

2021 Virtual Domestic Violence Symposium
Coercive Control: The Hidden Reality of Intimate Partner Violence
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Opening Keynote Presentation

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

8:30-9:30am (PDT)

Trapped: Coercive Control Through the Lens of a Survivor & Master Photographer

Description: While great strides have been made to protect people from intimate partner violence (IPV), the system created to address this crime lacks the in-depth perspective needed to adequately ensure perpetrators are identified and victims protected. This presentation will explore how the strategy and tactics of coercive control, combined with the distorted perpetrator's lens, traps victims. Through the eyes of both a photographer and survivor, attendees will see how victims are entrapped by coercive control, not only by the perpetrator, but also throughout a system and society that tend to adopt the offender's lens over the survivor's. This workshop analyzes different perspectives and offers coercive control as a unifying viewpoint to ending IPV. Using imagery, research, and a review of common lens distortions, the presenter will show how adopting the more accurate and comprehensive perspective of coercive control can inspire innovation, collaboration, and effective solutions that may have been previously invisible.

Kate Amber is a survivor leader certified in the Psychology of Coercive Control by the University of Salford. She is the Founder/CEO of End Coercive Control USA (ECCUSA), which is dedicated to restoring the agency and dignity of adult and child survivors of coercive control by changing the way the country understands, responds to, and prevents coercive control in all contexts. As a survivor of childhood domestic violence, sexual assault, kidnapping, and severe trauma, Ms. Amber knows the mental, physical, and emotional consequences of living with physical and non-physical forms of violence and coercive control. Her innovative Tipping Point Scale assists individuals and organizations alike to identify the point at which influence in their relationship, group, company or organization has crossed the line into the potentially dangerous realm of coercive control.

Credits requested: 1 CJE General Credit; 1 MCLE Law and Legal Credit; 1 NASW-WA CEU

Relevant for local, state, national and international audience of all professions. A recording of this session will be available through the end of November 2021.

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Tuesday, October 19, 2021

10:am – 11:30am (PDT)

Strangulation and Coercive Control

Description: Kelsey McKay, trainer and former prosecutor, and Scott Hampton DV perpetrator treatment provider, will illustrate how strangulation serves to instill fear and control victims. Most victims who are strangled thought that they were going to die and do whatever they need breathe and survive—often leaving marks on the abuser as they fight to live. Although dangerous and sometimes deadly, strangulation frequently lacks obvious signs of external injury. Yet this powerful use of violence is used by perpetrators to show the victims that they are willing and capable of killing them. This form of abuse is significant and patterned as abusive relationships escalate towards homicide. By giving the victim a taste of what death feels like, strangulation instills a type of fear that is long-term, significant and forces them to survive at all costs. This torturous act is compelling reinforcement that the abuser decides if they will live or die. This training will discuss the significance of strangulation as a sign of escalation and a key lethality indicator for future homicide. Trainers will discuss how the role of fear influences decision making and explain how a victims reaction comes from a place of survival.

Kelsey McKay, J.D., (Texas *Bar Number:* 24046396) is a highly recognized national expert on the topic of criminal asphyxiation and interpersonal violence. She was a child abuse and domestic violence prosecutor in Travis County, Texas for 12 years, exclusively prosecuting strangulation related crimes for half of that time. She now trains and consults nationally to implement sustainable protocols and help strengthen how communities collaborate, investigate, treat, and prosecute strangulation in cases ranging from intimate partner violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, child abuse, and homicide. She is the President & CEO of RESPOND Against Violence, a non-profit organization. She also serves on multiple faculties, advisory boards, and committees.

Dr. Scott Hampton, Psy.D., has been working with batterers, sex offenders, victims, and child witnesses for 30 years. Dr. Hampton is the director of Ending the Violence, a Dover, NH-based organization that provides educational classes to perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence. He is also the project coordinator for Strafford County's Supervised Visitation Center. Dr. Hampton writes and speaks frequently on issues related to interpersonal violence. He spends much of his time consulting with other professionals on the handling of domestic and sexual violence cases, conducting workshops, and testifying in court as an expert witness in interpersonal violence-related cases. Dr. Hampton is a past president of the National Supervised Visitation Network, a peer reviewer for the U.S. Dept. of Justice, and has been serving on New Hampshire's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee since its inception in the late 1990s.

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Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Noon – 1:30pm

This is What Domestic Violence Sounds Like: The New Conceptions of the Cycle of Abuser Manipulation, Coercive Control, Victim Recantation, and Minimization Using Audio-recorded Jail Calls, Cell Phone Extractions, and Social Media

Description: Witness tampering, and coercive control are significant problems in domestic violence cases, with abusers frequently pressuring their victim to recant to lessen criminal charges (Davis v. Washington, 126 S.Ct. 2266, 165 L.Ed.2d 224, 2006). Through abusers' coercive control, upwards of 80 percent of domestic violence victims recant and/or refuse to participate in legal proceedings. Compounding recantation, when victims do not have access to professionals who believe their experiences, victims immediately sense this, retract and are at further risk of manipulation by their abuser. This interactive workshop directly involves participants in dissecting audio recordings of coercive control using real time audio-recorded jail calls and cell phone extractions. This workshop includes two objectives: 1) to engage participants in dissecting audio recordings to build skills in detecting coercive control; and 2) to review best practice models to assist participants in mitigating the impact of coercive control through building trust with victims.

Dr. Amy Bonomi (she/her) PhD, MPH, is founder of Social Justice Associates, award winning professor and founding Director of the Women's Leadership Institute at Michigan State University, and author of more than 150 articles/essays at the intersection of DEI and violence prevention. Dr. Bonomi co-edited the award-winning book, *Women Leading Change in Academia: Breaking the Glass Ceiling, Cliff, and Slipper*, which addresses barriers women leaders face and strategies to remove those barriers. Dr. Bonomi served as chair of MSU's Sexual Violence Advisory Committee and is currently serving the Biden administration as co-chair of the Board of Scientific Counselors for the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Bonomi's research has been featured on ABC News, BBC, Breitbart, Campus Reform, CNN, The College Fix, Fox News, Great Day Houston, MSNBC, NPR, , etc. Dr. Bonomi received the Distinguished Scholar Award from the College of Education and Human Ecology at The Ohio State University and was named Diversity Champion in the College of Social Sciences at Michigan State University.

David Martin, J.D., (WSBA # 27129) is a Senior Deputy Prosecutor for the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (KCPAO) in Seattle, Washington. He serves as supervisor of the KCPAO Domestic Violence (DV) unit, co-manager of the King County Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit, and as a Fulbright Specialist. Most of his 24-year career as a prosecutor has been spent in the Domestic Violence Unit. David has created innovative responses to serve victims of DV from the first evidence rule on immigration to systemic provision of civil legal aid in criminal cases to diversion and sentence alternatives for offenders with past histories of gender violence victimization. David serves on numerous DV task forces and work groups, is co-chair of the national Association of Prosecuting Attorney's Domestic Violence Committee. David has authored several of Washington's criminal DV laws including removal of the marital rape exception, stalking reform, batterer treatment, felony DV sentencing reform, strangulation, and repeat DV assault. He is coauthor of Washington's statewide DV prosecution manual, articles on strangulation, and recantation. David has served on the board of multiple community based domestic violence

organizations. He provides training and consultation on DV issues locally, nationally, and internationally. David is the recipient of the Prosecuting Attorney's Outstanding Trial Advocacy award, Lifewire Norm Maleng award, Consejo Founder's Award, Coalition Ending Gender Based Violence System Change award.

