

Hammer the bad guy? Get a Conviction? Maximum Charge? Win at all costs? Long Sentences? Punish? Seek Justice?

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- to bring justice and safety to our community by aggressively and fairly prosecuting crime and protecting the rights of crime victims.
- Everything we do supports this mission.
- Ethical & legal obligation to discover ALL evidence that tends to negate guilt...

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- Whether it means we go forward and prosecute a case against popular opinion; or
- Whether it means we don't file, or dismiss, a case that we do not have evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt.
- The power to affect lives (defendants, witnesses, victims, etc.) is immense.

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Protect Victims Rights & Protect Defendant's Rights



- Protect Victims does not mean we are Victim's attorney
 - We represent the People
 - We must be objective; an advocate for truth not a party
- Prosecutor is responsible to protect Defendant's Constitutional Rights
 - If Defense Attorney or any other party makes an error;
 Prosecutor must bring it to attention of Court and attempt to correct the error / the record.

Qualities of a Good Prosecutor



"The qualities of a good prosecutor are as elusive and as impossible to define as those which mark a gentleman. And those who need to be told would not understand it anyway."



Robert H. Jackson U.S. Attorney General April 1, 1940

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"A sensitiveness to fair play and sportsmanship is perhaps the best protection against the abuse of power, and the citizen's safety lies in the prosecutor who tempers zeal with human kindness, who seeks truth and not victims, who serves the law and not factional purposes, and who approaches his task with humility."

Justice he done



Berger v. United States, 295 U.S. 78 (1935)

"The [prosecutor] is the representative not of an ordinary party to a controversy, but of a sovereignty whose obligation to govern impartially is as compelling as its obligation to govern at all; and whose interest, therefore, in a criminal prosecution is not that it shall win a case, but that justice shall be done.

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...As such, he is in a peculiar and very definite sense the servant of the law, the twofold aim of which is that <u>guilt shall not escape</u> nor <u>innocence suffer</u>.

He may prosecute with earnestness and vigorindeed, he should do so. But, while he may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones. Justice be done...



...It is <u>as much his duty</u> to <u>refrain from improper</u> <u>methods</u> calculated to produce a wrongful conviction as it is to <u>use every legitimate means</u> <u>to bring about a just one</u>."

> - Justice George Sutherland US Supreme Court, 1935

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