



Minnesota Victim Legal Services Project Training: **Providing Legal Services to Crime Victims**

November 13, 2017, 8:00am – 4:30pm
Town Square Building, Downtown St. Paul
Live simulcast viewing option available.

8:00am – 8:30am *Check-in and refreshments*

8:30am - 10:30am ***Representing Crime Victims—The Role of a Civil Victim Lawyer in the Criminal Prosecution Process***

Meg Garvin and Terry Campos, NCVLI Legal Team

Drawing on lessons from across the country, as well as the experiences of the project attorneys involved in the Victim Legal Services Project in Minnesota, this session will discuss the role of a civil attorney in the criminal prosecution context. The presenters will: provide an overview of criminal procedure, highlighting the role of the crime victim attorney at various stages in the prosecution process; discuss the challenges of appearing in criminal court proceedings; and, using real examples, demonstrate how the civil attorney can protect and assert the rights of crime victims in the criminal process.

10:30am -10:45am *Break*

10:45am-12:15pm ***Trauma Informed Legal Services***

Peggy LaDue, Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center

Understanding the impacts of trauma is critical to providing effective legal services. This session will explore the brain's response to trauma and the seemingly counterintuitive behavior of crime victims to arm practitioners with the fundamentals they need to better serve their clients in and out of the courtroom.

12:15am - 1:15pm *Lunch on your own*

1:15pm - 2:45pm ***Privacy and Protection – Part 1***

Caroline Palmer, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and Rana Alexander, Standpoint

Victim privacy is at risk in criminal and civil proceedings. This session will review the circumstances where client records may be sought by the offender, discuss the strategies and legal arguments available to oppose the effort to obtain client records (including counseling, medical and educational records), provide guidance to attorneys on how to intervene in criminal matters to protect a victim's privacy, and provide guidance on how to forestall efforts by defense attorneys attempting to use discovery in the civil process to obtain information not otherwise available in the criminal process.

2:45pm - 3:00pm *Break*

3:00pm - 4:30pm *Privacy and Protection – Part 2*

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In this second session, the presenters will discuss where in the criminal prosecution process victim information may be exposed, the statutory rights of crime victims to protect their personal information, and the unique challenges to victim safety and privacy in rural areas. The presenters will discuss current case law; strategies to ensure victim safety and privacy, such as using pseudonyms; and the affirmative steps that a civil attorney can take during the criminal process to protect their clients.

For information and to register, [click here](#).

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LOCATION, DIRECTIONS, PARKING, LUNCH, REMOTE VIEWING

Training location: Town Square Building, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, MN 55101, Training Room, (second floor).

The Town Square Building is in downtown St. Paul on the block bordered by Cedar and Minnesota streets, and 6th and 7th streets. The training room is on the **skyway level which is on the second floor**. Look for glass doors with training signs posted. [Click here](#) for the skyway map.

Parking: There is nearby parking available in the City Park Ramp, Robert Street Ramp, and the World Trade Center Ramp. [Click here](#) for downtown St. Paul parking information.

Light rail: The training location is between two Green Line stations. Get off at either the Central Station or 10th Street Station—both are two blocks from Town Square. [Click here](#) for information about the Green Line. Note: Downtown parking can be expensive—consider parking in a free lot along the Green Line and taking the light rail in to reduce your parking expense.

Lunch: Lunch is on your own. There are many nearby lunch options in the downtown skyway system. There is also a refrigerator available if you bring your own lunch.

Remote viewing: The training will also be available through a live webcast. Registered participants will be provided information on how to connect to the training webcast.