



# CALIFORNIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS' ASSOCIATION

June 21, 2021

The Honorable Joyce Dudley, Chair  
Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training  
860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100  
West Sacramento, CA 95605

## Re: Changes to Post Commission Regulation 1005(a)

Dear Chair Dudley,

The California District Attorney Investigators Association represents over a thousand District Attorney Investigators. On June 2, 2021, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) voted in favor of changing the standards for those who qualify for appointment as District Attorney Investigators as proposed by POST Commission Regulation 1005(a). This change is scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2022.

For many years, District Attorney offices across the state have worked diligently to recruit and employ investigators who are essentially subject matter experts in various disciplines. This alteration to the training standards will allow those lacking critical experience be hired to investigate sensitive, high-profile cases that could significantly impact our communities if not handled appropriately. It is imperative for a District Attorney Investigator to have a background which allows them to handle a vast array of crimes against persons and property in support of the prosecutorial efforts of a District Attorney's Office. Furthermore, this amendment to POST Commission Regulation 1005(a) is inconsistent with the mission statement of POST, whereas POST purports itself as being the leading organization in establishing professional standards, assuring top-quality training, and providing effective services to develop and support the world's finest peace officers and law enforcement organizations.

As President of the California District Attorney Investigators' Association, I want to stress our Executive Board's strong opposition to this change to POST Commission Regulation 1005(a).

Sincerely,

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