

# ALICE VACHSS

**Legal Education:** Boston University School of Law, J.D. [6/1974]  
**Bar Admissions:** New York [1975]; Federal: Southern and Eastern Districts, NY [1981];  
Oregon [2000]; Federal: District of Oregon [2002]

## Employment/Experience

- 2010-Present: special prosecutor for sex crimes, Lincoln County (Oregon) District Attorney
- 2006-Present: co-publisher, Teal Ribbon Publications, LLC: a small press specializing in non-fiction on the topic of sexual-assault response
- 1992-Present: attorney/author/lecturer (details below)
- 1995-2004: project director, Campus Consultants, a project of North American Family Institute: consultant group of former sex-crimes prosecutors, detectives and therapists to assist in/redesign campus sexual-assault response
- 1999-2003: staff attorney, Legal Aid Services of Oregon: emphasis on civil response to violence against women and elder abuse; special 18-month project: to design protocols for enhanced response to elderly or disabled sex-crimes victims
- 1982-1991: Queens District Attorney's Office
- 1985-1991: Chief Special Victims Bureau (responsible for 25-person vertical unit specializing in prosecution of sex crimes, domestic violence, and crimes against children and the elderly)
  - 1982-1985: trial attorney specializing in the prosecution of sex crimes, intensive litigation experience (cumulative felony jury trials: approximately 100)
- 1978-1981: Private Practice: trial attorney, concentration in criminal and family courts; member of Indigent Defense Panel (Supreme, Criminal and Family Courts) and trainer for its Co-counsel Program  
Consultant: The Juvenile Justice Planning Project (NY) and the Northeastern Family Institute (MA)  
Research Director: The Rape-Victim Representation Project
- 1975-1978: staff attorney, Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division (New York, NY): all phases criminal defense; extensive trial experience, misdemeanors and felonies, jury and bench
- 1974: research director, Advocacy Associates (NY and NJ): directed full-scale investigation into the practices of the New Jersey State Parole Board at Trenton State Prison; coordination of data collection, analysis and commentary for final report to the public
- 1973: summer internship, Office of the Public Defender (Burlington, VT): introduction to criminal-defense practices/techniques
- 1972: floor counselor/staff historian, ANDROS II (MA): maximum-security, intensive treatment unit for aggressive-violent youth; supervision of residents, counseling on legal/social issues, preparation of staff and residents for court appearances; documentation of Unit's history for State Dept. of Youth Services
- 1970-1971: counselor/teacher, VISTA-Teacher Corps Project, Rikers Island Reformatory (New York, NY): counselor in aftercare preparation and follow-up; coordinator of Education Opportunities Unit; literacy-skills counselor

## Publications

### Book

[Sex Crimes](#), Random House (and Literary Guild), 1993; Henry Holt and Co. Inc. (paperback), German, Italian, Japanese and UK editions, 1994.

### Articles

["The Charge of Rape, the Force of Myth."](#) *Washington Post Op-Ed* (11/02/03)

["Megan's Law Won't Reduce Sex Crimes."](#) *New York Times Op-Ed* (07/31/95)

["How To Keep Dangerous Criminals Behind Bars."](#) *PARADE Magazine* (11/25/94)

"Rape and Denial," *The New Republic* (11/22/93)

["All Rape is 'Real' Rape."](#) *New York Times Op-Ed* (08/11/93)

["We Need To Go To War."](#) *PARADE Magazine* (06/27/93)

### Manuals

Opening the Final Door: Redefining Rape Response: When the Victim Is Elderly or Has a Disability, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, 2001

Special Victims Bureau Training Manual, Queens DA's Office, 1985-91 editions

*The Prosecutor's Manual* (Wade/Huntley), NYS BPDS, 1980

### Reports

Ad Hoc Parole Committee Public Information Report #1: "The Parole Denial Process in New Jersey," Arca Foundation, 1975

### Law Review

"Voiceprints and the Defense," 10 *New England Law Review* 25 (1974)

## Representative sampling of recurrent consultations

Advisory Board for "Abused Kids with Disabilities: A National Training and Support Program"  
OVW peer review

## Lectures · Training · Speeches

Albert Einstein Medical School Department of  
Psychiatry

American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law

American Association of University Women

Booth Memorial Medical Center Child Abuse  
Unit

Catholic Medical Center of Brooklyn &  
Queens, Mary Immaculate Hospital Division

