

American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence

The ABA Commission on Domestic Violence (“the Commission”) is a nationally recognized leader on increasing access to justice for victims of domestic violence through the mobilization of the legal community. The Commission provides in-person, web-based, and telephonic continuing legal education opportunities for attorneys representing victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Commission also publishes a number of resources for use by attorneys representing victims. Through these efforts the Commission strives to support, improve, and increase the legal response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

As a technical assistance provider for the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (“OVW”) since 2000, the Commission develops and implements national in-person institutes and teleconference trainings for attorneys and legal advocates working with victims and survivors. Through OVW grant funding, the Commission provides targeted technical assistance and opportunities for peer-to-peer mentoring. For more information, please see the Commission’s website at: www.abanet.org/domviol

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

As a result of attending this National Civil Law Custody Institute, attendees will be better able to:

- Integrate scholarly research regarding the impact of domestic violence on children into the representation of victims in custody cases.
- Identify and use different types of experts in custody cases.
- Develop and argue for safe and enforceable visitation orders.
- Utilize strong strategies during negotiations in custody cases.

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INSTITUTE FORMAT & STRUCTURE

This Custody Institute will consist of mini-lectures, demonstrations, and small group exercises. All attendees are expected to participate in learning activities. Institute sessions include:

- Making Appropriate Parenting Arrangements in Child Custody Disputes with Allegations of Domestic Violence
- Developing Case Theory
- Conducting Effective Client Interviews
- Integrating Expertise
- Obtaining Safe and Effective Visitation Orders
- Defining the Players and Their Roles
- Negotiating Settlements

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

The American Bar Association will contact mandatory continuing legal education (MCLE) states to notify them about this program and request accreditation. If you would like to request MCLE credit for the Custody Institute, please include both the state(s) for which you are requesting credit and your bar number(s) on the registration form.

REGISTRATION

Registration is limited to attorneys representing victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Priority registration will be given to current Legal Assistance for Victim (LAV) grantee attorneys of the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). No more than three attorneys from the same LAV-funded program may attend the Institute without prior permission from the program's grant manager. We will begin a waiting list once we have reached our capacity of 50 confirmed participants. There is no registration fee to attend this Institute and grantees may use OVW funds to cover travel costs to attend.

Registration opens July 21, 2008.

To register, please visit our website at:

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Once your registration has been processed, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with additional information. Please give our office 3 business days to process registration forms before contacting us about it.

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