

Maureen McCormick

Ms. McCormick is a Special Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and a 35 year career prosecutor. She founded the first Vehicular Crimes Bureau in both NYC and Nassau County and created the award-winning "Choices and Consequences" Program, which has educated more than a million high school students in multiple counties about drunk, drugged and reckless driving. She is a member of the New York State Impaired Driving Advisory Council and helped draft legislation, including Leandra's Law, Jack Shea's Law and the Aggravated Vehicular Homicide and Assault statutes, among others. She is a contributing author of the New York State DWI Trial Manual and the Vehicular Homicide Manual. She also devised the plan to use asset forfeiture funds to close the treatment gap for victims of addiction.

Ms. McCormick has tried many high-profile vehicular crimes cases, including *People v. Grey* (convicting an off-duty NYPD officer for the drunk driving deaths of Maria Herrera, her baby born by emergency c-section, her 4 year old son, Andy and her sister Dilcia Pena); and *People v. Heidgen* (convicting a wrong-way drunk driver in the deaths of wedding limousine driver Stanley Rabinowitz, flower girl Katie Flynn and the critical injuries of her family). She successfully argued two DWI depraved murder cases before the Court of Appeals and the Federal Second Circuit. She is the recipient of a number of awards including the William T. Smith Award for Legislation, the MADD Lifetime Achievement award, the NHTSA Public Service Award, the National Traffic Safety Award for Prosecutors and New York State Prosecutor of the Year. Most recently, she was honored to have an Excellence in Leadership award named for her by MADD.