

Gerald Fineman



Gerald Fineman spent 33 years as a prosecutor in Riverside County, California, retiring as the Assistant District Attorney overseeing the Eastern Region. His focus: domestic violence and family violence cases—stalking, sexual assault, even homicide. He was one of the first prosecutors in Riverside’s Domestic Violence Unit when it launched in 1995, and he’s handled high-profile cases involving law enforcement as both victims and defendants.

Today, Gerald teaches prosecutors and law enforcement how to succeed in domestic violence cases—even when victims can’t or won’t testify. He trains nationally on leadership, career longevity, and the realities of interpersonal violence. His specialties include Domestic Violence Investigation, Strangulation, Non-testimonial Hearsay, Forfeiture by Wrongdoing, Expert Witness Testimony, and the use of evidence-based strategies that reduce dependency on victim participation.

Gerald trains for the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA), the Government Training Agency, and serves as Co-chair of the legal committee for the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention. In 2012, he was named CDAA Instructor of the Year. In 2022, he received lifetime achievement awards from both the CDAA and Alliance for HOPE International.

Every week, Gerald sends practical DV prosecution tips to professionals across the country. He’s also a certified personal trainer who’s completed more than 25 long-distance triathlons—because longevity matters in this work, and in life.