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021

8:30am – 10:00am (PDT)

Protective Orders 101 for DCYF Professionals

Description: No-Contact Order? Restraining Order? Protection Order? Which one is which, who requests it and what does it mean? Participants in this workshop will learn who qualifies for which type of protection order, which type of behavior the order has authority to stop, and what type of protections each order offers. This workshop will also provide a brief overview of criminal no-contact orders and how they differ from civil protection orders.

Angela Rogness is currently the Program Manager of the Protection Order Advocacy Program at the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (KCPAO). She has 21 years' experience working as an advocate in various units throughout the in the Juvenile unit, as well as the Criminal Domestic Violence unit handling misdemeanor and felony cases. She also worked as part of the mental health court team working with victims of domestic violence. For the past eight years she has worked at the Protection Order Advocacy Program. She studied at the University of Washington with an emphasis on the Social Sciences. Angela feels very grateful for the opportunity to help survivors tell a portion of their story and witness each survivor's strength and perseverance.

Leticia Figueroa has been working at the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office as a bi-lingual protection order advocate since 2018. Prior to this position she worked at DAWN as the immigrant/ survivor advocate for two years. In all her advocacy positions being bilingual has been a great asset. She started and was the Director of the Latino Health Fair in Federal Way for four years. Leticia is also a passionate community advocate who is active in her church and other community endeavors in Auburn, WA.

Alyssa Shaw, MSW, is the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Advocate with the Seattle City Attorney's Office. As a member of the Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit, she works to educate the communities of Washington state about extreme risk protection orders and directly assists law enforcement and family members on ERPO cases. She has worked with survivors of intimate partner violence and family violence for almost 10 years in both community-based and system based-settings. Since being with the Seattle City Attorney's Office, she has conducted research about the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty and developed a team to address animal cruelty cases.

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Most relevant for professionals in Washington State. All are welcome to attend. This session will be recorded.

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021

10:15am – 11:45am (PDT)

Assessing and Planning for Child Safety in the Context of Domestic Violence

Description: This workshop will explore the process used to assess for child safety in the midst of domestic violence, and the considerations for planning for children's safety.

Micah Kurtz (He/Him/His), M. DVI., MSW has worked in child welfare since May 2008. Having worked for two years doing family preservation services, spent two years as a Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program student while working on his MSW, working for about five years as a worker and supervisor for Children's Administration, and then the last four and a half as a coach and trainer for the Alliance, he brings a variety of experience to the work. Micah values increasing the skills and critical thinking of the child welfare workforce as a way of supporting children, families, and caregivers.

Charina Carothers (she/her/hers), LICSW, began working in child welfare in 2006 in Spokane County. Over the course of her career, Charina served children and families through a variety of programs and pathways before joining the Alliance as a Coach where she has been for the last 5 years, now as the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Manager. In her various roles, Charina has learned the importance of mentoring and coaching, and the impact it has on moving systems and agencies forward. Charina brings a passion for engagement, understanding and relationship development to this work, as well as an empathetic and thoughtful approach to making an impact in all spaces.

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Most relevant for child protection professionals in Washington State. All are welcome to attend. This session will be recorded.

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Noon – 1pm (PDT)

Innovation in DV Intervention

Session Sponsored by the Washington Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission

Description: This session will highlight innovative work from Washington State related domestic violence intervention: DV-MRT, including findings from the recent DV-MRT evaluation and practical program implementation information, and Okanogan County's remote treatment pilot. Learning Objectives: 1) Analyze the court's role in making DV intervention accessible, 2) Consider implementing a court-based treatment option.

Judge Charles Short (WSBA # 33549) is an Okanogan County District Court judge. He served as presiding judge from 2015-2018. He is president of the Washington State District and Municipal Court Judges Association (DMCJA). He serves on the DMCJA Executive Legislative Committee, Diversity Committee, and Council on Independent Courts. He is a member of the Gender & Justice Commission's E2SHB 1320 Protection Order

Technology Work Group. He has served on the Washington State Domestic Violence Perpetrator Treatment Work Group and the Washington State Board for Judicial Administration Education Task Force.

Mindy Breiner has been the sole Case Manager at Tukwila Municipal Court for 21 years and oversees their Jail Alternative Programs.

Mindy is actively involved in the Washington State Misdemeanor Probation Association and currently serves as Treasurer. She has represented MPA on the CLJ-CMS Court User Work Group since 2014 and is the lead facilitator for the Misdemeanor Probation Counselor Academy.

Mindy holds a bachelor's degree in Speech Communication from the University of Washington. She became certified to facilitate Domestic Violence Moral Reconciliation Therapy in 2015 and is currently offering four classes a week to participants from 15 different courts.

Amelie Pedneault, PhD, is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Washington State University. Generally speaking, Dr. Pedneault researches violent offending, including evaluation of programs and reentry practices to identify "what works" in violence prevention. Last year, she led the evaluation of the DV-MRT programs in Washington State.

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021

1:30pm – 3:00pm (PDT)

E2SHB 1320: Enhancing Access, Modernizing, and Harmonizing Washington State's Civil Protection Order Law

Description: Legislation overview for civil and family law attorneys, and advocates.

Riddhi Mukhopadhyay (she/her), J.D., (WSBA # 42759) is the Director of the Sexual Violence Law Center (SVLC). SVLC provides holistic legal assistance and representation to sexual assault survivors, protecting their privacy, safety and civil rights. SVLC also houses the Technology-Enabled Coercive Control (TECC) Project. A former sexual assault and domestic violence advocate, Riddhi started her legal career at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP) as a legal fellow and attorney, followed by working as a public defender. Currently Riddhi serves on the boards of the Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence and Judicial Institute. Riddhi also serves by appointment on Washington State's Gender and Justice Commission

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Thursday, October 21, 2021

8:30am – 9:30am (PDT)

Civil legal access during the COVID-19 pandemic: Perspectives from domestic violence survivors and advocates

Description: The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted domestic violence survivors of color. After Washington State’s Stay Home Order in response to COVID-19, advocacy organizations, the King County Prosecuting Attorney, and King County Superior court implemented programmatic and technological adaptations intended to create and increase civil legal access. This included filing for domestic violence protection orders (DVPO) online and appearing remotely to court. This project aimed to identify the needs of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) survivors when accessing civil legal services. We will share the findings from an online survey completed by 100 DV survivors and interviews with 10 legal and community advocates. Significant need exists to enhance legal access and resources among survivors of color during the pandemic and beyond. Future adaptations in access to civil protection orders should consider increasing online information and access to advocates and reducing wait times in the court to promote health equity.

Kimberly Dalve is a doctoral student at the University of Washington in the Department of Epidemiology. Her research interests are at the intersection of the legal system and public health. Kimberly received a B.S. in Psychology and B.A. in Criminology from the University of Florida and an M.A. in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Dr. Deirdre Bowen, J.D., Ph.D., is a nationally recognized expert in three areas: affirmative action, family law, and adjudication processes. Her work has been widely published and cited. At Seattle University, she teaches in the law school's highly ranked Legal Writing Program and teaches courses in family law and domestic violence. In addition, she is the co-director and founder of the Madrid Study Abroad Program in Law & Policy, where she teaches Comparative Family Law and is the founder and director of the online Domestic Violence Protection Order Clinic.

