

Alessandra (“Ali”) Serano

Assistant United States Attorney in the General Crimes Section, Criminal Division in the Southern District of California 12 years. Ms. Serano has tried over 35 federal felony jury trials, and argued more than a dozen appellate case before the Ninth Circuit during her service with the U.S. Attorney’s office, where she also acts as Coordinator for its Project Safe Childhood program, which has responsible charge of investigations and prosecutions of all federal child exploitation offenses charged in the Southern District of California, including child pornography, child prostitution and other sexual exploitation offenses. She has also worked with the Counter-terrorism Section of the U. S. Attorney’s General Crimes Section, focused on immigration, false statements and false document offenses as well as material support cases and investigations.

Ms. Serano is recipient of several awards for her work, including: the United States Attorney General's Award (2012) for outstanding community partnership to promote public safety; the "Top Prosecutor" award (2013) from Women in Federal Law Enforcement; the Federal Bar Association's (2013) Hon. Sarah T. Hughes Civil Rights Award; the "Angels in Trafficking" Award (2015) from the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition; and the San Diego County Juvenile Justice Commission's Commissioner's Award (2015) for Outstanding Law Enforcement Work. Team awards include the California Narcotic Officers' Association Narcotic Team of the Year (2014) for work on the Black Mob RICO case, and the San Diego County Sheriff's Office Meritorious Unit Citation for investigative teamwork (2015).

Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, Ms. Serano was an associate attorney with the Global Litigation Section of Howrey, Simon, Arnold and White (Los Angeles), from October 1999 to June 2003, where her practice focused on labor and employment matters, white collar criminal defense, insurance recovery matters, and other civil litigation work.

Ms. Serano is a 1999 magna cum laude graduate from the University of Miami School of Law, and received her Bachelor of Arts degree (Political Science/Law & Society) from UC Riverside in 1993. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Serano worked for two years as a Deputy Probation Officer for Riverside County, California.

Andrew Haden

Mr. Haden has been an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of California since 2010. He has served since 2013 as the Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator for the Southern District of California, which is nationwide program designed to reduce gun and gang crime.

During Mr. Haden's tenure as the Project Safe Neighborhood's Coordinator, the number of gun prosecutions have significantly increased (“tripled in number” per San Diego Union Tribune reporting). He is recipient of the U.S. Attorney's "Getting it Done" Award (2015), and of ATF's Service Award for his efforts in combating gun and gang violence.

Mr. Haden received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University, following which he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy, where he served as a Naval Officer for five years, including two overseas combat deployments. He received his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, he served for 2 years as law clerk to the Honorable Thomas J. Whelan of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California.

Mr. Haden is currently on the Board of Directors for the Stanford Alumni Association, and is very active at the University of San Diego School of Law, where he serves on the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association and is a member of the Adjunct Faculty, teaching Human Trafficking (along with Ali Serano).