

RICK TRUNFIO
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Rick Trunfio is the First Chief Assistant District Attorney for the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office in Syracuse, NY where he runs the day-to-day operations of the office. He previously served as chief of the Homicide Bureau and remains responsible for the investigation of all suspicious infant deaths and the prosecution of child homicide cases. His homicide experience includes prosecuting death penalty cases, serial killers and cold cases. He has also served as Bureau Chief of the Special Victims Bureau where he specialized in the investigation and prosecution of child sexual and physical abuse cases, sexual assaults against adults and domestic violence. Currently, he coordinates Operation IMPACT, a collaborative initiative of local state and federal law enforcement, whose mission is to create and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce gun and gang violence and narcotics trafficking

Chief ADA Trunfio has served on the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Commissioner's Committee on the Revision of Sexual Offense Laws which helped to change and re-write sex crimes statutes and related portions of the NYS Penal Law and Criminal Procedure Law. He was invited to testify before the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime and Criminal Justice in the United States Congress and has also testified before the New York State Senate Committee on Children & Families. Currently, he sits on the New York State District Attorney's Association *Legislative Committee* and its *Subcommittee on Sexual Assault & Family Violence* as well as the *Committee on the Fair and Ethical Administration of Justice*, where he is a member of the *Best Practices Subcommittee* and the *Mutual Assistance Committee*. In 2016, Chief ADA Trunfio was asked to serve on the 9-member statewide *Ethics Guidance Committee*, which provides guidance and assistance on ethical issues to New York State Prosecutors.

Chief ADA Trunfio presents at training conferences across the country on the topics which include child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, homicide, cold case investigations & prosecutions, forensic evidence, ethics & professional responsibility, and general trial skills. He is frequently invited to guest lecture at colleges and universities throughout New York State. He is an Adjunct Professor at Syracuse University School of Law and Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. He re-wrote and edited a chapter in a national publication on prosecuting child abuse and has contributed to other publications on the topic of criminal law.

Chief ADA Trunfio is a member of the local Child Abuse Response Team, Child Death Review Team and has previously co-chaired the local Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition. He was chairperson of the task force which created the Abused Persons Unit, a single specialized unit consisting of detectives from different local police departments who are responsible for investigating all sex crimes & child abuse cases county-wide. He chaired the Evidence Collection/Crime Scene Analysis Task Force in Onondaga County and is one of the few non-scientists who sits on the New York State Crime Laboratory Advisory Committee. He currently co-chairs the Onondaga County Cold-Case Task Force.

Chief ADA Trunfio received his law degree from Temple University School of Law in Philadelphia, PA and his bachelor's degree at the University of Massachusetts,

where he was captain of the track team. He is a career prosecutor, having worked as an Assistant District Attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and as a Naval Officer in the United States Navy JAG Corps.

Chief ADA Trunfio has received numerous awards and recognition throughout his career, including the *Navy Commendation Medal* for his service in the United States Navy; the U.S. Department of Justice *Award for Public Service*; the *Sheriff John Harris Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Law Enforcement Community*; the *Spirit of Justice Award* presented by the U.S. Department of Justice and The Central New York Crime Victims' Rights Coalition; the *Sister Mary Vera Award*, presented by Vera House in recognition of his fight against domestic violence; a *Special Recognition for Service to the Community* by the Rape Crisis Center of Syracuse; and 1st Annual *Caring for Children Award* for his work on behalf of child abuse victims presented by the P&C Division of the Penn Traffic Company. In 2010, the New York State District Attorney's Association gave Chief ADA Trunfio the *Robert M. Morgenthau Award* in recognition of his professional accomplishments, integrity and commitment to justice and in 2012 the New York Prosecutor's Training Institute honored him with the New York State *Prosecutor of the Year Award for Trial Advocacy*.

Chief ADA Trunfio has been actively involved in the community with numerous organizations. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of Vera House Inc, and the Rape Crisis Center, and played an active role in the consolidation of the two organizations. He is a former board member of the Prevention Network and in his free time, he can usually be found on a field or a court, coaching kids in a variety of sports.