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Thursday, October 21, 2021

10:00am – 11:30am (PDT)

Maintaining Access to Domestic Violence Protection Orders During a Pandemic

Description: Maintaining access to advocates and the DVPO process during the pandemic was a lesson in challenges. Join us for a panel discussion with some of the front-line advocates who navigated unprecedented change to ensure access to survivors who will share insight on lessons learned and challenges overcome.

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of Washington with an emphasis on the Social Sciences. Angela feels very grateful for the opportunity to help survivors tell a portion of their story and witness each survivor's strength and perseverance.

Anthony Green, J.D. (WSBA # 50427) is an Advocate with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Protection Order Advocacy Program. He has worked as a domestic violence victim advocate and attorney with DAWN in King County, Community Legal Services in Arizona, the National Crime Victim Law Institute in Oregon, the Diane Halle Center for Family Justice in Arizona, Safeplace in Texas, and Sexual Assault Support Services in Oregon. He has a JD from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and a Bachelors in Women's and Gender Studies from the University of Oregon. He really likes protection orders.

Anna Cole has been with the Protection Order Advocacy Program (POAP) since 2019. Her background in advocacy began as a Community Advocate in 2018, working primarily with Spanish speaking clients in Seattle and south King County who were experiencing domestic violence. Anna is from Ravensdale, Washington and joined the Protection Order Advocacy Program's team as a part-time advocate. In December 2019, she began working full-time on a project emphasizing process development. This involved working with tech specialists in-office and a local tech startup on a project to provide virtual access to protection orders. Her role in this project involved troubleshooting, critiquing non-user-friendly features, proposing changes for improvement, and providing ongoing support and training to fellow advocates. This role became critically important with the onset of Covid-19, as POAP went from offering 100% in person services to operating entirely remotely. In her free time, she enjoys tea, yoga, and hiking with her dog Fiera.

Chelle Hunsinger de Enciso has worked as a bilingual Protection Order Advocate with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's office since 2018. Prior to a 5-year stint living in Mexico, she was the Emergency DV Shelter Director at LifeWire in King County. Her position immediately preceding that one was as Director of Domestic Violence Programs at Consejo Counseling & Referral Service, which included the Community Advocacy Program, two transitional housing programs as well as a Batterer's Intervention program. Before becoming a program director, Chelle had been providing direct service advocacy almost exclusively to Spanish-speaking survivors since August 1996. She has provided both legal and community advocacy services in Spanish to Latinas, facilitated Spanish-speaking support groups, and provided education, outreach, and training to the Spanish-speaking community at agencies such as the Domestic Abuse Women's Network, Eastside Domestic Violence Program, and Centro Latino in Tacoma, WA. Chelle holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish Language and Literature, and she is also a DSHS state-certified Spanish social services interpreter.

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Thursday, October 21, 2021

Keynote 12 – 1pm (PDT)

Why Now? Why Us?

Join us for a lunchtime Keynote with Nature Carter who continues her tireless effort in sharing her struggle to success with humility, on many platforms, being a champion for change and mobilizing marginalized underserved black communities to raise awareness about the intersections of violence and lift-up the silenced voices of survivors. Today, Nature will share her wisdom with us by answering the following:

- Why are the intersection of violence important?
- Why are we still talking about this?
- Why is every Step in the movement necessary?
- Why Not Us?

Nature Carter is a Seattle Native that grew up in Historical Central District, Yesler Terrace Housing Projects. She is a dynamic energetic leader, innovative program developer, powerful motivational speaker, extraordinary mentor, a wife, a mother, grandmother and simply an authentic amazing woman filled with heartfelt kindness.

Nature is known for her advocacy and leadership in reducing the demand of buyers, sex trafficking and the intersections of violence work throughout Washington State for over 20 years; creating strategies to lead women out of the sex trade industry, and cycles of violence.

Her enriched personal lived experience, and professional career stands solid, as it was built with unwavering commitments with a wide range of diverse settings of nonprofits, from co- founding an organization, executive leadership, to being on the front line providing direct culturally specific services.

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Thursday, October 21, 2021

1:30pm – 3:00pm (PDT)

Coercive Love: Intimate Partner Sex Trafficking

Description: Traffickers develop individualized tactics to control their victims. To some victims those tactics can look more like romance, love, and family, rather than force, fraud, and coercion. Intimate partner sex trafficking cases may not be readily identified as such, allowing offenders to escape accountability and providing a gap in services for victims. Understanding the unique vulnerabilities exploited by traffickers in these relationships allows law enforcement and prosecutors to address and minimize harm to victims while effectively investigating and prosecuting sex trafficking cases more successfully. Law enforcement, prosecutors, and allied professionals can leverage skillsets related to combating intimate partner violence to improve their response to sex trafficking where the offender is controlling their victim(s) through promises of love and family.

The presenters bring their lived and professional experience to this presentation, which will describe how in addition to violence and threats, traffickers exploit feelings of love and loyalty to maintain power over their victims and perpetrate sex trafficking and related crimes. The presentation will provide strategies to improve

identification of intimate partner sex trafficking, expand meaningful off ramps for victims, and increase offender accountability through successful investigations and prosecutions.

Learning Objectives:

At the end of this presentation, participants will be better able to:

- Recognize and describe methods of control used by intimate partner traffickers
- Identify and minimize barriers to disclosing and exiting intimate partner violence
- Investigate and prosecute crimes of intimate partner human trafficking

Wendy Barnes has been the Human Trafficking Response Program Coordinator at Dignity Health since January 2018. As Coordinator, Wendy supports thirty-five task force teams throughout Dignity Health, organizes travel for TF members and survivor speakers, mentors survivor speakers, process/track invoices, and performs other administrative work that supports the program as a whole. Wendy also provides insight in creating new educational modules and provides education for healthcare providers across the U.S. When providing education, Wendy often shares examples from her own experiences with hospitals, clinics, and private practices of when she was trafficked for over a decade.

Since 2004, while working full-time in the corporate world, Wendy has volunteered her time to multiple non-profit organizations spreading awareness and sharing her powerful story of survival. Wendy has consulted for numerous organizations, including Homeland Security's Blue Campaign; Via Christi Health, part of Ascension; Not For Sale, and Impact Virginia. Wendy has also provided education to law enforcement officers and students at numerous universities, including Vanguard University and St. Mary's College of California. Wendy is a member of the National Survivor Network and the International Survivor Alliance. She has received Certificates of Recognition from California Senator Scott Wilk, 21st Senate District, in April 2018; Tom Lackey, California Assemblyman, 36th District, in April 2018; and Chief Charlie Beck, Los Angeles Chief of Police, in September 2011.

Wendy has an associate degree in General Studies and has written a memoir, *And Life Continues: Sex Trafficking and My Journey to Freedom*. Wendy also co-authored a chapter in *Human Trafficking Is a Public Health Issue; A Paradigm Expansion in the United States* (Spriner, 2017). Wendy has appeared on talk shows such as Dr. Phil, and her story has been featured in news features and documentaries, including *Flesh: Bought and Sold in the U.S.*

Jennifer Dolle is an Attorney Advisor at AEquitas with a focus on human trafficking.

