Webinar series on parole

Part 1:  What You Need to Know About Parole  
October 18, 2016

Part 2:  How to Prepare a Client for Parole  
November 1, 2016

Both webinars will be held from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

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Webinar Descriptions
In this two-webinar series, advocates will be introduced to the parole process, with special attention to working with survivors of abuse who are seeking parole. The first webinar will cover the basics of the parole process: what it is, how it differs from commutation, what types of factors parole commissions consider, and the skills needed for successful advocacy of women going up for parole. The second webinar will focus on the nuts and bolts of preparation: how to create a parole packet, building client narratives, addressing gender violence and mental health issues, and preparing the client for the parole hearing.

Please feel free to sign up for one or both of the webinars.

These webinars are part of a series about working with victim defendants hosted by the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women.

Presenters’ Bios:

Leigh Goodmark is a Professor of Law at the University of Maryland Frances King Carey School of Law. Professor Goodmark directs the Gender Violence Clinic, a clinic providing direct representation in matters involving intimate partner abuse, sexual assault, trafficking, and other cases involving gender violence. Professor Goodmark’s scholarship focuses on domestic violence. She is the co-editor of Comparative Perspectives on Gender Violence: Lessons from Efforts Worldwide (Oxford 2015) and the author of A Troubled Marriage: Domestic Violence and the Legal System (New York University 2012), which was named a CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title of 2012. Her work on domestic violence has appeared in numerous journals, law reviews, and publications, including Violence Against Women, the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, the Yale Journal on Law and Feminism, and Fusion.net. From 2003 to 2014, Professor Goodmark was on the faculty at the University of Baltimore School of Law, where she served as Director of Clinical Education and Co-director of the Center on Applied Feminism. From 2000 to 2003, Professor Goodmark was the Director of the Children and Domestic Violence Project at the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law. Before joining the Center on Children and the Law, Professor Goodmark represented battered women and children in the District of Columbia in custody, visitation, child support, restraining order, and other civil matters. Professor Goodmark is a graduate of Yale University and Stanford Law School.
Lila Meadows is a clinical fellow at University of Baltimore Law School. Lila trains student attorneys in the Mediation Clinic for Families and the Juvenile Justice Project. Prior to joining the faculty at University of Baltimore, Lila worked as an attorney with Second Chance for Women, representing incarcerated clients serving life and long-term determinate sentences in the parole process. As a recipient of the Yale Public Interest Initiative Grant, she worked to ensure her clients received fair and full consideration in the parole process, created resources to help unrepresented clients navigate parole issues, and advocated for changes to the parole and risk assessment process. Before becoming a practicing attorney, Lila received her Masters of Health Sciences from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and worked as an analyst focusing on the administration of mental health services for survivors of trauma. She has worked internationally on issues related to trauma in South Africa, Malawi, and Egypt.

SUGGESTED PARTICIPANTS:
Anyone currently working with or planning to work with charged, incarcerated, and reentering women and/or victims of battering will benefit from these webinars. This may include attorneys, community- and system-based advocates, reentry program staff, criminal justice professionals (including probation and parole officers) and community corrections staff.

REGISTRATION DETAILS: This webinar is open OVW Grants to Encourage Arrest (GTEA) Grantees, LAV grantees, other OVW grantees, and to the general public.

The webinar is free of charge (but you will have to pay for the phone call if you dial in).

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Questions? For questions about this webinar, please contact the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women at ncdbw@ncdbw.org. Please put “Parole Webinar Question” in the subject line.

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You will also find recordings of past webinars there.

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