



The Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project Presents:

The 2015 Session of New Laws!

The New Laws training program began twenty-two years ago in response to the request of battered women's advocates for concise, accurate information on the changes in domestic violence law each year. This training program is designed for those who want to be kept informed about the most recent changes to state and federal statutes and case law that affect battered women and their children in Minnesota.

DAY 1

Identifying and Working with ALL Victims of Trafficking. Presented By: *Laurel Mohan, JD, Executive Director, BWLAP; Celia Lewis, Legal Advocate, BWLAP.* This training will pick up where we left off last year with The No Wrong Door Program training that focused on sex-trafficked youth. This training will be comprehensive and include all forms of trafficking and all populations. We will discuss how to recognize trafficking, working with all victims of trafficking, the relevant laws, available services, and the advocacy skills needed to successfully complete complex intakes and address barriers to services. Resources for more in-depth information will also be provided. Attendees will meet our new Legal Advocate, Celia Lewis, who will be working in Immigration and Trafficking, and will be available to provide on-going technical assistance and more in-depth training to meet your agency's specific needs.

Sexual Assault in the Military and Special Victim's Counsel. Presented by: *Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jennifer Diaz, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Minnesota National Guard; Captain Peter Williams, Special Victim's Counsel, Minnesota National Guard.* Sexual Assault in the military is an issue that has been brought to the forefront. This training will explore what the Minnesota National Guard (MNNG) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is, what the MNNG is doing to combat sexual assaults and bring awareness to sexual assault issues, the Victim Advocate Program and the investigation process. We will also discuss the Special Victim's Counsel Program and what is offered to our victims through the program.

Survey Monkey Hodge Podge. Presented by: *Deirdre Keys, Advocate, Program Manager, Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project.* In spring of 2015, BWLAP posted a three-question survey on their legal advocate list serve asking for training topics advocates would like to see at New Laws in 2015. In addition, over the year at BWLAP we have questions that come in from advocates on the advocate hotline. Deirdre will take you through the most requested topics in the survey, and answer some of the most interesting questions we had to research, presenting up-to-date information and resources advocates would find most useful. Hint: Two requested topics, Guardians Ad Litem and Safety Planning.



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DAY 2

Presented by: *Rana Alexander, Staff Attorney with the Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project*

- **Minnesota/Federal Criminal Case Law Update**
- **Minnesota OFP/HRO Case Law Update**
- **Minnesota/Federal Family Case Law Update**
- **Minnesota Child Protection Case Law Update**
- **Minnesota/Federal Administrative Case Law Update**
- **State and Federal Statutory Update**

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