

The 2nd Annual Multi-Disciplinary Domestic Violence Conference

APRIL 26 & 27, 2023

We welcome you to the 2nd Annual Multi-Disciplinary Domestic Violence Conference. This year we are offering a three-track conference focusing on issues related to Law Enforcement, District Attorney, and Domestic Violence Advocates and Battering Intervention Facilitators. This conference will provide in-depth information on evidence-based prosecution and the use of expert witness testimony.



Wednesday, April 26

Time	District Attorney	Law Enforcement	DV Advocates
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Plenary #1: Welcome Panel Faculty: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Henry Valdez• Pam Wiseman• Quintin McShan		
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Plenary #2: Expert Witness Demonstration Session Description: Using a report of police response to a domestic violence call, presenters will encourage the audience to identify any victim behaviors for which it may be helpful for an expert to educate a judge or jury. Presenters will then demonstrate portions of direct and cross-examinations of an expert, from which the audience will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Which domestic violence victim behaviors are commonly the subject of expert testimony?• The legal basis for and admissibility of expert witness testimony to explain domestic violence victim behavior.• Qualifications of this sort of expert witness.• To explain victims' counter-intuitive behaviors to judges and juries through expert testimony.• To anticipate defense attacks on the expert's credibility.• To anticipate defense attempts to use this behavior as evidence of a victim's lack of credibility. Faculty: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jessica Martinez• Shannon Archer• Rhonda Martinson• Scott Miller		
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break		
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Plenary #3: Using Expert Witness Testimony Session Description: Using a team approach of local prosecution experience, and national training and evaluation experience, presenters will engage with the audience through a domestic violence police report to articulate the importance of, as well as the "how to," of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The supportive foundation a police report can give expert witness testimony, and helping police officers in that aspect of report writing• Knowing local judge and potential jury member attitudes on violence against women, to better evaluate the need for an expert• Potential issues (gender, education, philosophy, etc.) in your choice of expert witnesses• The helpfulness in consulting an expert in your preparation phase, even if you choose not to have the expert testify• Newer criminal justice research and experience that could potentially be addressed in expert testimony (witness intimidation, stalking via technology, etc.) Faculty: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jessica Martinez• Shannon Archer• Rhonda Martinson• Scott Miller		

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12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch		
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	<p>Session #1A & 1B: From Probable Cause to Beyond a Reasonable Doubt</p> <p>Session Description: Domestic Violence cases are without a doubt some of the most complex cases that law enforcement officers and prosecutors work on in our state and throughout the country. We know that strong collaboration between police and prosecutors improves case-building and increases the likelihood of successful adjudication. This session will bring the two entities together to explore best practices for DV report writing, gathering evidence, and how to build the strongest case for evidence-based prosecution and/or use of an expert witness.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eric Threlkeld• Jessica Martinez• Melissa Silver		<p>Session #1C: Preparing for your first case as a Domestic Violence Expert Witness</p> <p>Session Description: In this session we will review: The New Mexico legal basis for qualifying as an expert witness, The conditions for the need of an expert witness, Considerations for defense attorney use of expert witness, and use of expert witness in family court. Additionally we will discuss: The documents you need in advance of serving as an expert witness, what is your role as an expert witness in the courtroom, and common strategies used by the defense with an expert witness.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scott Miller• Rhonda Martinson
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Break		
2:45 pm - 4:00 pm	<p>Session #1A & 1B: From Probable Cause to Beyond a Reasonable Doubt</p> <p>CONTINUED</p>		<p>Session #1C: Expert Witness</p> <p>CONTINUED</p>

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8:30 am – 9:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary #4: Welcome Day 2</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raul Torrez		
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary #5</p> <p>Session Description: Using a team approach to creating a Domestic Violence Court (Family violence court), implementing the policies and procedures to address Domestic Violence with a diversionary approach. Local criminal justice partners work as a team to help offenders avoid prosecution, get appropriate anger and domestic violence counseling, in addition to any other treatment that is identified. This is a comprehensive approach to DV court.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judge Sarah Blankenhorn• Lisa Hamer• Marco Serna• Hanna Smith		
10:30 am – 10:45 am	<p style="text-align: center;">Break</p>		
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary #6: Legislative Update</p> <p>Session Description: The legislative session often introduces, debates, passes, or tables vital legislation that impacts survivors of domestic violence. Knowing about the legislation that is introduced and tabled is just as important as knowing what passes. In this session, we will provide an update from the most recent session and any highlight legislative changes that impact your role in law enforcement, prosecution, victim witness assistance, and victim advocacy for survivors of domestic violence.</p> <p>Participants will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent legislation that impacts survivors of domestic violence.• How legislative changes impact your work with survivors of domestic violence.• How legislation that was not passed may impact survivors in the future. <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MaryEllen Garcia• Elliott Guttman• Henry Valdez		

