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NDAА Applauds the Advancement of Justice for Victims of Sexual Assault in Weinstein Ruling

ARLINGTON, VA – The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) commends the dedication and perseverance of the prosecutors handling the Harvey Weinstein case as they sought justice for victims of crime in a difficult case that faced long odds. While acquitted on some charges, yesterday’s verdict was a victory for victims of sexual assault that have long stayed in the shadows of injustice as they endure their own suffering and victimization.

While advances must continue to be made to reduce the stigma around victimization and lift up the voices of victims of crime, the Weinstein ruling delivered justice for women that had the courage to stand up to their perpetrator and help empower women around the country to tell their own stories and seek the justice they deserve. While the majority of sexual assault cases remain unreported to law enforcement, these brave women stepped forward to shed light on abuse they endured and helped advance improvements in the criminal justice system’s response to cases involving sexual assault.

NDAA President and Solicitor for the 14th Judicial Circuit in South Carolina, Duffie Stone, said, “Sexual assault cases are extremely difficult to prove and yet involve the most heinous crimes. District Attorney Cyrus Vance and his team, Harriet Galvin, Meghan Hast and Joan Illuzzi-Orbon, did an outstanding job bringing a predator to justice.”

NDAA will continue to lift up the voices of victims of crime and ensure that prosecutors have the training and resources needed to assist victims in their pursuit of justice.

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