Professor Gershowitz was referred to in a letter to the editor that appeared in today’s Houston Chronicle.

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The blame game

Regarding "Victims’ family OK with Green plea deal" (Page B2, Friday), the Harris County District Attorney's Office chose to accept a 40-year deal on the John Edward Green death penalty case.

When questioned about their decision, they attempted to shift responsibility and blame to Judge Kevin Fine.

The district attorney's office holds forth that individual defendants must be accountable for their own actions.

The district attorney's office ought to practice what they preach and quit scape-goating and blaming Judge Fine for their own actions.

University of Houston law professor Adam Gershowitz believes prosecutors made the deal to get Fine out of the equation because he might rule against them. If this is true, then it means the prosecutors only want to go to trial where they have a judge in their corner. Prosecutors certainly are used to having home-court advantage.

In Judge Fine, they found a judge who was not in their corner or the defense's corner. Fine is in the Constitution's corner, and that is precisely where all judges should be.

The DA's ongoing attempt to vilify Judge Fine is shameful and misleading.

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