Prior to joining AEquitas, Jenn was an Assistant District Attorney at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. During her 11-year career, she prosecuted violent felonies including human trafficking, kidnapping, sexual assault, robbery, weapons possession, drug conspiracies, and intimate partner crimes. Jenn was a co-founder of the Human Trafficking Response Unit at the Manhattan DA's Office and served as its first-ever Deputy Chief. She developed the Unit to confront human trafficking with a survivor-centered and holistic approach that focused on connecting victims with services while ensuring traffickers were fully prosecuted. As Deputy Chief, Jenn supervised a team that included a dedicated social worker, a data scientist, specially-trained investigators, prosecutors, and analysts. She developed innovative investigative techniques, including the use of eavesdropping warrants and other technology, to bring evidence-based prosecutions. She obtained top count convictions at trial on human trafficking and sexual assault cases including one of the first sex trafficking wiretap cases in New York State. Jenn also supervised Manhattan's Human Trafficking Intervention Court where she implemented

new policies aimed at minimizing collateral harm to survivors within the court system. In this role, she also led efforts to vacate prosecution-related convictions of human trafficking survivors.

Jenn brings to AEquitas years of experience developing policies and training law enforcement agents, attorneys, judges, advocates and data scientists on human trafficking. As Attorney Advisor, Jenn is currently responsible for providing trainings and other technical assistance on investigations, case analysis, and trial strategy. She also develops publications, trainings, and other resources for human trafficking and other gender-based violence cases. Her experience as a prosecutor and advocate for victims, in and outside of the courtroom, enables her to share practices designed to increase survivor trust in the legal system and promote collaboration amongst service providers, law enforcement, and prosecutors.

Jenn is a graduate of Boston College Law School and Colby College and obtained an M.A. from New York University with a focus on human rights. She lives in New York and is an avid sports fan.

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Friday, October 22, 2021

Keynote: 8:30am – 9:30am (PDT)

Two Sisters, Two Paths: The Cost of Familial Exploitation, Child Trafficking, Domestic Violence, Familial Identity Theft, and Youth Homelessness

Description: The presentation defines ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and compares how different interventions for my younger sister and I as children led to very different outcomes.

Sabra Boyd is a CSEC child trafficking survivor, freelance writer and web developer. She has over a decade of experience working in healthcare administration, biomedical research, and homeless youth services. Sabra is writing a book about familial trafficking in the U.S. and is working to lobby Congress for national child welfare reform. When she isn't writing, Sabra enjoys singing opera, crafting chainmail, building web apps, cooking with foraged ingredients, and writing pop songs for her dog.

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Friday, October 22, 2021

9:45am – 11:15am & 1:45pm – 2:15pm (break from 11:15 – 1:45)

Exposing and Understanding Family & Non-Family Non-State Torturer-Traffickers

Description: This workshop will name and explain what non-State torture (NST) is, with a focus on women who were born into such families or are married to a torturer-trafficker. Understanding the criminal actions of NST torturer-traffickers, including coercive control as a tool for victimization-conditioning, is essential if NST and other crimes are to be understood and detected by investigators and support services. Jeanne and Linda will share insight into NST victimization-traumatization care interventions, which include doing the opposite of the torturers, by dissolving the pathologizing of women's survival responses that interfere with everyday living once exited and promoting safety and social integration skills.

Linda MacDonald, MEd, BN and Jeanne Sarson, MEd, BCSN retired public health nurses who have spent the past 28 years as grassroot supporters of women who have survived non-State torture (NST), trafficking, and sexualized exploitation perpetrated within intimate relationships. As feminist human-right defenders and independent scholars/researchers, they have exposed the global invisibility of organized NST family-based crimes with many published works, including their just released book, [Women Unsilenced: Our Refusal To Let The Torturer-Traffickers Win](#). Their work, which began in 1993, includes ground-breaking insights into NST victimization-traumatization informed care, and as co-founders of Persons Against Non-State Torture (NST), they are contacted by predominately women in Canada, the US, UK, Western Europe, the Philippines, Australia, and New Zealand, who identify NST as a distinct human rights crime. They develop resources, offer educational presentations nationally and internationally, and since 2004 have participated in NGO panel presentations at the United Nations in New York, Geneva, and Vienna.

Credits requested: 2 CJE General Credit; 2 MCLE Law and Legal Credit; 2 NASW-WA CEU

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Friday, October 22, 2021

2:30pm – 4:00 pm (PDT)

South Dakota's Anti-Torture Law

Description: Join survivor leaders Kelly Patterson and Gina Dvorak in their journey to change the law. Kelly and Gina will discuss coercion, dissociation, and how to pass effective legislation. Hear about how their collaborative efforts to make local connections with attorneys, legislators, and the Governor's office, along with their utilization of personal experience, helped add a vital law to the books. Clips of audio from the South Dakota Judicial hearing process will also be shared. Thirty minutes of this presentation will be a panel presentation from all speakers throughout the day. Bring your questions!

Learning Objectives: 1) Understand the need for a non-state anti-torture law; 2) Learn how effective collaboration leads to change.

Kelly Patterson

While shame and pain kept her quiet for years, Kelly Patterson's journey of healing and freedom from sexual exploitation are giving her a loud voice today. Believing that unity is key, she enjoys collaborating with others to battle against sex slavery. One of the many ways Kelly engages in this war is by working alongside Law Makers in writing and/or changing trafficking laws.

She desires to be an aid in freeing those wounded from the effects of all forms of sexual trauma, with a specific emphasis on sex trafficking. Coming from the perspective of one who has walked the long road out, Kelly has a dynamic style and ability to relate to her audience. As a speaker, she is engaging and unafraid to tell it like it is. Withholding the hard truths is not a road she has chosen to take.

Kelly was trafficked within the state of South Dakota and the surrounding states. In addition to the Midwest, trafficking eventually took her into several other states and countries. Her experiential knowledge of how ring trafficking a.k.a. organized crime commercial sexual exploitation operates is incredibly valuable to those hoping to make a difference in this very real war. She details her captivity in the dark world of sex trafficking and the journey out in her book "From Trafficked to Treasured".

Kelly is also currently authoring a workbook and facilitator manual for sexual trauma support groups titled "The Pendulum"; and is co-authoring a book titled "Freedom Cry". Kelly Patterson is the Founder and Director of Treasured Lives, a survivor-led anti-trafficking organization in the Black Hills of South Dakota. She is a wife, mother, and grandmother. Kelly is also a lead pastor, speaker, consultant, and an active advocate in freeing those wounded from the effects of sexual crimes such as abuse, sexual assault, and trafficking.

Gina Dvorak speaks from her lived experience as a survivor of familial sex trafficking. Gina's compassion for others is evident in her communication skills. The listener can expect to be personally invited into the world Gina knew as a child. She is a survivor leader who advocates for peer counseling and support. One way she accomplishes this is through leading support groups and mentoring other survivors. For the past 20 years, Gina has dedicated her time to helping survivors of various forms of trauma heal and grow.

