

# **Judicial Response to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: *Curricula, Benchbooks, Publications and Useful Websites***

## **Curricula on Domestic Violence**

1. Domestic Violence Characteristics: Informing and Enhancing the Court's Role (distance learning curriculum for judges and *Making a Difference* video), Family Violence Prevention Fund. <http://store.yahoo.com/fvpfstore/makdifdomvio.html>
2. Judges Toolbox – Educational Curricula, Family Violence Prevention Fund, <http://endabuse.org/programs/display.php3?DocID=88>, includes:
  - Creating a Domestic Violence Court: Guidelines and Best Practices, by Emily Sack, May 2002 (This may be downloaded free online.)
  - Cultural Considerations in Domestic Violence Cases: A National Judicial Education Curriculum, by Michael Runner and Sujata Warriar, 1999 (Excerpts and ordering information are available online.)
  - Domestic Violence and Children: Resolving Custody and Visitation Disputes – A National Judicial Curriculum, by Nancy K.D. Lemon, 1995 (Excerpts and ordering information are available online.)
  - Domestic Violence: The Crucial Role of the Judge in Criminal Court Cases, by Janet Carter, Candace Heisler and Nancy K.D. Lemon, 1991. (Excerpts and ordering information are available online.)

## **Domestic Violence Benchbooks**

1. Domestic Violence Benchbook: A Guide to Civil and Criminal Proceedings [Michigan], 2nd Edition, 2002. (This may be downloaded free online.) <http://www.courts.michigan.gov/mji/resources/dvbook/dvbook.htm>
2. Domestic Violence Benchbook [New Mexico], Institute of Public Law, New Mexico Judicial Education Center, University of New Mexico School of Law, 2002. (This may be downloaded free online.) <http://jec.unm.edu/resources/benchbooks/dv/>
3. Domestic Violence Benchbooks & Tools for Judges: Resource Guide, National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, VA. <http://www.ncsconline.org/WC/Education/FamVioBenchGuide.htm>
4. Full Faith and Credit Judge's Bench Card, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. <http://www.vaw.umn.edu/documents/judgefin/judgefin.pdf>

5. Immigration Benchbook for Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Sally Kinoshita and Katherine Brady, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, San Francisco, CA: January 2005.  
[http://www.asistaonline.org/for\\_Judges/Benchbook\\_-\\_Sally.pdf](http://www.asistaonline.org/for_Judges/Benchbook_-_Sally.pdf)
6. The Ohio Domestic Violence Benchbook – A Practical Guide to Competence for Judges & Magistrates, Mike Brigner, JD, Family Violence Prevention Center at the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2003.  
<http://www.ocjs.state.oh.us/Publications/OCJS%20benchbook.pdf#search=%22domestic%20violence%20benchbooks%22>

### **Other Materials of Interest on Judicial Response to Domestic Violence**

1. Assessing Justice System Response to Violence Against Women: A Tool for Law Enforcement, Prosecution and the Courts to Use in Developing Effective Responses, Kristin Littell, MA; Mary B. Malefyt, JD; Alexandra Walker; Sarah M. Buel, JD; Deborah D. Tucker, MPA; and editor: Joan A. Kuriansky, JD, MA, STOP Violence Against Women Technical Assistance Project, Washington, DC, February, 1998.  
<http://www.vaw.umn.edu/documents/promise/pplaw/pplaw.html>
2. Battered Women in the Courtroom: The Power of Judicial Responses, James Ptacek, 1999. (Book is available from bookstores, including online bookstores.)
3. Domestic Violence & The Courtroom – Understanding the Problem...Knowing the Victim, American Judges Association, Williamsburg, VA.  
[http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/domviol/publications\\_domviobooklet.htm](http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/domviol/publications_domviobooklet.htm)
4. Domestic Violence Courts, National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, VA.  
<http://www.ncsconline.org/WC/Education/FamVioBestGuide.htm#dvcourts>
5. Domestic Violence Courts – Resource Guide, National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, VA. <http://www.ncsconline.org/WC/Education/FamVioDVCourtsGuide.htm>
6. Explaining Counterintuitive Victim Behavior in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases, *The Voice* (volume 1, number 4), National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women at APRI.  
[http://www.ndaa-apri.org/publications/newsletters/the\\_voice\\_contents.html](http://www.ndaa-apri.org/publications/newsletters/the_voice_contents.html)
7. Firearms and Domestic Violence Guide, National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, VA, updated June 30, 2006.  
<http://www.ncsconline.org/WC/Education/FamVioFirearmsGuide.htm>
8. Judicial Review Hearings in Domestic Violence Cases, Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY. [http://www.vera.org/review\\_hearings/](http://www.vera.org/review_hearings/)

