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EXPERT WITNESS READING LIST

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Books about Battered Women in the Legal System

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3. Browne, Angela. When Battered Women Kill: Psychological Self-Defense as Legal Justification. New York: Free Press, division of Macmillan, 1990.
4. Ewing, Charles Patrick. Battered Women Who Kill. Lexington, MA: Lexington Books, 1987. This book is not currently in print from the publisher, but may be available in libraries and remainder and used copies from used book dealers, such as those that work through Amazon.com.
5. Forell, Caroline A. and Matthews, Donna M. A Law of Her Own: The Reasonable Woman as a Measure of Man. New York: New York University Press, 2000.
6. Gagné, Patricia. Battered Women's Justice: The Movement for Clemency and the Politics of Self-Defense. New York: Twayne Publishers (imprint of Simon & Schuster), 1998. This book is not currently in print from the publisher, but may be available in libraries. It is *not* available through Amazon.com.
7. Gillespie, Cynthia. Justifiable Homicide: Battered Women, Self-Defense and the Law. Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press, 1990. First edition dated 1989, but currently available reprint dated 1990.
8. Schneider, Elizabeth M. Battered Women and Feminist Lawmaking. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2002.
9. Sonkin, Daniel Jay, ed. Domestic Violence on Trial: Psychological and Legal Dimensions of Family Violence. New York, Springer, 1987. This book is not currently in print from the publisher. Used copies available from Amazon.com.



10. Stark, Evan. Coercive Control: How Men Entrap Women in Personal Life. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.
11. Walker, Lenore. Terrifying Love: Why Battered Women Kill and How Society Responds. New York: HarperCollins, 1990. Not currently in print from publisher. Used copies available from Amazon.com.
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Books on Expert Testimony

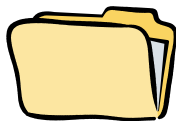
1. Brodsky, Stanley. Coping with Cross-Examination and Other Pathways to Effective Testimony. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association, 2004.
2. Brodsky, Stanley. The Expert Expert Witness: More Maxims and Guidelines for Testifying in Court. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association, 1999.
3. Brodsky, Stanley. Testifying in Court: Guidelines and Maxims for the Expert Witness. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association, 1991.
4. Vukelic, James M. A Law Enforcement Officer's Guide to Testifying in Court. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, February 2003.
5. Vukelic, James M. Testifying Under Oath: How to be an Effective Witness: 41 Tips to Prepare You for Court. Volcano, CA: Volcano Press, June 2005.

True Crime Books with Expert Witnesses



1. Frondorf, Shirley. Death of a Jewish American Princess: The True Story of a Victim on Trial. New York: Villard Books, 1988.
2. McGuire, Christine, & Norton, Carla J. Perfect Victim. New York: Arbor House (division of William Morrow, 1998).
3. Thornton, Ralph. Beyond Terror. Bloomington, IN: Xlibris, 2010. <http://www.beyondterror-ralphthornton.com/index.htm>
4. Vallee, Brian. Life with Billy. New York: Pocket Books (division of Simon & Schuster), 1989. Not currently in print from publisher. Used copies available from Amazon.com.

Other Resources



1. American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence. The Impact of Domestic Violence on Your Legal Practice, 2nd Ed. American Bar Association, 2004.
2. Dutton, Mary Ann. Understanding Women's Responses to Domestic Violence: A Redefinition of Battered Woman's Syndrome. *Hofstra Law Review* 21 (4), Summer 1993.
3. National Association of Women Judges. Moving Beyond Battered Women's Syndrome: A Guide to the Use of Expert Testimony on Battering and Its Effects. Washington, DC: National Association of Women Judges, 2001.
4. Ritter, G. Christopher. Are your jurors tuning out expert witnesses? *The Recorder*, September 29, 2005, reprinted in *In-House Counsel* (published by Law.com, 2005), <http://www.law.com/jsp/ihc/PubArticleFriendlyIHC.jsp?id=1127898313571>.
5. Van Wey, Kay L., & Subar, Lorin M. Experts: Opinion Evidence: Selection, Qualification, Scope, Preparation and Questioning. Houston: University of Texas Law Center, 2006.

Online Resources

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2. Greipp, Jeffrey P., Meisner, Toolsi Gowin and Miles, Douglas J. Intimate Partner Violence Victims Charged with Crimes: Justice and Accountability for Victims of Battering Who Use Violence Against Their Batterers. AEQUITAS, Washington, DC: December 2010. http://www.aequitasresource.org/Intimate_Partner_Violence.pdf
3. Ferrarro, Kathleen and Busch-Armendariz, Noël. The Use of Expert Testimony on Intimate Partner Violence. August 2009. http://www.ncdsv.org/images/VawNet_UseExpertTestimonyIntimatePV_8-2009.pdf
4. Hollandsworth, Skip. 193. Austin, TX: *Texas Monthly*, February 2010. Texas Monthly granted permission to post. http://www.ncdsv.org/images/TexasMonthly_SusanWright_2-2010.pdf
5. National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence expert witness resources, http://www.ncdsv.org/publications_expertwitness.html.
6. National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women, www.vawnet.org.



Organizations



- 1. American Bar Association
Commission on Domestic Violence**
740 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005-1019
202.662.1000
www.abanet.org/domviol/technicalassistance/home.html and www.abanet.org/domviol
- 2. Battered Women's Justice Project**
BWJP Criminal and Civil Justice Office
1801 Nicollet Avenue South, Suite 102
Minneapolis, MN 55403-3745
800.903.0111, ext. 1 or 612.824.8768 and 612.824.8965 (fax)
technicalassistance@bwjp.org and <http://www.bwjp.org/>
- 3. National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence**
4612 Shoal Creek Blvd.
Austin, TX 78756
512.407.9020 (voice and fax)
info@ncdsv.org and <http://www.ncdsv.org/index.html>
- 4. National Clearinghouse on the Defense of Battered Women**
125 S. 9th St., Suite 302
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215.351.0010 or 800.903.0111 ext. 3 and <http://www.ncdbw.org/>
- 5. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Justice**
P.O. Box 8970, Reno, NV 89507
775.784.6012 and 775.784.6628 (fax)
staff@ncjfcj.org and <http://www.ncjfcj.org/>
- 6. Texas Advocacy Project**
PO Box 833, Austin, TX 78767-0833
512.476.5377 and 512.476.5773 (fax)
info@women-law.org and <http://www.women-law.org/>