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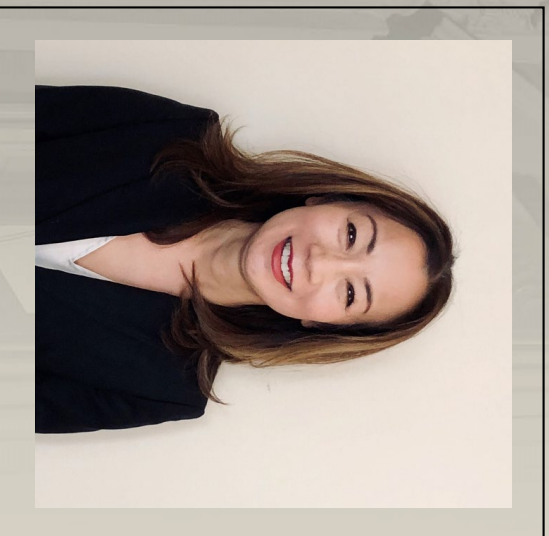
SANTA CLARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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Linda Allen graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1984. She went on to receive her law degree from the Boston College Law School in 1988.

Ms. Allen comes to this Office after more than two decades of trying cases and supervising teams at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. She was the managing attorney for the Preliminary Hearings, Misdemeanor Trial, and General Felonies units.

She has been a prosecutor at that Office since 1991. As an assistant district attorney, she served in a wide variety of assignments including Misdemeanor Trial, Writs and Appeals, Preliminary Hearings, Law and Motion, Narcotics, Homicide, General Litigation, Sex Crimes, Domestic Violence, and Intake units. In 2007, she tried a woman for throwing her three young children into the San Francisco Bay. The case was on the front pages and difficult as the woman was mentally ill and told police that God had told her to kill her sons, 6, 2 and 16-months-old.



Ms. Allen's powerful closing argument to the jury was widely quoted in the media and brought up with admiration by then-District Attorney Kamala Harris: "I don't expect you to have a cold heart. I expect you to have a rational mind." Lashaun Harris was convicted of three counts of second-degree murder.

Before she came to San Francisco, Ms. Allen spent three years after law school prosecuting cases at the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office in New York. She was assigned to the Misdemeanor Trial, Early Case Assessment, Investigations, Narcotics, and Grand Jury bureaus.

Ms. Allen was born and raised in San Francisco and became the first lawyer in her family. After working in New York, she returned to California and learned she passed the California Bar when her friends unveiled three cakes that spelled out: "You...Passed...The Bar!"

As she made her way through law school and summer stints with the probation department and the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco, she seemed to naturally gravitate toward criminal law. "Anyone who knows me, knows that I am perfectly suited to being a prosecutor, it comes so naturally to me," Ms. Allen said. "Being a rule follower. I have respect for authority. I am deeply offended by people that do wrong."

Ana Maria Gonzalez graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1994. She received her law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law in 1997.

Ms. Gonzalez comes here after a 22-year career at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, where she was the managing attorney for General Litigation, Preliminary Hearings, Special Prosecutions – and most recently - Gangs.

Before she became a supervisor, Ms. Gonzalez worked in the Misdemeanor Domestic Violence, Preliminary Hearing, General Litigation, Sexual Assault and Homicide units. Using a drop of blood on a boot and a long-forgotten transcript she found in Arizona, the prosecutor put together a successful life case against a man who raped and murdered a San Francisco babysitter in 1968. Ms. Gonzalez will never forget the defendant's other three victims who were willing to come back and testify, one of them had been attacked in 1964 in a Santa Clara orange orchard. Her case information was still on microfiche. "Santa Clara County," Ms. Gonzalez said. "is the bomb."



When she was assigned to the Public Integrity Unit, she successfully handled a case against five rogue PUC electricians who embezzled hundreds of thousands of dollars from the city of San Francisco. One of them used the illegal proceeds to trick out his BMW with a \$15,000 stereo.

Her first prosecutorial job out of law school was as a deputy district attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney's Office in 1997. While there, she managed a caseload of over 150 general misdemeanors and was later transferred to handle a vertical caseload involving misdemeanor domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse cases.

But Ms. Gonzalez wanted to come home to San Francisco, where she was born and raised by her working-class family in the Mission. She might have been a cop or an English teacher. It was up in the air until she interned at the DA's office in Ventura. Somewhere in between running extra paper over to the courthouse and translating for a case involving Cuban gang members she fell in love with the job.

She said: "Working with good people trying to do the right thing. Every file is interesting. I love all of it. It never gets boring."

Ms. Gonzalez spends her meager free time reading or co-managing with her husband the social calendar of her young daughter.