

**MICHAEL D. SCHWARTZ  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
COUNTY OF VENTURA**

Michael Schwartz received his law degree from UCLA in 1979 and joined the Ventura County District Attorney's Office the same year. He began his career prosecuting a variety of misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile cases. In 1988, Mr. Schwartz was appointed Senior Deputy District Attorney. He has worked on a number of capital murder cases doing legal research and motions. He served for nine years in the District Attorney's Consumer and Environmental Protection Division, handling both criminal and civil prosecutions.

Mr. Schwartz has 12 years experience in the Writs, Appeals and Training Unit and has supervised the unit since 2001. He has argued cases in the California Supreme Court, the California Court of Appeal, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In August 2006, he was appointed Special Assistant District Attorney, with duties including personnel issues, enforcement of the public meeting laws, and management of the Victims Services Unit. He helped develop the office's Brady policies and reviews peace officer Brady issues as they arise.

Mr. Schwartz is a three-time recipient of the District Attorney's Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year award. He resides in Ventura with his wife and twin boys.