

# Former US judge calls for specialised courts to deal with domestic violence offenders

Every week in Australia, two women die from domestic violence, and every three hours, one woman is hospitalised.

With those abuse figures growing, there are calls for specialised courts to be introduced across the country to deal with domestic violence cases.

It's a move supported by former American Judge Eugene Hyman, who presided over the first juvenile domestic violence and family violence court in the United States.

Eugene is in Melbourne this week to talk to Magistrates and Police Prosecutors about taking a tougher line to stop women dying.

And that includes introducing what he describes as 'shock incarceration' to deal with abusers.

Eugene joins *RN Breakfast* live from our Melbourne studio.