Circolo della Stampa (Press Club, Milan, Italy)

Council of the City of New York, Committee on  
Women

Clackamas County (Oregon) CASA

CSD 24

Dickinson College

Downstate Coalition for Victim Services

Eastern Regional Conference on Abuse and

Multiple Personality

EAVES/Mayor of London

Embassy of the United States, Sofia Bulgaria

EVAW (End Violence Against Women)

Federation of Jewish Philanthropies

Gateway Democratic Club

Glasgow City Council (Scotland)

Gonzaga University School of Law

International Association of Healthcare Security  
and Safety

Holliswood Hospital

Hope Place, Inc. of Huntsville, Alabama

IS 59

Jamaica Hill Community Association

Jamaica Service Program for Older Adults, Inc.

Lake County (Illinois) Council Against Sexual  
Assault

JHS 73, Law Day Program

Leeds Metropolitan University (England)

Lewis and Clark Law School

Lincoln County (Oregon) District Attorney's  
Office

Lincoln County Task Force Against Sexual  
Assault, public forum

Long Island Jewish/Hillside Medical Center

Loyola University of Chicago School of Law,  
Civitas ChildLaw Center

Miami Book Fair International

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Mississippi Committee for Prevention of Child  
Abuse

Mount Sinai Services/City Hospital at Elmhurst  
My Sisters' Place (Oregon)

NASPA (National Association of Student Affairs Administrators) Region IV  
 National Crime Victims Law Institute  
 National Organization for Women, NYS  
 New York Women in Criminal Justice  
 New York Women in Film  
 New York Women in the Media  
 New York Task Force on Processing Civilian Complaints by New York City Criminal Court  
 New York City Board of Education (various)  
 New York City Human Resources Administration Child Protective Services Academy  
 New York City Commission on the Status of Women Conference  
 New York City Department of Probation, Queens Adult Services  
 New York City Department for the Aging  
 New York City Coalition on Elder Abuse  
 New York City Task Force on Sexual Assault  
 NYPD Office of the Chief of Detectives, Sex Crimes Investigators' Seminars  
 New York State Conference on Child Abuse/Cornell University  
 New York State Assembly Republican Task Force on Sexual Assault  
 New York State Senate Committee on Codes and Committee on the Judiciary  
 New York University Post Graduate Hospitals Alumni Association  
 Open Forum: Violence Against Women  
 Niagara County (New York) Family Violence Coalition  
 Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force  
 Oregon Child and Family Services Advisory Committee  
 Oregon State University  
 Project Sapphire, London Metropolitan Police  
 Queens Borough Public Library  
 Queens College  
 Queensboro Council for Social Welfare  
 Queensboro Society  
 Queens County Academy of Medicine  
 Queens County Grand Jurors' Association  
 Queens County Maltreatment Services Council  
 Queens County Task Force Against Rape  
 Queens County Task Force Against Domestic Violence  
 Queens Hospital Center Rape Companion Program  
 Queens Interagency Council on the Aging  
 Queens Supreme Court, Law Day Ceremonies  
 Queensboro SPCC [Safe Space]  
 Rape Crisis Center of Portland, ME  
 Rape Crisis Intervention Services of Carroll County, MD  
 Rape Crisis Federation, England  
 Rape Crisis Network of Columbia, SC  
 Ridgewood Block Association  
 Richmond Hill Block Association  
 St. John's University School of Law  
 St. Lawrence County Citizens for Women's Justice  
 St. Vincent's Hospital Rape Crisis Program  
 San Francisco Book Fair  
 San Francisco District Attorney's Office  
 SATI (Sexual Assault Training Institute)  
 Seton Hall University School of Law  
 Sexual Assault and Harassment on Campus: 5th-13th International Conferences  
 South Carolina Solicitors' Association  
 South Queens Democratic Club  
 Southern Festival of Books (Nashville, TN)  
 Spokane (WA) Community Forum on Rape  
 Twelves Company (Plymouth, England)  
 Unified Court System (of New York) Summer Judicial Seminars  
 University of Alabama  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Wisconsin Department of Justice, Statewide Prosecutor Education and Training Program  
 Wittenberg University  
 Yale University Law School, Women's Bar Association  
 Women's History Month, Queens Division  
 Yeshiva University: Benjamin Cardoza School of Law