

**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 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, to improve, and to increase the legal response to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

The Commission has been a technical assistance provider for the Office on Violence Against Women (“OVW”), U.S. Department of Justice grantees since 2000. In this capacity, the Commission has developed and implemented national in-person institutes and teleconference trainings for attorneys and legal advocates working with victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Additionally, through this OVW grant funding, the Commission provides targeted technical assistance and opportunities for peer-to-peer mentoring, including the Commission’s website (www.abanet.org/domviol), the Commission’s listserv, CDVLAW (www.abanet.org/domviol), and personalized technical assistance (abacdvt@abanet.org).



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-in partnership with-

**Office on Violence Against Women,
U.S. Department of Justice,
the National Center for the
Prosecution of Violence Against
Women at the National District
Attorneys Association,
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid,
and
The Washington Coalition of Sexual
Assault Programs**

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**National Institute on the
Use and Integration of
Interpreters in Civil
Representation of Victims
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**May 14-15, 2007
Crowne Plaza Hotel
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Overall Learning Objectives of the Institute

As a result of attending this National Institute on the Use and Integration of Interpreters in Civil Representation of Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking attendees will be better able to:

- Safely represent victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) and/or who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
- Identify and apply state and federal legal requirements to ensure meaningful access to legal services for these populations of victims.
- Effectively communicate with clients when using and integrating an interpreter.
- Conduct effective litigation on behalf of victims who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) and/or who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and address litigation challenges.

INSTITUTE FORMAT & STRUCTURE

Through a combination of mini-lectures and demonstrations given by judges, interpreters, advocates and attorneys experienced in developing and implementing effective language access policies and procedures in their legal aid offices, court rooms, and communities, attendees will be asked to participate in role-plays and small group exercises, including litigation skills exercises, in a variety of training sessions related to the Institute objectives. Sessions will include:

- An Introduction to the Importance of Culture and Language in Meeting the Civil Legal Needs of Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking
- Effective Client Communication When Using and Integrating an Interpreter Into Your Representation of a Victim of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking who is Limited English Proficient (LEP) and/or who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing .
- How to Establish Meaningful Language Access at Your Organization.
- Problem Solving in Litigation with an Interpreter.

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REGISTRATION & CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Registration is limited to current Legal Assistance for Victim (LAV) grantee attorneys of the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, former LAV grantees and legal aid and legal services attorneys who are currently representing victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) and/or who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Registration is a first come, first served basis. There is no registration fee to attend the Institutes and grantees may use OVW funds to cover travel costs to attend.

To register, please visit www.abanet.org/domviol before April 18, 2007.

You will receive a confirmation e-mail once your registration has been processed. The confirmation will include hotel information.

Mandatory continuing legal education (MCLE) states will be notified of this program and continuing legal education (CLE) accreditation will be requested.

For Institute information updates, and additional registration information, please visit the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence website at www.abanet.org/domviol.

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