Gina volunteers for several community agencies, is an ambassador for GEMS (Girls Educational and Mentoring Services), a facilitator for trauma healing with the Trauma Healing Institute, served as Director of a local non-profit agency for many years and is an ordained pastor. She is currently the Director of Treasured Lives, the only survivor led anti-trafficking agency in the state of South Dakota.

Gina has been married to her husband, Don, for over 30 years. She is the mother of 2 adult children, and grandmother of 2 amazing grandchildren. She has lived in South Dakota for 30 years, contributing much to the community in which she lives.

Credits requested: 1.5 CJE General Credit; 1.5 MCLE Law and Legal Credit; 1.5 NASW-WA CEU

Relevant for local, state, national and international audience of all professions.

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Tuesday, October 26, 2021

8:30am – noon (PDT) Includes a break from 9:55-10:10am

Sooner is Safer: A collaborative systems approach to Intimate Partner Violence through Restorative Justice Diversion in Manitoba

Description: Manitoba Justice has taken steps to divert IPV-type offences out of the traditional court process and into the restorative justice stream. Victim Services, to align with this change in process, has formed a program specifically tailored outreach to the victims of these crimes to assist in the reparation of harm caused by the offence.

Vedrana Mlinarevic-Filteau is a social worker who has worked in the area of intimate partner violence for over 22 years. For many years she worked within various health centers focusing her work on crisis intervention as well as working within immigrant and refugee populations on the subject of intimate Partner Violence. In 2006 Vedrana began her work within the justice system as a Victim Services Worker in the Domestic Violence Support Services (DVSS). Today she manages the DVSS as well as the Restorative Justice Program at Victim Services.

D/Sgt Shane Wepruk is currently in his 16th year with the Winnipeg Police Service. He has worked intermittingly in general patrol between working as an investigator in the Central Crime unit and the Arson Unit. He completed 3 years as a Domestic Violence Investigator before being promoted in spring of 2019 and returning to the front line of General Patrol. In February 2020, he took on the role of Domestic Violence Intervention Coordinator (DVIC). In addition to the role of DVIC, he is also directly supervising the Division 11 Domestic Violence Unit and a pilot project in partnership with Domestic Violence Support Services with Manitoba Justice.

Bruce Sychuk (Call date: 2000-01-14) has been the Supervising Senior Crown Attorney in the Domestic Violence Intensive Case Analysis Process since 2018. In 2006 Mr. Sychuk joined Manitoba Prosecution and was assigned to the Domestic Violence and High-Risk Offenders unit where he became a supervisor in 2016.

Joanna Kostiuik has been a Crown Attorney with Manitoba Prosecution Service (MPS) in Winnipeg, Manitoba since her Call to the Bar in 1998. She spent several years working in the General Prosecutions, Youth and Domestic Violence Units at MPS having conduct of a wide variety of Criminal Code and regulatory prosecutions. In March of 2013, Joanna became a Supervising Senior Crown Attorney in the General Prosecutions Unit at MPS. She has been in the position of 'Supervising Senior Crown Attorney' in the Domestic Violence Intensive Case Assessment Process ('DV ICAP') Unit since the inception of that unit in February of 2017. The 'DV ICAP' Unit focuses on front-end assessment of prosecutions involving intimate partner violence (and other criminal offences involving intimate partners), sexual violence, child abuse and cyber exploitation.

Christine Deckert has been the Area Director of the Restorative Justice Centre in Winnipeg since 2018. She has worked in Corrections in various roles in Winnipeg for the past 30 years. Previous experience includes working as Area Director at the Domestic Violence Probation Unit. Her current role at the Restorative Justice Centre includes reviewing and triaging all diversion referrals from Prosecutions and Police Services in the Winnipeg region. Additionally, the Restorative Justice Centre in Winnipeg provides diversion case management and programming to clients diverted for Intimate Partner Offences.

Karen Wood began her career with Manitoba Justice in 1999 as a Probation Officer where she was responsible for the supervision of both IPV and other Familial Violence type probation orders for adult men and women, with the latter being her principal focus. Karen has extensive experience in both the development and facilitation of Intimate Partner Violence programming for both adult men and women and establishing gender responsive programming for female offenders. She has chaired the Domestic Violence Advisory Committee for the past 6 years, where in this role she delivers IPV training at the divisional level to Manitoba Justice Employees. In 2020, Karen joined the Restorative Justice Branch as a Program Analyst where her responsibilities include the coordination of diversion programming and the management of Restorative Justice Regional Unit.

Melissa Brown - Siigasiige (Melissa), Pizhiw O'dotem (Lynx clan), is an Anishinabekwe from the community of Rainy River First Nations located in Treaty 3 territory. Melissa is a Pipe Carrier and Sundancer. Melissa began her career with Manitoba Justice in 2011 as a Community Corrections Worker in the Auto Theft Unit. In 2018, she began as a Probation Officer at the Restorative Justice Centre (RJC) and in 2021 as the Cultural Advisor for the RJC. As part of her role as Cultural Advisor, Melissa was instrumental in the creation of Mii'ingan Izhichigewn (In the Manner of the Wolf) cultural program at the RJC where she works with clients and staff to expand and provide cultural support provincially. Melissa is a current member of the *Pitama Committee*, Manitoba Justice Indigenous Advisory Committee. She is also an Indigenous Awareness training facilitator and a Road to Mental Readiness trainer. Melissa has extensive knowledge regarding social issues that affect Indigenous peoples and communities.

Credits requested: 3.25 CJE General Credit; 3.25 MCLE Law and Legal Credit; 3.25 NASW-WA CEU

Relevant for local, state, national and international audience of all professions. **This session will not be recorded.**

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Tuesday, October 26, 2021

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Spokane Police Department Intimate Partner Violence Response Recommendations Report

Description: This report is an overview of interactions between law enforcement and victims and offenders of intimate partner violence over the span of a year. This report includes: 1) a quantitative analysis complete with call characteristics, as well as officer behavior (e.g.) officer agitation, trauma informed interviewing, empathetic statements, etc. 2) a qualitative analysis complete with 13 core recommendations, as well as suggestions and referrals for future training.

Dr. Brianne M. Posey is a professor at California State University Northridge in the Criminology and Justice Studies department. Her areas of research are gender, crime, and justice; media and technology; violence as a public health issue; and sex, sexuality, and deviancy. She has consulted with various law enforcement agencies in Pullman, WA and Spokane, WA regarding best practices within diverse populations. Her work has been featured in a number of scientific journals such as Family and Intimate Partner Violence Quarterly and Women and Criminal Justice.

Sergeant Jordan Ferguson, MA is currently assigned to the Major Crimes Domestic Violence Unit at the Spokane Police Department, where he has worked since 1999. Prior to SPD he worked as a law enforcement officer with three other agencies. He has been a Field Training Officer, Polygraph Examiner, and Background Investigator. He teaches a class Background Investigations for Law Enforcement to agencies across the country. He has also been a guest lecturer at Eastern Washington University, Washington State University, and the Washington State Civil Service Conference. He has provided training to several law enforcement agencies on strangulation training and the lethality assessment program He has worked as a consultant with the Battered Women’s Justice Project, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Alliance for Gun Responsibility on the intersection of Firearms and DV. He completed Masters in Criminal Justice at Washington State University and graduated summer of 2018 with an emphasis in neuroscience and the effect fear has on humans.

