



Stewart Ryan is an experienced trial lawyer with the law firm Laffey, Bucci & Kent where he represents survivors of sexual assault and other crimes in the civil justice system. Mr. Ryan previously served as Assistant Chief of the Trials Division in the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office where he prosecuted several high-profile cases including *Commonwealth v. William H. Cosby Jr.* During the Cosby case, Mr. Ryan was a key asset at each and every stage. He cross-examined the defense's key witness in the case's first hearing which was called to decide whether the accused serial sexual predator could ever be prosecuted. After that cross examination allowed the case to move forward, Mr. Ryan wrote and argued crucial pre-trial motions. At trial, he conducted the examinations of multiple prior victims, a key expert witness, two critical cross examinations, and made the final closing argument before the jury returned its unanimous verdict of guilty on all charges. As a prosecutor, Mr. Ryan specialized in prosecuting and investigating crimes of sexual violence involving adults and children, physical child abuse, internet exploitation of children, and domestic violence. He received numerous commendations for his courtroom successes and tireless efforts on behalf of survivors. Mr. Ryan is a board member of Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center, a nationally renowned facility where forensic interviews for survivors of childhood sexual and physical abuse take place during law enforcement investigations, and of Victim Services Center of Montgomery County, an organization supporting adult survivors of sexual assault. He has spoken to audiences across the country to raise awareness and advocate for the rights of survivors of sexual abuse.