Webinar

Expert Witness Testimony in Cases Involving Domestic Violence

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WEBINAR DESCRIPTION
In this webinar, Dr. Mary Ann Dutton and Dr. Dawn Hughes will discuss common concerns of experts who are preparing to take the witness stand in matters involving domestic violence. These two very experienced expert witnesses will share their knowledge from testifying in a variety of domestic violence cases and share practical advice for communicating effectively on the witness stand. They will also discuss some of the commonly encountered pitfalls faced by domestic violence expert witnesses during testimony, and offer skills for navigating complicated situations that arise while testifying. This webinar will be most helpful for experts and aspiring experts, but will also be useful for attorneys who represent survivors of domestic violence.
**PRESENTERS’ BIOS**

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**SUGGESTED PARTICIPANTS**

This webinar will be helpful for both new and experienced domestic violence expert witnesses, as well as people who are considering working as an expert in the future. This may include social workers, academics, and other professionals who might provide general testimony about battering and its effects. Additionally, we encourage prosecutors, defense attorneys, and other attorneys who represent victims of domestic violence or sexual assault to participate.

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