

Written Opinions in Rape and Similar Cases

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The Committee on Opinions and the Presiding Judge for Administration of the Appellate Division, are in agreement that it is undesirable for opinions in the above type of case to contain the name or identification of a victim of such crime.

Accordingly, in such cases, please make reference to such person as "the victim" or otherwise in a manner that will not reveal such victim's name, etc. It is believed that such a policy should be followed even if an opinion is not intended for publication, so that the docket will not unnecessarily identify these victims. When the press covers such a case, it of course is at liberty to report the name of the victim, although I understand that in many instances responsible members of the fourth estate shield such victims from unnecessary publicity.

The cooperation of all judges will be greatly appreciated.

EDITOR-S NOTE

The only change has been the deletion of that part of the first paragraph which names Judge Conford the former Presiding Judge for Administration of the Appellate Division.