

**United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women**  
*in Collaboration with the*  
**ABA Commission on Domestic Violence**  
*presents*

**2008 Webinar Series**

**THE LEGAL RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: TIPS AND STRATEGIES**

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**CLIENT INTERVIEWING IN PREPERATION FOR TRIAL**

Wednesday, January 9, 2008, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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**WEBINAR FACULTY BIOS**

**Margaret Drew, Esq., Professor of Clinical Law, University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, OH.**

Margaret Drew began practicing law in Massachusetts in 1980. She has represented victims of violence in the District, Family and Appellate Courts of Massachusetts. For the 2001- 2002 academic year, she was a teacher and supervising attorney with the Domestic Violence Clinic at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston. From 2003 - 2005 Ms. Drew was an adjunct professor of law at Northeastern University School of Law and continued her representation of domestic violence clients, primarily in the Appellate Courts. Ms. Drew continues to train other attorneys to represent victims of domestic abuse and she consults on domestic violence cases.

In July 2005, Ms. Drew became a professor of clinical law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law where she assisted the school in starting a domestic violence clinic. The clinic is in partnership with Cincinnati Legal Aid. In addition, Ms. Drew is a former executive committee member of the National Association of Women Lawyers; previously, she served as the NAWL delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. Ms. Drew was the liaison to the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence from the National Association of Women Lawyers from 1994 through her appointment as chair of the Commission in August 2004. Currently Ms. Drew serves as Special Advisor to the Commission. In addition to having an interest in financial aspects of abuse as well as the isolation of suburban victims, Ms. Drew, a Reiki Master, has a particular interest in the spiritual healing of victims of violence. Ms. Drew is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law (J.D.) and of Boston University School of Law (LL. M. in Taxation.).

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**Laura A. Martinez, Esq., Austin, TX**

Laura Ann Martinez practices Family Law in Austin, Texas. Ms. Martinez was formerly a staff attorney with Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid in the Family Law division from 1994 -2007 and has also been an Adjunct Professor (part-time) at the University of Texas School of Law in the Domestic Violence Clinic. She assists survivors of domestic violence in obtaining protective orders, custody, child support and divorces. Ms. Martinez has provided training in the State of Texas on various issues with the Texas Council on Family Violence and is a resource for immigrant and refugee survivors through the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Ms. Martinez also trains attorneys and advocates nationally on the topic of domestic violence for the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence. Previously, Ms. Martinez was a staff attorney at AYUDA Clinica Legal Latina, a non-profit organization in the District of Columbia representing immigrant women in obtaining

protective orders. She has also trained D.C. police officers on mandatory arrest and how to respond to domestic violence calls.

Ms. Martinez was chosen to participate in a “Workgroup on Urban Health Issues” to identify and explore the central issues surrounding the impact of violence on the health care of substance-abusing women and their families in at-risk, primarily urban environments. She was also a member of the review panel on Domestic Violence Against Women with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Ms. Martinez received her B.A. in psychology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1987 and received her J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center in December of 1990. She is licensed to practice law in Texas and in the District of Columbia.



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