

The Challenges of Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases

Introduction for New Judges

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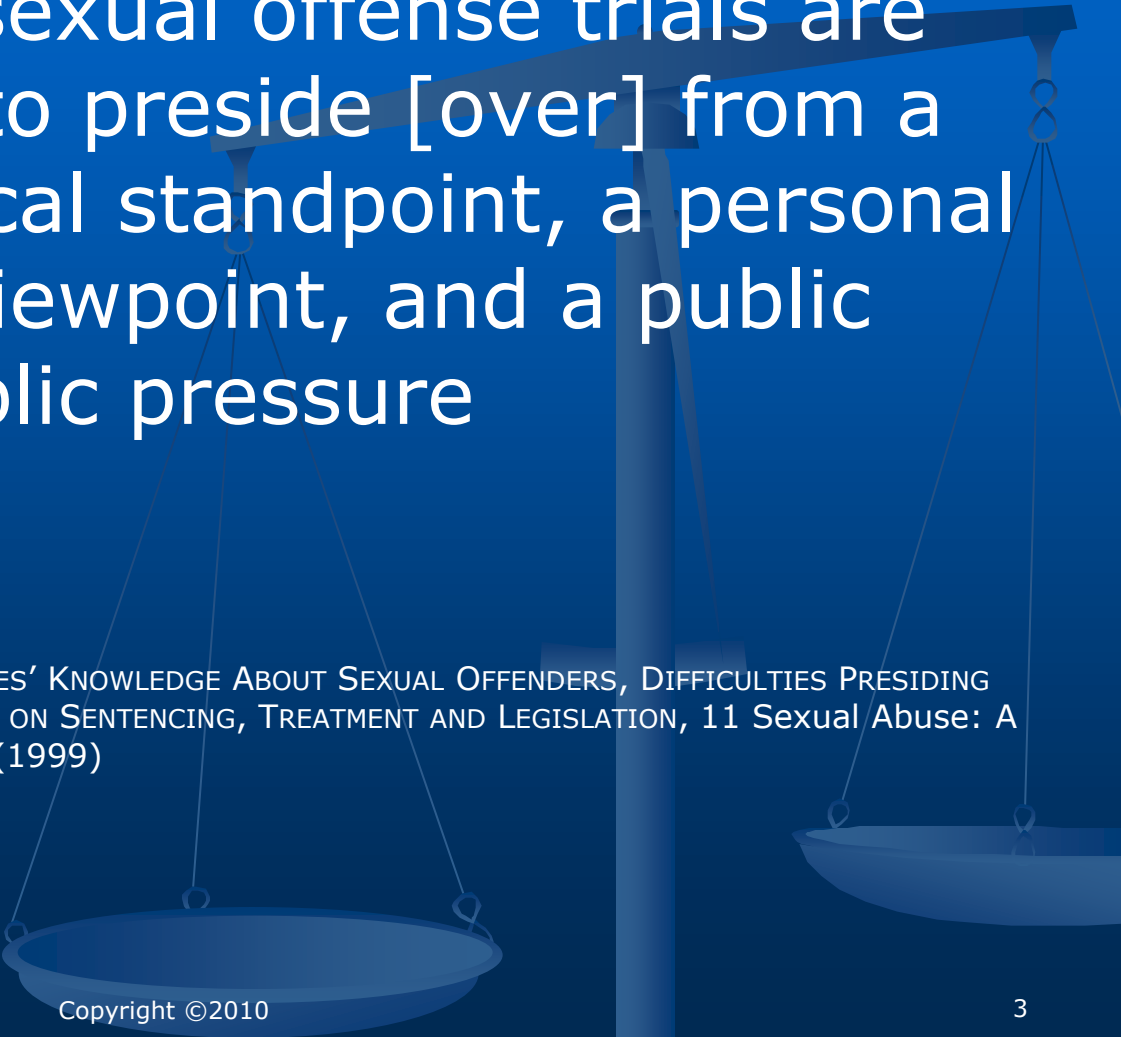
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Sexual assault is...

“A crime like no other.”

-Hon. J. Richard Couzens & Hon. Tricia Sun Bigelow,
CALIFORNIA BENCHBOOK: THE ADJUDICATION OF SEX CRIMES
(2006).



A survey of judges found that compared to other cases, sexual offense trials are “more difficult...to preside [over] from a legal and technical standpoint, a personal and emotional viewpoint, and a public scrutiny and public pressure perspective.”

-Kurt M. Bumby & Marc C. Maddox, JUDGES' KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SEXUAL OFFENDERS, DIFFICULTIES PRESIDING OVER SEXUAL OFFENSE CASES, AND OPINIONS ON SENTENCING, TREATMENT AND LEGISLATION, 11 *Sexual Abuse: A Journal Of Research and Treatment* 305 (1999)

Resources CD

Judges Tell: What I Wish I Had Known Before I Presided in an Adult Victim Sexual Assault Case

- A compendium of 25 key points from judges across the country with commentary and sources by the National Judicial Education Program

Resources CD

The Challenges of Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases: Background Resources for New and Rotating Judges – Items 1-12

Resources CD

The Challenges of Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases: Sexual Abuse and Assault in the Domestic Violence Context – Items 13-20