



For immediate release:

**Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Annual Dinner**  
**Guest Speaker Justin Connolly and**  
**Presentation of Deborah M. Talmage Attorney of the Year Award**  
**to**  
**Joyce Dudley**  
**Santa Barbara County District Attorney**

Santa Barbara Women Lawyers is pleased to invite you to its Annual Dinner on December 14, 2015 at the Santa Barbara Club. VIP Reception at 5:00p.m., Cocktails at 6:00p.m., Dinner at 6:30p.m. Before November 30, SBWL Members and those associated with nonprofits or the government pay \$85 for the dinner and others pay \$105; VIP package \$110/\$120. The VIP package includes a private reception with the guest speaker. After November 30, the dinner cost increases to \$95 and \$115, respectively. VIP package increases to \$130 and \$140. Direct questions and RSVPs to Kate McGuinness at [kate@counselorcoaching.com](mailto:kate@counselorcoaching.com).

Our guest speaker is Justin Connolly who will be addressing sexual assaults in the military. Mr. Connolly is Director of Southern California at Human Rights Watch, one of the world's leading independent organizations dedicated to defending and protecting human rights. He joined HRW's 85 member California Committee South as a volunteer in 1991 and joined the staff full time in 2010, overseeing the effort to bring the organization's work to the widest possible audience in Southern California.

The presentation of the 2015 Deborah M. Talmage Attorney of the Year Award will be made to Joyce Dudley by Commissioner Deborah Talmage. Each year, this award honors an outstanding legal professional who is dedicated to the advancement and success of women, mentors her colleagues and other women, personifies professional excellence and commitment to the highest level of ethics, and has shown a commitment to the community or has achieved professional excellence. Joyce has prosecuted crimes committed against women and children for over 25 years. Her philosophy has always been that their first encounter with the DA's office should be the beginning of their healing process and for that to occur prosecutions must be an ethical search for the truth, seeking to ensure justice for all.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson will swear in the 2016 Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Women Lawyers Association.

A portion of the proceeds all tickets will be donated to the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County's domestic violence program.

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