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12:00 pm-12:15 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary #7: Victim Compensation</p> <p>Session Description: This will give you a brief overview of victim compensation within New Mexico and how you can assist survivors in accessing this important resource</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frank Zubia		
12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch		
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary #8: The Role of The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner in Evidence-Based Prosecution</p> <p>Session Description: How to utilize SANE exams in your prosecution. Some SANE units are able to perform medical/forensic exams, free of charge for a victim of IPV, whether or not there was sexual assault at the time of the offense. These exams include screens for strangulation, Traumatic Brain Injury, and human trafficking. Excellent Photographs, risk assessments, and a listing of the other coercive controls are also included in this exam. The SANE is able to then testify for this exam, with expert knowledge of IPV dynamics. These exams often serve another purpose in helping to educate and keep the victim engaged with the process of prosecution.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gail Starr		
1:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Break		
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Session #2A: Appellate Review</p> <p>Session Description: Overview of recent cases from the New Mexico Supreme Court and the New Mexico Court of Appeals involving domestic violence and related issues.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emily Tyson-Jorgenson	<p style="text-align: center;">Session #2B & 2C: The Benefits of Victim Compensation</p> <p>Session Description: Law enforcement and victim witness assistants are some of the first individuals that encounter survivors of violent crimes. In those initial moments of crisis, many survivors are concerned with the financial impact of their victimization. Survivors of domestic and sexual violence need immediate access to safe housing, stalking survivors may need assistance with security cameras, survivors are worried about the impact of loss of earnings and many other immediate needs often create barriers to fully engaging in the criminal justice system. In this session, you will learn about victim compensation as well as the various emergency assistance funds that are available to survivors of crime and how you can ensure they are informed and assisted.</p> <p>Participants will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who qualifies?• How to apply?• Types of eligible expenses?• What role you play in the victim compensation process. <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frank Zubia	

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2:45 pm - 3:00 pm	Break		
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<p data-bbox="483 447 760 548">Session #3A: Ethics & Professionalism for Prosecutors</p> <p data-bbox="456 583 781 1056">Session Description: This session will discuss the basics of the ethical responsibilities of prosecutors in general as well as the meaning of professionalism as it applies to prosecutors. Examples of situations pertaining specifically to domestic violence cases will be used to illustrate the general principles. Attendee participation will be sought and encouraged.</p> <p data-bbox="456 1094 548 1121">Faculty:</p> <ul data-bbox="467 1125 654 1152" style="list-style-type: none">• Barbara Romo	<p data-bbox="883 443 1122 543">Session #3B1 A: Domestic Violence Legal Updates</p> <p data-bbox="837 579 1162 1241">Session Description: This forty-five-minute course of instruction led by Elliot Guttman, Legal Instructor for the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy, covers updates on the most recent changes in domestic violence laws affecting law enforcement. This block highlights recent changes in statutes that transform domestic violence investigations by looking at newly enacted laws and their applications. The focus will be on how to stay up to date on the many changes affecting law enforcement in these complex investigations.</p> <p data-bbox="837 1278 930 1306">Faculty:</p> <ul data-bbox="849 1310 1040 1337" style="list-style-type: none">• Elliot Guttman	<p data-bbox="1276 432 1487 569">Session #3C: Ethical Practice: Effective Victim Advocacy</p> <p data-bbox="1219 604 1536 1234">Session Description: This workshop goes beyond the “right and wrong” decision-making commonly covered in ethics workshops and gives the advocate a hands-on framework for understanding ethical challenges as they relate to victim-centered advocacy work. The professional will explore different case examples, learn different model approaches to address ethical dilemmas and examine effective ways to apply ethical principles in a practical way to advocacy work. This is an interactive 2-hour ethics training.</p> <p data-bbox="1219 1272 1312 1299">Faculty:</p> <ul data-bbox="1230 1304 1498 1331" style="list-style-type: none">• Dorthy Stucky Halley

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3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<p>Session #3A: Ethics & Professionalism for Prosecutors</p> <p>CONTINUED</p>	<p>Session #3B1 B: Firearms Restrictions Update</p> <p>Session Description: This forty-five-minute course of instruction will be led by Patricia M. Galindo, a supervising attorney for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). It will update changes in firearm issues, focused on policy and systemic changes, related issues, case types, and dispositions to the FBI for entry into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patricia M. Galindo <p>Session #3B2: New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission updates for Law Enforcement</p> <p>Session Description: This thirty-minute course of instruction by Frank Zubia the director of the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC) will focus on updates to New Mexico victim compensation laws and how law enforcement can contact the CVRC for emergency services for victims of crime. There will be an overview of which victims are eligible for what services. There will be an explanation of after-hours communications with CVRC and how law enforcement can reach specific points of contact within the CVRC to assist victims to get access to emergency funds and services.</p> <p>Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frank Zubia• Elliott Guttman• Quintin McShan	<p>Session #3C: Ethical Practice: Effective Victim Advocacy</p> <p>CONTINUED</p>