9. Navigating Custody & Visitation Evaluations in Cases with Domestic Violence: A Judges Guide.  
[http://www.ncjfcj.org/images/stories/dept/fvd/pdf/navigatingguide\\_supplementcards\\_final\\_2006.pdf](http://www.ncjfcj.org/images/stories/dept/fvd/pdf/navigatingguide_supplementcards_final_2006.pdf)
10. Overview of Law of Relocation in the 50 States, Jeff Atkinson.  
<http://www.ncdsv.org/images/Overviiew%20of%20Relocation%20in%20the%2050%20States.pdf>
11. Requisites for Any Court Handling Domestic Violence Cases: Accurate Information on Criminal History, Past History of Violence, Victim Impact, Battered Women’s Justice Project. <http://data.ipharos.com/bwjp/documents/requisites.pdf>
12. Resources for Judges, National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, VA.  
<http://www.ncsconline.org/WC/Education/FamVioBestGuide.htm#judges>
13. The Role of Judges in Enforcing Full Faith and Credit, Susan B. Carbon, Peter C. MacDonald, Michael Town, Mary T. Wynne, Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse. <http://www.mincava.umn.edu/documents/ffc/chapter6/chapter6.pdf>
14. Safety and Accountability: The Underpinnings of a Just Justice System, Barbara J. Hart, Esq., Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, May 1998.  
<http://www.mincava.umn.edu/documents/safety/safety.pdf>
15. Strategies for Court Collaboration with Service Communities, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, 2002. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/196945.pdf>
16. Supreme Court Confronts ‘Testimonial Statements’ – Consolidated Rulings Help Explain Landmark 2004 Sixth Amendment Case article from the *ABA Journal*, June 30, 2006.  
<http://www.ncdsv.org/images/Supreme%20Court%20Confronts%20%27Testimonial%20Statements%27.pdf>

## **Judicial Response to Sexual Violence – Resources**

1. National Judicial Education Program – Understanding Sexual Violence: The Judicial Response to Stranger and Nonstranger Rape and Sexual Assault, Legal Momentum [formerly NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund]. (This curriculum may be ordered online.)  
[http://legalmomentum.org/legalmomentum/programs/njep/sexual\\_assault\\_resources/](http://legalmomentum.org/legalmomentum/programs/njep/sexual_assault_resources/)
2. Sexual Assault Benchbook, Michigan Judicial Institute.  
<http://courts.michigan.gov/mji/resources/sabb/sabb.htm>

## **Websites of Interest**

1. American Judges Association – the objective and purpose of the Association is to promote and improve the effective administration of justice; to maintain the status and independence of the judiciary; to provide a forum for the continuing education of its members and the general public; and for the exchange of new ideas among all judges, Williamsburg, VA. <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/index.html>
2. Center for Court Innovation engages in both reflection and technical assistance, mining the lessons from its demonstration projects in New York and helping other jurisdictions launch their own problem-solving efforts. The Center’s national work includes convening roundtable discussions, writing white papers, creating web sites and hosting site visits. Much of this work is devoted to encouraging and supporting replication, giving court planners in other states the tools they need to launch their own problem-solving initiatives. The Center has also begun to engage a wider audience of practitioners, scholars and policymakers in thinking through the role of problem-solving courts and how judges and attorneys can solve problems that have eluded conventional solutions, New York, NY. <http://www.courtinnovation.org/>
3. Center for Family Violence and the Courts – sponsored by the Family Violence Forum – a National Center for State Courts Community of Practice comprised of researchers, educators, and information specialists with the mission of improving the justice system’s response to family violence, Williamsburg, VA. <http://www.ncsconline.org/famviol/index.html>
4. Court Interpretation, Williamsburg, VA. [http://www.ncsconline.org/D\\_Research/CourtInterp.html](http://www.ncsconline.org/D_Research/CourtInterp.html)
5. National Center for State Courts – provides information and assistance to court leaders that helps them better serve the public, Williamsburg, VA. <http://www.ncsconline.org/>
6. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges – is dedicated to serving the nation’s children and families by improving the courts of juvenile and family jurisdictions. Our mission is to better the justice system through education and applied research and improve the standards, practices and effectiveness of the juvenile court system, Reno, NV. <http://www.ncjfcj.org/>

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