

David Angel

Since joining the Office of the District Attorney in 1995, Mr. Angel has tried all manner of serious cases including sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence and mortgage fraud. He was central in developing the county's Drug Treatment Court and Mental Health Court and has lectured widely in these areas. In 2004, he formed one of the first Conviction Integrity Units in the country. He has exonerated six individuals who had been wrongly convicted of crimes ranging from child abduction to rape, and three who have been wrongly sentenced. His focus is on criminal justice reform including, eyewitness identification, body worn cameras, false confessions, prosecutorial misconduct and the problems associated with over-incarceration, the mentally ill enmeshed in the criminal justice system and money bail. Earlier this year, Mr. Angel worked to secure the release and exoneration of an individual wrongly convicted of a gang-related drive-by shooting. He also worked to create the new Santa Clara County narcotics policy whereby the District Attorney will no longer file criminal charges against the vast majority of people arrested for recreational drug use and possession.