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Alice Vachss, JD, is the former Chief of the Special Victims Bureau of the Queens (NYC) District Attorney's Office. During her tenure, she tried more than 100 felony cases to verdict, including rape, child sexual assault, elder abuse, domestic violence, cult abuse, and homicide. Under her leadership, the Special Victims Bureau innovated new approaches and techniques in sex crimes prosecution, including victim-witness assistance, integration of therapeutic services with criminal justice procedures, and the "gestalt" style of victim support. Ms. Vachss is the author of *Sex Crimes* (Random House, 1993), a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year. That book coined the term "collaborator" to describe those within the criminal justice system who provide aid and comfort to perpetrators.



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Before assuming leadership of the Special Victims Bureau, Ms. Vachss was a VISTA volunteer, a counselor in a maximum security prison for violent youth, and a trial attorney in New York City's Legal Aid Criminal Defense Division. Ms. Vachss continues to lecture and consult, nationally and internationally, and is the author of numerous articles, including "All Rape Is Real Rape," (*New York Times Op-Ed*). She is also the co-publisher of Teal Ribbon Publications, LLC, a small press specializing in non-fiction on the topic of sexual assault response.

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