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Hey Picks Up First Annual Prosecutors' Award

A new annual honor for prosecutors, the Napoleon J. Menard Trial Advocacy Award, has been created by the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, and Deputy District Attorney Randy E. Hey is the first recipient.

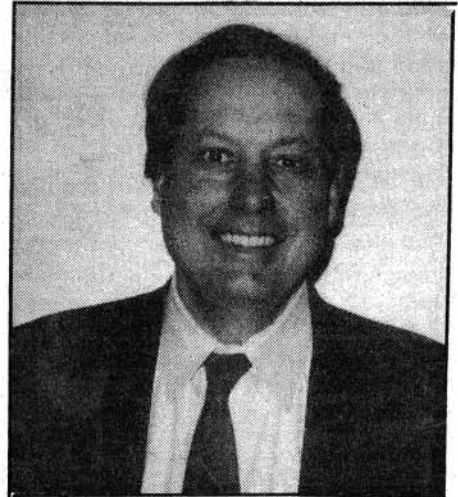
A selection committee unanimously picked Hey because of his successful prosecution of four murder cases in 1988, according to Thomas Hanford, head of the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit.

Hey won jury verdicts of guilty against three defendants, Johnny Lee Hall, Raymond Cardenas and Gary Johnson, who

was found guilty of two separate murders.

His supervisor, Jack Marshall, said that the Hall and Johnson cases were particularly difficult. Hall's original conviction had been overturned by an appellate court that struck down "80 percent of the evidence", but Hey won a conviction on the remaining evidence.

Johnson in one case, according to Marshall, was charged with killing someone in a drug deal. In the other he was suspected of killing a former wife, but no body and no evidence was found. Yet Hey secured a conviction.



Deputy District Attorney Randy E. Hey

He was a University of Southern California law school graduate and has been a deputy district attorney for 16 years.

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Hey became a member of Marshall's homicide prosecution team in July 1986.

After graduating from law school he worked for Ralph Nader on oil import quotas and edited the first book on environmental law.

Menard, who was this county's district attorney in the 1950s, was selected as the namesake "because of his reputation as a tough prosecutor," according to Hanford.

Menard was probably best known for the Tom Talley murder case, which pitted him against James Boccardo and George T. Davis, the prominent San Francisco criminal defense attorney.

Talley, a former New Mexico millionaire cattleman, was accused of murdering his wife in their posh Monte Sereno home. He was convicted by a jury in the first trial, but the verdict was reversed on appeal.

The second trial ended with a stipulated verdict of second degree murder, with Talley drawing a seven-year sentence.

Menard later became a Superior Court judge. He died in June of 1960. His son, Lawrence, is a private attorney in San Jose.