



The Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic Presents:
Civil Legal Remedies for Victims of Violent Crimes:
Victim Justice Program Continuing Legal Education Seminar

Julian Center
2011 N Meridian Street
Indianapolis IN
8am-4pm

- 7:30-8:00am **Registration:** Opportunity to pick up case referrals
- 8:00-8:15am **Welcome:** Josh Abel, Executive Director Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic
- 8:15-9:00am **Domestic Violence 101: Jennifer Reister** *DV Projects Supervisor, The Julian Center*
DV 101 is designed to give the audience a very basic overview of the dynamics and history of domestic violence. It covers topics such as why victims stay, current statistics, victim/abuser characteristics and post-separation violence and also offers actual examples from my experience in victim service.
- 9:00-10:00am **Using an Expert Witness in Domestic Violence Family Law Cases: Kerry Hyatt Blomquist** *Legal Counsel, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence*
Working with survivors of domestic violence in their family law cases is critically important work, but often fraught with challenges to explain survivors' behavior. Why didn't your client leave the relationship earlier? What is abuse? Why did she go back to him the last time? Enter the importance of expert witness testimony. In this presentation, you will learn how critically important the use of an expert is in these cases, how best to incorporate an expert witness into your trial preparation and where to get an effective expert for your case.
- 10:00-10:15am *Break*
- 10:15-11:15am **Immigration Services for Victims of Domestic Violence: Aimee Heitz,** *Immigration Staff Attorney, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic*
The presentation will cover immigration remedies for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes. The focus of the presentation will be on U-Visa and VAWA self-petitions.
- 11:15-11:45am **Working with Sexual Assault Survivors: Kassandra Adams,** *Director of Training and Development, Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault*
This presentation covers the basics of sexual assault in Indiana (laws, definitions, and stats) and then discusses different ways to work with survivors so that we are able to ensure that they receive support and the resources they need to recover.
- 11:45-12:30pm *Lunch*

- 12:30-1:15pm **Tenant Protections for Victims of Domestic Violence: Chase Haller, Housing Staff Attorney, Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic**
This presentation will explore Indiana Code Section 32-31-9, "Rights of Tenants Who Are Victims of Certain Crimes." For protected individuals, Indiana law provides various protections when a victim is renting a house or an apartment and they are a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, or stalking. An outline will be provided of different methods of protection under this law and how a victim or advocate can ensure that a victim both qualifies for protection and how the law can be used to ensure the victim's safety from further victimization.
- 1:15-2:15pm **Children's Rights as Victims of Domestic Violence: Clare Deitchman, Director of Guardian ad Litem Services**
This presentation will cover the rights children have as victims of domestic violence.
- 2:15-2:45pm *Break*
- 2:45-3:45pm **Notario Fraud: Jeremy Comeau, Deputy Attorney General- Consumer Practices Division**
This presentation would cover what constitutes notario fraud, how to bring charges against a notario, and the potential impact on a client's immigration case.
- 3:45-4:00pm: **Questions and Closing Remarks**