



PRESS RELEASE

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The United States District Court for the Southern District of California is pleased to announce that it has selected Frank J. Ragen as the first recipient of the Hon. David H. Bartick Award for Civility and Professionalism.

Mr. Ragen has practiced for 46 years as a criminal defense attorney in the Southern District of California. He has represented hundreds of defendants charged with federal crimes, including narcotics trafficking, bank robbery, and fraud. Throughout his career, Mr. Ragen has conducted himself with a high level of integrity, civility, and professionalism that earned the respect of judges, prosecutors, and his colleagues. Mr. Ragen was selected for the award by a selection panel that included a district court judge, a magistrate judge, and four representatives of the federal bar.

The Bartick Award is named for former United States Magistrate Judge David H. Bartick, who passed away last year after a long battle with brain cancer. Prior to his selection as a United States Magistrate Judge in 2012, Judge Bartick was prominent criminal defense attorney in San Diego, and was known for his kindness, compassion, and generosity.