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**MANLY STEWART & FINALDI ANNOUNCE CIVIL LAWSUIT AGAINST LAUSD COACH  
SENTENCED TO 105 YEARS FOR ALLEGED SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN**

***Alleged child victims of Coach Ronnie Lee Roman and their parents filed suit against LAUSD, Cahuenga Elementary School and Vine Street Elementary School.***

**Irvine, California** - Attorneys representing 10 alleged victims of Ronnie Lee Roman, a former youth services coach employed by LAUSD for an afterschool program, announced plans to move forward with civil lawsuits against the district. Two of these cases are in the process of being filed.

Roman was found guilty of molesting girls ranging in ages from 8 to 12 years old in June 2017.

Roman worked at the Cahuenga Elementary and Vine Elementary Schools. Six of the alleged sexual assaults happened on school grounds and another occurred at the victim's home. Today, Roman was sentenced to 105 years in prison, the maximum sentence.

According to the civil complaint Roman molested the alleged victims between 2002 and 2014. The complaint alleges, "Plaintiff came into contact with ROMAN, who was her supervisor/coach during the afterschool program. During the afterschool program, ROMAN engaged in sexual misconduct with the Plaintiff..." [Click here for lawsuit.](#)

"This case provides one more stark example of LAUSD's continuing failure to protect children under its care. LAUSD ignored complaints against Roman going back more than a decade, failed to report allegations of child abuse to law enforcement as required by law and attempted to prevent my clients from having their day in court. Roman has been sentenced to 105 years in prison, but my clients will suffer for the rest of their lives. LAUSD must now be held accountable," said Morgan Stewart, a partner in victims' law firm Manly, Stewart & Finaldi.

Manly, Stewart & Finaldi has represented dozens of victims of sexual assault in cases against the nation's largest school district. Their \$140,000,000 settlement against LAUSD in the Miramonte case is the largest sex abuse settlement against a school district in the United States.

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[Manly, Stewart & Finaldi](#) is California's leading law firm representing child victims of sexual abuse. The firm has represented more than 150 victims of clergy sexual abuse in California and hundreds of others throughout the United States.