

## Top 10 things to know for Stalking Prosecutions:

1. Like domestic violence, stalking is crime about power and control.
2. Intimate partner stalkers are the most common type of stalker, which makes up about 70 to 80 percent of stalkers.
3. 89% of female murder victims who had been physically abused had also been stalked in the year before the murder.
4. Stalking can be carried out in person or via electronic mechanisms (phone, fax, GPS, cameras, computer spyware, or the Internet. Cyber stalkers may use the information acquired on line to further intimidate, harass and threaten their victim. Cyber stalking may seem very complicated. Find an expert who can assist you.
5. Make contact with the victim early and often. Establishing a good rapport with the victim will go a long way in keeping the victim on board for the lengthy process of prosecuting a stalking case.
6. Educate the victim about stalking and the dynamics of stalkers. Encourage them to keep a daily or weekly log of all the stalking that occurs. Encourage them to report every suspicious activity or behavior of the stalker.
7. Take all of the victim's concerns seriously. What may seem non-threatening to you may be extremely frightening and very real for the victim.
8. Be prepared for the stalking jury trial. File 404(b) motions. Make certain your jurors understand the potential lethality of stalking.
9. Become knowledgeable with all the technology the stalker is utilizing to stalk. Utilize an expert.
10. Pursue harsh penalties for those convicted of stalking. Do not let your victim become a statistic from # 3.