



VERA CAUSA GROUP

Story Ideas

- The role of the prosecutor versus the defense attorney
- The evolving role of the prosecutor
- The relationship between police and prosecutors. Is what we see on TV real?
- Who goes to prison in the jurisdiction and why?
- Stories of people who have been saved by the CJS: both defendants and victims
- Bail/Bond? Pros and Cons
- What do prosecutors do to protect conviction integrity?
 - Prosecutors' personal stories
- What does exoneration mean? Is a case reversal always an exoneration?
- What is prosecutorial misconduct? Is every mistake misconduct?
- Prosecutor's role in reviewing OIS cases
- Alternative Sentencing Programs: What are they? Do they work?
 - Stories of programs successes in various offices
- Victim support dogs: Why prosecutors use them?
- The face of the victim. Why should you care?
- Domestic Violence:
 - How to help a family member in need
 - Let's start asking why people hit rather than why victims stay
- Sexual assault and why it's so hard to prove
- Reasonable Doubt and Probable Cause: What's the difference, and why does it matter?
- How charging decisions are made
- Eyewitness credibility
- Specific legislation issues
- The CSI Effect versus real life courtroom drama
- Top 10 myths about my jurisdiction's prosecutors