



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ALLIANCE

23rd Annual Domestic Violence Alliance

Developed with KCMBF Domestic Violence Alliance Committee

Friday, October 23, 2020 • 9:00 AM – 2:40 PM

Webinar/Access link sent upon registration

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Cost: CLE credit is available for free for KCMBA members; free attendance for non-attorneys

KCMBF/A's COVID Response: Historically, free CLE is only available to KCMBA member attorneys as a member benefit. In order to meet the community's important needs due to the pandemic, KCMBF/A is offering the Domestic Violence Alliance seminar free to all attorneys. We encourage everyone to donate the suggested \$25 to assist KCMBF in continuing to give more to the community and help educate those committed to ending domestic violence.

DESCRIPTION

This seminar will focus on the role of evidence in domestic violence cases.

SCHEDULE

- 8:45 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mayor Quinton Lucas, *City of Kansas City, Missouri*
- 9:00 AM **Collection of Victim Evidence Regarding Sexual Assault (COVERSA)**
Carolyn Cordle, *COVERSA*
Description: SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) nurses are specially trained in collection of evidence needed for trial of sexual assault cases. Gathering forensic evidence includes collecting the victim's clothing, conducting a thorough physical assessment, and specimen collection. SANE nurses are specially trained in identifying patterned injury, documenting and photographing injuries, maintaining chain of evidence, and providing expert witness testimony.
- 9:50 AM **Sexual Assault Evidence Processing in the KCPD Crime Lab**

Program will be held via webinar.
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4 WAYS TO PRE-REGISTER:

1. **Online** at kcmbf.org
2. **Mail** completed registration form to KCMBF, 2300 Main St., Suite 100, Kansas City, MO 64108.
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Marsena Craig, *KCPD Crime Lab*

Description: Processing of evidence in the KCPD crime lab as a result of sexual assault and in preparation of trial.

10:40 AM *Break*

10:50 AM **Panel: Prosecution and Defense in Domestic Violence Cases**

Lindsay Mathews, *The Gordon Law Firm LLC*

Craig Napier, *Missouri DWI & Criminal Law Center at Benjamin Law Firm*

Danielle Sediqzad, *Jackson County Prosecutor's Office*

Moderator: Judith Westmoreland, *Jackson County CASA*

11:40 AM *Break*

12:00 PM **Detective Case File to Prosecutor**

Sgt. Mike Russell, *Blue Springs Police Department*

Description: The presentation will cover the various components police detectives' work towards submitting a complete case file to the prosecutor's office. At the end of the 50 minutes the audience will better understand how a detective manages case file compilation though the perspective of probable cause and how that relates to a prosecutor's perspective of showing proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

12:50 PM **The Role of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in Supporting Child Witnesses of Domestic Violence**

Randi Spruill, *Child Protection Center*

Description: Learn about forensic interviews of child victims and witnesses, common misconceptions about forensic interviews, how forensic interviewers might be helpful in testifying in court proceedings (and the scope of an interviewer's testimony!), the process of disclosure (including blocks and obstacles to disclosure and recantation in the forensic interview and after—including during testimony); what to do when it's decided a forensic interview isn't child-centered; and resources CACs offer children and families.

1:40 PM *Break*

1:50 PM **View from the Bench - Evidence in Court**

Hon. Bryan E. Round and Hon. Mary F. Weir, *16th Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri, Jackson County*

Hon. Courtney A. Wachal, *16th Judicial Circuit Court Kansas City Municipal Division*

Moderator: Darren Korte, *Family Court Division - Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri*

2:40 PM *Adjourn*

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