



District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley has served as the chief law enforcement officer in Alameda County since being appointed by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in September 2009. Subsequently, she was elected unopposed to the position in November 2010.

DA O'Malley is a nationally recognized expert in issues involving violence against women, violence against persons with disabilities, and interpersonal violence including sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse, stalking, and human exploitation and trafficking. She serves in an office with a national reputation for excellence dating back to former District Attorney and United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren. DA O'Malley carries out this proud legacy as the first woman to serve as Alameda County's elected District Attorney, and as a leader known throughout California and the country for her innovation and vision.

Since joining the office as an attorney in 1984, O'Malley rose through the ranks to become Chief Assistant District Attorney from 1999 until her appointment to District Attorney in 2009. She has a formidable record, having prosecuted hundreds of felony matters ranging from child sexual assault to domestic violence and murder. In her most recent jury trial, she obtained multiple felony convictions against Jared Adams for an extensive crime spree that included attempted murder, robbery of a gas station and carjacking. During the robbery of the gas station, he shot and paralyzed a 10-year-old Oakland boy who was taking a piano lesson in a neighboring music school. DA O'Malley secured a 70-year prison sentence for Adams.

DA O'Malley is a strong advocate for victims' rights, and is committed to doing all she can to improve the painful experience for victims of crime in Alameda County. She has developed an innovative electronic notification system to alert victims of crime about their future court dates. Additionally, DA O'Malley created the Restitution Program, ensuring those convicted repay the victim/s for losses suffered as a result of the defendant's criminal conduct. This program serves as a model for the State and consistently breaks national recovery records. In the last decade, the **Restitution Unit has obtained more than \$125,000,000 in direct restitution orders** for both victims and the State of California who have expended funds on behalf of crime victims.

One of DA O'Malley's passion projects has been the creation of the Alameda County Family Justice Center (ACFJC) in 2005. Legal, health, housing, psychological and other support services are available for victims under one roof at the ACFJC to further their safety, recovery and wellbeing. Over the past decade of operation, the center has provided thousands of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, elder abuse, and human exploitation and trafficking with a range of services, and has received numerous awards for excellence. The ACFJC was only the second center to open in the United States, and currently serves as a model for communities across the United States and as the Northern California Regional Training Center for the California Family Justice Initiative.

DA O'Malley's professional accomplishments include monumental contributions in the legislative arena with numerous bills written by DA O'Malley being signed into law. She has participated in drafting legislation that has included making courtrooms around the state

accessible for victims with physical and intellectual disabilities, ensuring the sexual assault victims have rights in the criminal justice system and expanding the support available to victims of crime in California. In addition to successfully advocating for stronger legislative protections and increased rights for victims of crime, Ms. O'Malley is a steadfast advocate for advancing women in the workplace, for protecting vulnerable individuals who fall prey to criminals, and supporting child and youth empowerment, enhancement and engagement.

Within the Office, she founded the HEAT (Human Exploitation and Trafficking) Unit in 2006 and has led the statewide charge in response to human trafficking. This has involved vigorously prosecuting traffickers (particularly those selling children for sex), targeting the purchasers, as well as changing perceptions about those trafficked – treating them not as criminals, but as victims.

In 2010, DA O'Malley launched the HEAT Watch Program which is a replicable, multi-disciplinary 5-prong blueprint to guide to unite prosecutors, police, service providers and communities in the fight against human trafficking. Our HEAT Watch program – the first of its kind in California and the first to operate within a public prosecution office in the United States – is a national model in wide use around the country. According to a 2012 report from the California Attorney General, the Alameda County DA's Office has prosecuted 46 percent of all human trafficking cases in California.

DA O'Malley is well known for other innovative model responses, and many of these can be seen in the divisions of her Office dedicated to specialized prosecution, many of these being replicated by other district attorneys' offices around the nation. Some of these include:

- *Identity Theft* – dealing with issues of identity theft and cybercrime
- *Real Estate Fraud* – targeting those who have defrauded victims of their property holdings or purchased property fraudulently
- *Truancy* – addressing the issue of chronic absenteeism in families, and connecting these families with support services to help them thrive
- *Environmental Protection* – responding to environmental violations by businesses, and collaborating with other counties to widen the scope of prosecution
- *Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence* – prosecuting these cases with a victim-focused mode called vertical prosecution. This means victims will only deal with one prosecutor who will stay with the case from start until completion.

Her commitment to seeking different solutions, such as utilizing new technologies, embracing new measures and championing lateral thinking, has led to a culture of continued excellence and innovation in her Office. It has also been a way to achieving more with fewer resources to help serve victims and our community, particularly in tight economic times.

For more than 35 years, DA O'Malley has also demonstrated her commitment to public service by helping to enact the changes she wishes to see in the world. One of the ways she has served has been through active involvement on national, state, and local boards. Currently, she serves as:

- Chair of the California Sex Offender Management Board
- Vice chair of the Boys and Girls Club Alameda
- Current Chair of the ACFJC Foundation

- Board member on the Judicial Council's Criminal Law Advisory Board
- Board member on the Sexual Assault Advisory Board
- Board member on the Domestic Violence Advisory Board
- At the California District Attorneys' Association (CDAA):
 - Chair of the Human Trafficking Committee
 - Chair of the Sexual Assault Committee
 - Committee member for Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse and Victim's Rights

Previously, DA O'Malley's community service includes, but is not limited to, the following boards:

- Past President of California Women Lawyers (CWL)
- Past Chair of the CWL Foundation
- Former Vice President of Women Lawyers of Alameda County
- California District Attorneys Association
- National Family Justice Center Alliance
- Former Treasurer of the Oakland Police Foundation

DA O'Malley's involvement in these organizations has been substantive. As president of CWL, DA O'Malley gave CWL a national voice, introduced the "No Glass Ceiling" Initiative, and created the Lessons from Our Mothers" Initiative.

For her contribution to the community and her profession, DA O'Malley is honored to have received numerous awards. Recently, she was the first District Attorney in the nation to receive the 2016 American Bar Association's Margaret Brent Award for professional excellence and for advancing opportunities for women the legal profession. In 2015, DA O'Malley received the 2015 Irvine Foundation Leadership Award and used the prize to launch the H.E.A.T. Institute, a research-based think-tank committed to ending all forms of human trafficking in California.

In addition to the Margaret Brent Award and the Irvine Foundation Leadership Award, the abbreviated list below covers honors for the past five years.

- *Citizen of the Year Award* from the Lions Club of Livermore (January 2015)
- *Fighter Against Wage Theft* from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 595 (2014)
- *Lois Haight Award of Excellence and Innovation* Award from the U.S. Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus
- *Visionary Voice Award* from the National Sexual Violence Resources Center (2014)
- *State Leader Award* presented by the Leadership California (2012)
- *Trailblazers Award* by Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson (2012)
- *Susan B. Anthony Award* by the National Women's Political Caucus (2011)
- *District Attorney of the Year* by Crime Victims Action Alliance (2010)
- *Alumna of the Year Award* from Carondelet High School (2010)

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