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## Judge, Attorneys to be Inducted to Criminal Justice Wall of Fame

Four men who devoted their careers to the Los Angeles County criminal justice system will be honored today with their names added to the Criminal Justice Wall of Fame.

Officials will induct the individuals during a ceremony at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center's first floor terrace at 1:30 p.m.

The Wall of Fame recognizes late judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys. The four honorees this year are:

- George M. Dell, a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge, who served on the bench for 22 years and remained active as an arbitrator/mediator for more than 20 years after his judicial retirement.
- Edward P. George Jr., a defense attorney, dedicated his life to improving the justice system and the overall legal profession.
- Dean R. Gits practiced law for more than 40 years and represented thousands of clients as a public defender, private defense attorney and the supervising deputy federal public defender.
- John Zajec, a prosecutor with the District Attorney's Office for nearly three decades, served as head deputy of both the Torrance Branch Office and Target Crimes Division, and as director of the Bureau of Branch and Area Operations.

The Criminal Justice Wall of Fame was created in 2006 to honor judges, defense attorneys and prosecutors who acted with integrity, personified excellence and served as role models throughout their legal careers.

A committee representing all branches of the judiciary selects the honorees. With Friday's additions, the Criminal Justice Wall of Fame now displays 109 names.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.