Webinar:
Raped or “Seduced”? How Language Helps Shape Our Response to Sexual Violence

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Description: Language can never be neutral; it creates versions of reality.” Yet when we discuss sexual assault, we constantly use the language of consensual sex to describe assaultive acts. This language often implies consent and romance, rather than criminal acts. In addition, we describe violence against women in passive terms, allowing the perpetrators of this violence to remain invisible and unaccountable. We also use language that objectifies or blames sexual assault victims.

This interactive webinar will explore the language of sexual assault: how we talk about and write about this crime. We will discuss specific examples of the language we use and explore how to discuss sexual assault in a way that more accurately depicts the crime.

Audience: This session will provide useful information and strategies for a wide variety of professionals, including prosecutors and other lawyers, law enforcement, medical professionals, judges, victim advocates, journalists and communications professionals, and others who interact with and write about sexual assault victims.

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