Credits requested: 1.5 CJE General Credit; 1.5 MCLE Law and Legal Credit; 1.5 NASW-WA CEU

Relevant for local, state, national and international audience of all professions.

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October 27, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (PDT)

Family Law 101 for DCYF Professionals

Description: This workshop will be an overview of the family law process, including dissolutions and parenting plans. If you are working with a family and have questions about why they haven’t filed a parenting plan or filed for a dissolution, then this workshop is for you. Learn how long the process takes and what is involved. It’s not a simple as you might think. The workshop will also cover unique complexities that arise when a protective parent is separating from a parent causing harm.

Tim Richards, J.D. (WSBA #44812) is a Senior Staff Attorney at the Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP). He provides legal assistance survivors of domestic violence to establish parenting plans, start divorces, obtain protective orders, and seek other relief. He appears regularly on the family law motions calendar and the domestic violence calendar. His position is embedded at DAWN, where he assists their clients and works closely with their legal advocates as part of a unique partnership.

Rochelle Krebs, J.D. (WSBA # 42744) is a graduate of Notre Dame Law School (go Irish!) and returned home to practice law in the State of Washington where she was born and raised. As a domestic violence legal program senior staff attorney at ELAP, Rochelle works with domestic violence survivors to obtain protection orders and resolve related family law matters. She partners directly with LifeWire to provide legal services on-site and serves as a member of the Project Safety Steering Committee. Prior to working at ELAP, Rochelle was a stay-at-home mom who provided over 1,500 pro bono hours to low-income domestic violence survivors and immigrants as a volunteer attorney with Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, and as a Legal Fellow with ELAP. When not working, Rochelle enjoys keeping active with her family, Jeff and their two boys.

Credits requested: 1.5 CJE General Credit; 1.5 MCLE Law and Legal Credit; 1.5 NASW-WA CEU

Most relevant for child protection professionals and community-based advocates in Washington State. All are welcome to attend. This session will be recorded.

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Wednesday, October 27, 2021

10:15am – 11:45am (PDT)

Youth & Protective Orders

Description: This presentation will focus on highlighting the experiences of youth who have gone through the protection order process as the petitioner, respondent, or protected minor. Throughout the presentation, LCYC staff will cover the possible legal options for youth in domestic violence situations including CHINS, Guardianship, Emergency Guardianship, Dependency, Emancipation and why youth may need to use a protection order in these high-risk circumstances. Finally, LCYC staff will go over the effect of HB 1320 on youth accessing protection orders.

Sarah Zimmerman (WSBA # 57200) joined Legal Counsel for Youth and Children (LCYC) in July 2020 to help design, launch, and implement an expansion of LCYC's Youth Homelessness Program in Benton and Franklin Counties. Sarah was born and raised in Tri-Cities, Washington. As a youth advocate, Sarah plays a lead role in expanding access to justice for young people in her community.

Naomi Strand (WSBA# 42938) is an attorney advocating for youth as a part of LCYC's Youth Homelessness Program out of King County. She was drawn to the legal profession out of a conviction that everyone should have access to and understanding of the legal system and their rights. Naomi is passionate about working closely with children and youth to hear their stories and develop goals and self-advocacy strategies. She has spent much of her legal career directly delivering a variety of legal services to people at day centers and shelters addressing a wide range of issues.

Credits requested: 1.5 CJE General Credit; 1.5 MCLE Law and Legal Credit; 1.5 NASW-WA CEU

Most relevant for audiences practicing in Washington State

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Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Noon – 1:30pm (PDT)

Survivors FIRST: Bridging the Gap Between Black Survivors and Law Enforcement

Presenters:

Doris O’Neal, Director of Domestic Violence Services, YWCA King and Snohomish County

Bridget Griffin, Survivors FIRST Legal Navigator, East Cherry YWCA

Colette Sampson (she/her/hers), Domestic Violence Legal Advocate and Navigator, East Cherry YWCA

Caroline Djamalov (she/her), Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office

Deputy Chief Andrew McCurdy, MEd, Sumner Police Department

Description: Survivors FIRST (Facilitating Interventions and Resources for Survivors of Trauma) is a partnership between the YWCA of Seattle King County and the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (KCPAO) that identifies justice-involved survivors of gender-based violence and connects them to culturally specific services at the YWCA Seattle King County. The partnership is designed for Black/African American women and other women of color and seeks to divert survivors away from traditional prosecution and toward community resources and care. Learn how law enforcement - patrol, detectives, and prosecutors - can bridge the gap with Black survivors, restore trust, engage in a trauma-informed way, and prevent future violence.

Presenters:

Doris O’Neal is the Director of Domestic Violence Services, YWCA King and Snohomish county. She has been employed with the YWCA for 13 years. She has worked in the Domestic Violence Prevention and advocacy field for over 20 years. In her former role, she worked for the King County Prosecutor’s Office for 16 years civil and criminal division. In her current position as DV Director she manages a DV shelter and community advocacy programs, Commercial Sexual exploitation (CSE) program. She has developed and implemented an on-going CSE program that provides supportive services for adult survivors that have been involved in human trafficking, is a partner on the CEASE Task force team. She’s a former board member of the Coalition against gender-based violence. Most recently entered into partnership with King County Prosecutor’s office serving survivor’s defendants serving populations furthest from opportunity.

Colette Sampson has spent her career investigating how the legal system can be used to help eradicate gender-based violence. Colette is honored to be working with the YWCA of Seattle | King | Snohomish, which is on the cutting edge of proactive, survivor-centered change with its Survivor’s FIRST (Facilitating Information and Resources for Survivors of Trauma) program. As a legal navigator, Colette uses her knowledge of the legal system to help guide survivors to resources (legal and otherwise) that best support their desires and their safety. If you have experienced domestic violence and have questions about civil or criminal court processes, give Colette a call at 206.683.8277.

Caroline Djamalov, J.D., (WSBA #53639) is a senior deputy prosecuting attorney in the Domestic Violence Unit at the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. From 2014-18, she was an assistant district attorney in the Domestic Violence Bureau at the Queens District Attorney's Office (Queens, NY).

Andrew McCurdy is the Deputy Chief of Police for the city of Sumner and has 29 years of experience as a police officer, investigator, and trainer. Most of Andrew's career has focused on working directly with trauma-survivors, and with professionals who serve trauma-survivors, to improve trust, increase safety, and give survivors a voice.

Credits requested: 1.5 CJE General Credit; 1.5 MCLE Law and Legal Credit; 1.5 NASW-WA CEU

Relevant for local, state, national and international audience of all professions. This session will be recorded.

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Wednesday, October 27, 2021

2:00pm – 3:30pm (PDT)

How Gender and Race Affect Justice Now: New Research from the Washington State Supreme Court Gender and Justice Commission

The 2021 Gender Justice Study found evidence of many gender inequities in Washington State’s justice system. These inequities most frequently impact Black, Indigenous, and people of color who are women, transgender, and gender nonconforming. Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Elizabeth Hendren, JD, and Marla Zink, JD, will join us to present an overview of the study and some of the key findings and recommendations.

