



Tracy Prior

Chief Deputy District Attorney

Office of the San Diego County District Attorney



Tracy Prior is a native San Diegan, born in Chula Vista, and a graduate of Bonita Vista High School. She graduated college Magna Cum Laude from University of California Los Angeles, was awarded the “Most Outstanding Senior” award at UCLA and received her law degree from the University of San Francisco. She externed at the California Supreme Court while in law school and has enjoyed a career as a public prosecutor.

Tracy has been a prosecutor for 25 years where she has tried over 75 cases to verdict including rape, child physical abuse, several multiple-victim child molestation, vehicular manslaughter, arson, and several murder cases including one Domestic Violence capital case. After specializing in Domestic Violence and Child Abuse misdemeanor cases at the San Diego City Attorney’s Office Tracy joined the San Diego District Attorney’s Office where she prosecuted general crimes in North County and then joined the Family Protection Division, specializing in Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Elder Abuse cases. Before her promotion to Chief Deputy District Attorney, Tracy held significant leadership roles including Assistant Chief of the Family Protection Division for six years, trial team leader in North County, as well as Chief of the Family Protection Division for three years. Tracy develops, coordinates, and leads the New Deputy District Attorney Training program, serves as a member of the Major case review committee, the Brady committee, and the Legal Training Advisory committee. She recently coordinated a countywide victim summit that brought together victims and survivors of abuse along with professionals working in the space of direct victim services to identify gaps and needs that will ultimately form a blueprint for change.

Tracy has served as an adjunct professor at Miramar and Palomar Colleges in San Diego, has taught at the state and national levels and has presented to international audiences on topics surrounding *Crawford v. Washington*, use of propensity evidence in Domestic Violence, child suggestibility, and Sexual Assault cases, as well as prosecution of child molestation cases. She teaches leadership courses for Attorney General Alliance-Africa, and recently taught technocrats in Zambia and Kenya. Tracy was instrumental in the development of San Diego County’s Strangulation Protocol which has increased awareness and response to non-lethal strangulation by intimate partners. She also developed the San Diego County Elder Abuse protocol, authored chapters in California District Attorneys Association Child Abuse and Domestic Violence manuals, and authored articles for the National District Attorney’s Association publication *The Prosecutor*. Tracy currently serves as Secretary-Treasurer and the Chair of the Domestic Violence Subcommittee of the National District Attorney’s Association Women’s Section where she led a team to develop protocols for information sharing and training between prosecutors and the National Football League and Major League Baseball.

Tracy recently received the NDAA “Presidents Award” for her work in Child Abuse, a lifetime achievement award from the San Diego Domestic Violence Council, and the Chuck Nickel Award from the District Attorney’s Association. In 2018, Tracy testified before the United States Senate Judiciary Committee as an expert on Domestic Violence Best practices for the hearing involving reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Tracy serves on the Board of Directors for the Buddy Bowl, a non-profit that hosts flag-tournaments to raise money for wounded warriors and first responders, and the California District Attorney’s Association. Tracy has been married 24 years and her biggest accomplishments are her two young boys, ages 14 and 12.