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Biographical Information

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Gael B. Strack is the Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder of the National Family Justice Center Alliance which provides technical assistance to over 100 existing and pending Family Justice Centers across the world. In July 2009, the Alliance launched the FJC Legal Network which provides legal services to victims of domestic violence.

Prior to this position, Gael served as the Director of the San Diego Family Justice Center from October 2002 through May 2007. In that capacity, she worked closely with 25 on-site agencies (government and non-profit) who came together in 2002 to provide services to victims of domestic violence and their children from one location. The San Diego Family Justice Center was featured on Oprah in January 2003, recognized as a model program by President Bush in October 2003 and was the inspiration for the President's Family Justice Center Initiative which launched 15 Centers across the nation.

Prior to her work at the Family Justice Center, Gael was a domestic violence prosecutor for 17 years at the San Diego City Attorney's Office. She joined the office in 1987 and served in many capacities including an Assistant City Attorney for former City Attorney Casey Gwinn and Head Deputy City Attorney responsible for the Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Unit. Gael has also worked as a deputy public defender and a deputy county counsel for the San Diego County Counsel's office handling juvenile dependency matters. She graduated from Western State College of Law in December 1985.

Gael is a former board member of the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, past President of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council and former commissioner of the ABA's Commission on Domestic Violence. In her spare time, Gael is an adjunct law professor for California Western School of Law teaching "Domestic Violence and the Law." Gael has been honored with numerous awards, including San Diego Attorney of the Year for 2006 and most recently by United States Attorney General Eric Holder as the 2010 Recipient of the National Crime Victim Service Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services.

Gael has also co-authored a series of strangulation articles in the Journal of Emergency Medicine, the National College of District Attorney's Practical Prosecutor, and the Journal of the California Dental Association. Gael has co-authored four books with Casey Gwinn, JD, on the Family Justice Center movement in "Hope for Hurting Families: Creating Family Justice Centers across America," "Hope for Hurting Families II: How to Start a Family Justice Center in your Community," "Hope for Hurting Families: A Guide to Co-Located Services in the Middle East," and "Dream Big." Gael has also co-authored a book with Judi Adams, called "The Big Girls Club – Little Girl Rules for the Big Girl Workplace" which describes the ten rules of friendship that can help women thrive and succeed in the changing workplace.