[2021 Gender & Justice Report - Explore the Study](#)

Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud was elected to the Washington Supreme Court in 2012 after a career of helping clients fight for their constitutional and individual rights. As a Justice, she serves as a Chair of the Gender and Justice Commission, as a member of the Supreme Court’s Rules Committee, and as the liaison to the Supreme Court’s Pattern Instructions Committee (on which she previously served as a lawyer-member). She is also on the Washington State Bar Association’s Council on Public Defense. She speaks regularly at legal and community events throughout the state on topics ranging from ethics to criminal justice. Justice Gordon McCloud brought a wealth of appellate experience with her; she handled hundreds of cases before the Washington Supreme Court and other appellate courts before she became a judge. She also taught at the Seattle University School of Law and has published several articles. Her legal expertise was recognized by her peers before she joined the bench. For example, she received the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers’ highest award, the William O. Douglas Award, for “extraordinary courage” in the practice of law. Her commitment to justice is still recognized by her peers now that she has a track record of work as a Justice. In 2015, Washington Women Lawyers King County Chapter honored her with its President’s Award. In 2018, the Cardoza Society of Washington State presented her with its L’Dor V’Dor Award. Justice Gordon McCloud served as Co-Chair of the 2021 Gender Justice Study.

Elizabeth Hendren, JD (WSBA# 45253) is a staff attorney at Northwest Justice Project. In 2012, she created the Reentry Initiated through Services and Education (RISE) Project, which provides comprehensive civil legal services to currently and formerly incarcerated mothers to facilitate family reunification. Elizabeth also serves on the Gender and Justice Commission, where she chairs the Incarceration, Gender & Justice Committee. She is the Lead Author of Chapter 16 of “Gendered Consequences of Incarceration and Criminal Convictions, Particularly for Parents, Their Children, and Families” the 2021 Gender Justice Study.

Marla Zink, JD (WSBA# 39042) is a partner in Luminata, PLLC where she practices as a criminal defense attorney handling appointed and private direct appeals and other post-conviction matters in both the federal and state systems. Her work prior to Luminata includes nearly a decade with the Washington Appellate Project and

serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert Beezer on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Marla is the Lead Author of Chapter 11, “Incarcerated Women in Washington,” and Chapter 14, “Sentencing Changes and Their Direct and Indirect Impact on Women” of the 2021 Gender Justice Study.

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Credits requested: 1.5 CJE General Credit; 1.5 MCLE Other Credit

Thursday, October 28, 2021

8:30am – 10:00am (PDT)

KCSARC’s WordWatch: Reflecting on How Language Impacts Our Response to Assaultive Acts

Description: The words that we use to talk about intimate partner violence and sexual violence influence the way we all perceive and respond to these issues. Using unaccountable language perpetuates a culture where victims are blamed and devalued, sexual assault and domestic violence are tolerated, and perpetrators are not held accountable. This is especially critical within the courts, as the language used directly impacts public discourse around sexual violence and child abuse.

This presentation will highlight how language can shape the response to intimate partner violence and sexual assault and our community’s understanding of these issues. Using examples from the media and court records, the participant will learn categories of language to avoid and be offered alternatives to describe intimate partner violence and sexual assault in a way that more accurately describes the crime. Additionally, we will analyze language usage in legal documents, review options for report writing and interviews to accurately describe the victim’s perspective and experience and strategize ways to use impactful language choices in the courtroom and beyond.

Mary Laskowski has been working to end gender-based violence for the past fourteen years. She is the Training and Outreach Coordinator for the Children’s Justice Center of King County, where she works towards creating equitable systems, designing transformative approaches to community engagement, and advancing the voices of the most vulnerable and underserved. Prior to this role, she was employed by the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC), where she focused on coordinating a systems-wide response to sexual assault and specialized in advocating for survivors who were navigating the criminal justice process.

Credits requested: 1.5 CJE General Credit; 1.5 MCLE Other Credit; 1.5 NASW-WA CEU

Relevant for local, state, national and international audience of all professions.

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Thursday, October 28, 2021

Noon – 1:30pm (PDT)

Trial Set! Trial Techniques and Skills to Effectively Present Your Case

Description: This is an interactive workshop that will help provide some guidance as you navigate your way through a domestic violence trial. Participants will learn how to effectively present their case in chief from start to end. This includes techniques and skills for; victim and witness interviews, presenting Motions in Limine, Opening Arguments, cross examination and closing arguments. This workshop will also provide insight on how to work through potential language and interpreter barriers as they arise during the course of trial.

Polly Peshtaz, J.D. (WSBA #36652) has worked as a Prosecutor for the past 15 years. She graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 2005 and began her role as a Prosecutor shortly after at the City of Tacoma focusing primarily on Domestic Violence Prosecution. In January 2020, Polly joined the City of Redmond as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Polly has previously presented on issues of Domestic Violence Prosecution to the YWCA, the Citizens Academy in Tacoma, law enforcement and the annual Domestic Violence Symposium (Seattle University). Polly's family is originally from Afghanistan and she takes pride in serving as one of the few Afghan American female attorneys in Washington State.

Credits requested: 1.5 MCLE

Most relevant for Municipal and District Court Prosecutors in Washington State

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Thursday, October 28, 2021

2:00pm – 4:00pm (PDT) Presented in Spanish

U/T Visa Certification and Safety Planning for Spanish Speakers

Description: Zoraida Arias, U/T Visa Program Manager at the King County Sheriff's Office and Norma Guzman, Director of Advocacy services at Consejo will join to present this informative thoughtful session on what is required to apply for a U/T Visa and best practices for safety planning with survivors as they are going through the process. **Presentation will be presented in Spanish.** English interpretation provided upon request.

Zoraida Arias Zoraida Arias is the U-Visa/T-Visa Program Manager for the King County Sheriff's Office (KSCO). Zoraida holds degrees from both the University of Washington and Columbia University, and has a background in international affairs and human rights. She has experience working with immigrant and refugee communities who are survivors of crimes and has worked with these communities in both governmental and community-based organizations. This presentation will provide a brief overview of the U-Visas and T-Visas, the U-Visa certification, and KCSO's U-Visa/T-Visa program services.

Norma Guzman is the DV and Transitional Housing Program Manager at Consejo Counseling where she has been working with the Latinx population for over 20 years.

Credits requested: 2 CJE General Credit; 2 MCLE Other Credit; 2 NASW-WA CEU

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q9fcLd_mTECISHvZf5T2zw

Friday, October 29, 2021

Keynote: 8:30am-9:30 am (PDT)

Domestic Violence and Criminal Justice Reform: Ongoing Barriers for Safety and Accountability

Description: This presentation focuses on the domestic violence movement and the challenges it faces in meeting the varied and diverse safety needs of survivors. As communities reexamine the role of the criminal legal system in policing everyday life, in what way are the short and long-term safety needs of domestic violence survivors centered in these discussions? As digital technologies become ubiquitous tools of abuse, in what way are agencies and institutions equipped to support survivors' experiencing technology-enabled coercive control? Despite decades of feminist activism to reframe domestic violence as a public problem, how does the lingering perception of domestic violence as private and personal limit options for survivors seeking support and safety? By situating the multiple and varied safety needs of survivors within the current socio-political landscape, this presentation points to the ongoing problem of patriarchy as an answer to these questions. With an understanding of patriarchy as the root cause of domestic violence and as a barrier to communities and institutions effectively responding to survivors' safety needs, this presentation calls for a refocus on the problem of patriarchy and reasserts urgency for its dismantling.

