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Kelly Higashi is an Assistant United States Attorney and she serves as the Chief of the Sex Offense and Domestic Violence Section at the United States Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia. In that role, Ms. Higashi leads 35 prosecutors who specialize in the prosecution, in both federal court and the local D.C. court, of sexual assaults (involving both child and adult victims), child physical abuse, domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, online child exploitation, and sex offender registration offenses. Ms. Higashi has served in this position for ten years, and immediately before that, she spent two and one half years as Chief and Deputy Chief of the Misdemeanor Trial Section of the Office. Ms. Higashi has been an Assistant United States Attorney for over 19 years and she has investigated and tried numerous criminal cases in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, including some of the most serious sexual assault cases involving both adult and child victims. Ms. Higashi has been awarded several United States Attorney Special Achievement Awards, the United States Attorney's Justice for Victims of Crime Award, the United States Attorney's Award for Creativity and Innovation, and the United States Attorney's Award for Excellence in Management. Ms. Higashi received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Pennsylvania, and her Juris Doctor degree from the George Washington University School of Law. After graduating from law school, she served as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Frederick H. Weisberg, Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia.