

**Survivor-Centered Lawyering:
Improving Legal Experiences and Outcomes for Survivors and their Attorneys**

6 Kansas CLEs Approved

June 4, 2021
8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. **Trauma-Informed Legal Advocacy and Representation**
Faculty: Sara Rust-Martin, Director of Law and Policy KCSDV and
Lindsie Ford, Staff Attorney, KCSDV
(1.5 CLE)
- Session Description
This training will help participants understand the basics of trauma and the trauma-informed approach to legal work, recognize how trauma can impact your cases, and explain strategies to provide trauma-informed representation from intake and client-counseling through case planning and litigation.
- 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. *BREAK*
- 10:30 - 11:20 a.m. **Expert Witnesses**
Faculty: Cindene Pezzell, Legal Director, National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women; Mary Stafford, Mary Stafford Consulting, LLC
(1 CLE)
- Session Description:
Expert witnesses are hired for their expertise in certain subjects and can play a critical role in the outcome of domestic violence and other family law cases. Participants will be provided with an

overview of expert witnesses and the rules of evidence that govern expert testimony, how experts can help civil attorneys

prepare for trial, ideas for identifying experts, and techniques for challenging adverse and neutral experts in court.

Learning Objectives:

As a result of participating in this session, participants will be better able to:

- List the legal requirements that must be met to qualify a witness as an expert.
- Identify individuals within and outside their communities who may serve as expert witnesses.
- Explain how experts may be utilized effectively both in preparing for trial and during trial.
- Describe effective techniques for attorneys to use when countering problematic testimony from adverse and neutral experts.

11:20 a.m. - 11:30 am.

Morning Session Wrap up

11:30 am - 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 - 1:50 p.m.

Introduction to Serving and Supporting LGBTQI+ Survivors

Faculty: Anya Lynn-Alesker, Managing Attorney ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence; Danielle Moise, Training and Technical Assistance Attorney, ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence
(1 CLE)

Session Description:

LGBTQI+ community members experience intimate partner violence at rates higher than those in cisgender, heterosexual relationships. Expert faculty will discuss the unique challenges that LGBTQI+ survivors experience and provide some foundational knowledge on how to address those challenges. Faculty will also discuss how to appropriately conduct inclusive and safe outreach and intake for LGBTQI+ communities.

Learning Objectives:

As a result of participating in this session, participants will be better able to:

- Describe and address the unique challenges LGBTQI+ survivors of intimate partner violence encounter.

- Identify those engaged in a pattern of violence in order to exert power and control in a relationship where intersecting forces of oppression are at work.
- Provide services tailored to the specific needs of LGBTQI+ victims of intimate partner violence

1:50 - 2:00 p.m.

BREAK

2:00 - 3:15 pm

A View from the Bench

Faculty: Judge James Riehl (Kitsap County,WA), Judge Kellie Hogan (18th Judicial District, KS), Judge Mike Keeley (ret'd, 20th Judicial District, KS), Moderator: Gillian Chadwick, Director, Washburn Law Clinic
(1.5 CLE)

Session Description:

During this moderated panel, participants will hear from judges regarding the keys to success in preparing and presenting your case in their courtrooms. Judges will discuss best practices when litigating a case involving intimate partner violence and the practices attorneys should try to avoid. There will also be an opportunity to ask live questions of the judges.

Learning Objectives:

As a result of participating in this session, participants will be better able to:

- Develop a clear and concise theory of their case that will be effective to the judge.
- Prepare their case appropriately, including effective use of exhibits, motions, and direct and cross examination.
- Present effective arguments surrounding intimate partner violence before the Court.

3:15 - 3:30 p.m.

BREAK

3:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Legislative Briefing 2021

Faculty: Sara Rust-Martin, Director of Law and Policy, KCSDV and Lindsay Ford, Staff Attorney, KCSDV
(1 CLE)

Session Description:

This training will provide participants with information about changes to the law related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, following the 2021 legislative session.

4:20 - 4:30 p.m.

Closing, Q&A, Training Logistics

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