Dana Cuomo, PhD, is an assistant professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Lafayette College where she uses her training as a feminist geographer to study the legal response to domestic violence and technology-enabled coercive control. Dana's work is informed by five years of professional experience providing advocacy services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking and she also serves as a Steering Committee Member of the Seattle-based Technology-Enabled Coercive Control Initiative.

Credits requested: 1 CJE General Credit; 1 MCLE Other Credit; 1 NASW-WA CEU

Relevant for local, state, national and international audience of all professions.

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Friday, October 29, 2021

Judicial Only Session - 10:00am – 11:30am (PDT)

Understanding of Strangulation and Domestic Violence from the Bench

Description: Perpetrators who use strangulation put the world on notice that they are a dangerous offender willing to harm, kill and control. The use of strangulation in domestic violence can predict imminent homicide including murder of their partner, children, pets, bystanders, and law enforcement. As a Judge, we are often asked to look in the crystal ball and predict the future by making bond decisions, determining custody, and rendering verdicts. This presentation will provide a better understanding of what risks these perpetrators pose to the victim, their family and the community that surrounds them. The speakers will address the impact of strangulation on a victim and the children who witness it. By understanding how this "invisible" assault can result in serious health consequences and misunderstood victim behavior Judges will make more informed decisions about safety, liberty, and unintended consequences.

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Kelsey McKay, J.D., (*Texas Bar number: 24046396*), is a highly recognized national expert on the topic of criminal asphyxiation and interpersonal violence. She was a child abuse and domestic violence prosecutor in Travis County, Texas for 12 years, exclusively prosecuting strangulation related crimes for half of that time. She now trains and consults nationally to implement sustainable protocols and help strengthen how communities collaborate, investigate, treat, and prosecute strangulation in cases ranging from intimate partner violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, child abuse, and homicide. She is the President & CEO of RESPOND Against Violence, a non-profit organization. She also serves on multiple faculties, advisory boards, and committees.

Dr. Scott Hampton, Psy.D. has been working with batterers, sex offenders, victims, and child witnesses for 30 years. Dr. Hampton is the director of Ending the Violence, a Dover, NH-based organization that provides educational classes to perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence. He is also the project coordinator for Strafford County’s Supervised Visitation Center. Dr. Hampton writes and speaks frequently on issues related to interpersonal violence. He spends much of his time consulting with other professionals on the handling of domestic and sexual violence cases, conducting workshops, and testifying in court as an expert witness in interpersonal violence-related cases. Dr. Hampton is a past president of the National Supervised Visitation Network, a peer reviewer for the U.S. Dept. of Justice, and has been serving on New Hampshire’s Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee since its inception in the late 1990s.

Hon. Judge (ret.) Michael Denton (*Texas Bar Card Number: 05765000*) has served Travis County for more than 30 years, first as a young lawyer prosecuting offender in our County courts; later as the Director of the Trial Division for the Travis County Attorney’s Office, and for the past 20 years, as Judge for Travis County’s domestic violence court (County Court-at-Law #4). Bringing passion and commitment to this service, Judge Denton's advocacy began during his time as a volunteer for Austin’s (then) Rape Crisis Center, answering crisis calls and visiting the hospital to help survivors and family members. In the 1990s, Judge Denton was Co-Chair of the Austin-Travis County Domestic Violence Task Force. Working across agency lines, including law enforcement and non-profit organizations, the Task Force reformed how Travis County approached domestic violence, including the creation of a specialty court for Domestic Violence.

This session sponsored by the Washington State Supreme Court Gender & Justice Commission

Credits requested: 1.5 Judicial MCLE

Relevant for judicial officers of all jurisdictions. This session will not be recorded.

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Friday, October 29, 2021

Judicial Only Session Noon – 1:30pm

E2SHB 1320: Enhancing Access, Modernizing, and Harmonizing Washington State’s Civil Protection Order

Description: Overview of HB1320 for Judicial Officers

Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown (WA Judicial License 23885) has served on the Benton & Franklin Counties Superior Court for almost six years. She is a member of the Gender and Justice Commission, a co-chair of the Commission’s Domestic & Sexual Violence Committee and a co-chair of the Commission’s E2SHB 1320 Working Group. She is the chair of the Washington State Superior Court Judges’ Association (SCJA) Judicial Assistance Services Program (JASP) Committee and a member of the SCJA Equality and Fairness Committee.

Judge Elizabeth Berns (WA Judicial License 23133) joined the King County Superior Court Bench in January 2013 after 20 years in legal practice. Shortly after joining the Bench, she became the Project Chair for the King County Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Coordinated Response Oversight Committee. She is active in helping others understand domestic violence, sexual assault, and the impact of trauma exposure. She has held several leadership roles on the Court and is a frequent presenter for local and national judicial educational programs.

Judge Anne Levinson (ret.) (WSBA # 13566) was the founding judge for Seattle’s Mental Health Court, the first municipal mental health court in the country. Since leaving the bench, she has advised government, courts, and non-profits on complex system reform, led multi-disciplinary reviews, and helped author and advocate for policy and legislation to improve outcomes on a range of issues. She co-chaired a blue ribbon commission to review State services for children and families, culminating in legislation that created the first State agency for children, youth, and families; reviewed complaints and investigations of alleged police misconduct, recommended ways to strengthen policy, procedures, training, and collective bargaining agreements, and helped author and secure passage of local and state legislation to enhance law enforcement accountability; led a review of ways to more effectively implement and enforce court orders to relinquish firearms intended to reduce the risk of lethality in civil protection order cases, helped create a new regional unit and secure legislative reforms to strengthen state law; and helped author and secure passage of state legislation to reduce barriers for survivors and enhance access to justice by updating, harmonizing, and consolidating the state’s six civil protection order laws.

Credits requested: 1.5 Judicial MCLE

Most relevant for Washington state judicial officers. This session will not be recorded.

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Friday, October 29, 2021

2:00pm – 4:00pm (PDT) Break from 2:55 – 3:10

What Agile and LEAN Frameworks Can Teach Us About Helping Clients Navigate Systems and Resources, and Reducing Burnout

Description:

This presentation will cover the history of how Virginia Mason adopted Lean and Six Sigma to improve organizational efficiency and patient safety, and how adopting Scrum, Agile, and Lean frameworks could help DV survivors, families, and direct service providers. By acknowledging burnout and inefficiencies in our systems that serve DV survivors and their families, we can look to possible solutions and tools for managing our workflows that are used every day by tech companies and hospital QA teams. We all want the best for the clients that we serve, and Scrum, Agile, and Lean frameworks can streamline our best practices and work to prevent service providers and caseworkers from becoming overburdened with cases to the point of burnout.

[Sabra Boyd](#) is a CSEC child trafficking survivor, freelance writer, and web developer. She has over a decade of experience working in healthcare administration, biomedical research, and homeless youth services. Sabra is writing a book about familial trafficking in the U.S. and is working to lobby Congress for national child welfare reform. When she isn't writing, Sabra enjoys singing opera, crafting chainmail, building web apps, cooking with foraged ingredients, and writing pop songs for her dog.

Credits requested: 1.75 CJE General Credit; 1.75 MCLE Other Credit; 1.75 NASW-WA CEU

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