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After Daniel-Paul Alva graduated from the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville in 1972, he landed a job as an Assistant District Attorney in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. There he was assigned to the Narcotics Unit, and for over a year, he followed the path of drug prosecution cases from investigation through trial.

Between 1988 and 2002, Alva served as Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section. He served on the Bar Association's

Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention for ten years. In 2003, he was elected to the Board of Governors of the Bar Association and served as Chair in 2006. In 2003, Alva was appointed by Mayor John Street as a member of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee representing all Philadelphia attorneys, a position he held until 2007. He is currently Co-Chair of the Bar's Municipal Court Committee.

He founded his own firm in 1987, now known as Alva & Associates, which handles local, state, and federal criminal trials. He belongs to the Pennsylvania Associations of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and has tried more than 5,000 cases in Pennsylvania and eleven other states.

In addition to his legal practice, Alva is an adjunct professor at Temple University's Beasley School of Law and teaches in the renowned School of Trial Advocacy. He has created, chaired, or been a panel member on eight continuing legal education courses in Philadelphia including cross examination and litigation in homicide cases, defending narcotics cases, and the ethics of criminal cases.

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