

Mary S. Izadi Instructor Bio

Mary Izadi has over 20 years of experience in the legal profession. She is dedicated to fostering a symbiotic relationship between the community and law enforcement. With a career centered on public service, she champions ethical and constitutional policing while advocating for victim's rights and public safety.

Mary Izadi is the Constitutional Policing Advisor for the Orange County Sheriff's Department in California. As a member of the Executive Command, she provides recommendations and guidance on constitutional law, accountability, adherence to best practices, as well as policies and procedures. Before assuming her current role, Mary dedicated over 11 years to serving as a prosecutor at the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office. Her caseload included a multitude of jury trials, encompassing cases such as murder, gang-related crimes, narcotics trafficking, and sexual assault, some of which received coverage on prominent national television programs like America's Most Wanted and the Oxygen Network.

Mary is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Legal Officers Section. In this role, she has worked in groups developing multiple model policies for police agencies, including Property and Evidence Control. Mary participates in the National Association of Forensic Laboratory Counsel, a group of attorneys for crime laboratories across the United States. She is a member of the Jurisprudence Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. She has a personal passion for forensic science and the pursuit of justice. She was also integral in creating the policy and procedural framework for the first county-wide Facial Recognition System established by the Integrated Law and Justice Agency of Orange County.

Mary is a California POST-certified instructor. She has trained and advised law enforcement and prosecutors nationally on *Brady v. Maryland* and *Giglio v. United States*. Mary is an Instructor at California State University Long Beach, Center for Criminal Justice Research and Training, covering Legal Issues and Risk Management for California POST. She also serves as adjunct faculty at the Rancho Santiago Community College, where she teaches at the Orange County Sheriff's Department Regional Training Academy and Advanced Officer Training Courses.

Mary serves on the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Training, Education and Standards Committee and the Constitutional Rights Foundation, Law Day Committee, assisting in training and education on Police Practices and Constitutional Law issues.

Mary obtained her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California at Santa Barbara. She continued her education at UC Law, San Francisco, formerly known as UC Hastings College of Law, where she earned a Civil Litigation Concentration and was an editor of the Race and Poverty Law Journal.