Webinar

When Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocates Provide Expert Testimony on behalf of the Defense, Part 1

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This webinar is part of a series about

Expert Witnesses

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WEBINAR DESCRIPTION

Testifying on behalf of the defense in a criminal case can raise some questions and challenges for expert witnesses who have never testified, or who have testified only on behalf of the prosecution or in civil cases. This webinar will provide participants with some basic information about the ways that expert testimony can be used on behalf of battered women charged with crimes. The presenter will discuss the different types of cases in which expert testimony can be useful, the role of defense expert testimony in different kinds of cases, and strategies for navigating some of the common challenges that criminal defense cases present. While this webinar will be geared towards new and aspiring expert witnesses, criminal defense attorneys may also find the presentation helpful.
PRESENTER BIO

Cindene Pezzell is the Legal Coordinator at the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women (NCDBW). Before joining NCDBW in 2008, Cindene was an assistant public defender in Philadelphia, where she focused primarily on trial work. Cindene is Lead Staff on NCDBW’s Expert Project, which is funded by the Office on Violence Against Women, and has been working in that capacity to develop resources designed to increase the availability and effectiveness of expert testimony for victims of ongoing battering. In addition to coordinating the Legal Team at the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women, Cindene provides direct technical assistance to defense teams, researches and develops legal materials, and conducts training programs.

SUGGESTED PARTICIPANTS

While this webinar is focused on advocate experts from community-based domestic violence and sexual assault programs, others currently providing expert testimony – or who are considering providing expert testimony – may also benefit from the webinar. This may include social workers, academics, and other professionals who might provide general testimony about battering and its effects in a case when the victim is charged with a crime. Additionally, we encourage defense attorneys representing victims of domestic violence or sexual assault to participate.

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

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Upcoming webinars include:

Understanding the Role of Experts in Immigration Proceedings Involving Victims of Battering, Part II

**Presenters:** Noël Bridget Busch-Armendariz, PhD, LMSW, MPA, Professor, School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin, Associate Dean of Research & Director, Center for Social Work Research

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Following up on a webinar from November 2013, by the same presenters, this webinar will provide participants with additional information about the uses of expert witnesses in immigration proceedings involving victims of battering. The presenters will discuss the process and use of survivor interviews/evaluations and the types of expertise necessary for different kinds of immigration proceedings. This webinar is intended for domestic violence and sexual assault experts and potential experts who are or may become involved in immigration proceedings, and will also be helpful for attorneys who represent immigrant survivors. To view Part I, go to ncdbw.org and look for Expert Witness webinars under “resources” or click here: Webinar on Experts in Immigration Cases, Part 1. It is not necessary to have viewed Part I in order to participate in Part II.

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