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THE LEGAL RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: TIPS AND STRATEGIES

DIRECT EXAMINATION TECHNIQUES IN PROTECTIVE ORDER CASES

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WEBINAR FACULTY BIOS

Klaus Sitte, Esq., Executive Director, Montana Legal Services Association, Missoula, MT.

Klaus Sitte has advocated for Montanans living in poverty for nearly thirty-five years. Family law, especially domestic violence issues, and landlord/tenant law have been his areas of concentration for most of his career. Following a clerkship at the Montana Supreme Court, Klaus began work with the Montana Legal Services Association in 1973. More than three and a half decades later, Klaus is the Executive Director of MLSA, Montana's statewide low income civil legal assistance provider.

Klaus has represented hundreds low income people in numerous cases, at all levels of practice. He has counseled many Montana low income and civic organizations. He is a frequent lecturer to civic groups, lawyers and judges on issues affecting families living in poverty. He is the author of FOR RENT: The Complete Montana Landlord and Tenant Guide, now in its 12th year of publication.

Klaus is an Adjunct Faculty member of the University of Montana Law School. He coaches the UM Law School American Bar Association Negotiation Competition Team, winning 3rd place nationally in '99 and 2nd in 2003, qualifying the Team for its first international competition appearance. More recently, the Team won 1st place in the Northwest Regional Competition in 2006. In 35 years with MLSA, he has trained and mentored more than 500 law student interns in lawyering skills as a Clinical Supervisor with the UM Law School's unique Clinical Program.

Klaus has served as a trainer in 24 states, as well as Guam and Micronesia. He has provided instruction in substantive and skills training with such programs as the ABA's Commission on Domestic Violence Civil Law Institute and the National Institute for Trail Advocacy. Klaus was the first Legal Services attorney to serve on the ABA's Commission on Domestic Violence. He is a former chair of the Montana Supreme Court Gender Fairness Task Force. The Court appointed Klaus to the Equal Justice Task Force in 2000. Klaus has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1972. He belongs to the Family Law Section of both the ABA and the State Bar of Montana. He is a member of the State Bar's Access to Justice Committee. Klaus also serves on the Board of Lutheran Social Services Montana.

Klaus, and his wife, Karen, have lived in Montana for nearly 40 years. They have two sons, Tyler, residing in Frankfurt, Germany and Jeremy, in Billings, Montana. Karen is Director of Planned Gift Administration for the University of Montana Foundation. Karen and Klaus enjoy kayaking and biking. When they can get away, Klaus and Karen seriously enjoy visiting their two granddaughters, Anne and Lidia, in Billings.

Kelly Gaines Stoner, Director, Native American Legal Resource Center and Director, Clinical Programs, Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, OK.

Kelly Stoner graduated from the University of Oklahoma, College of Law in December 1988. Ms. Stoner was in private practice in Cherokee, Oklahoma for several years prior to moving to [New York](#). Where she took the New York Bar Exam and practiced for several years for the Department of Human Services agency working on child abuse/neglect cases. Ms. Stoner then relocated to North Dakota where she directed the Native American Law Project and taught at the University of North Dakota, School of Law for over 8 years. The Project served clients of the Spirit Lake Reservation. She represented clients and tribal agencies in tribal and state courts. Professor Stoner serves as a tribal consultant for the Spirit Lake Tribe specializing in domestic violence issues, children's issues and elder issues.

For the past 6 years, Professor Stoner has been the Director of the Native American Legal Resource Center at Oklahoma City University School of Law and is also the Director of Clinical Programs. The Native American Legal Resource Center provides capacity building services to tribal communities and creates opportunities for students, faculty, staff and the broader University Community to utilize knowledge and resources to serve the needs of Oklahoma's 37 federally recognized Indian Tribes in a culturally appropriate and efficient manner. Professor Stoner teaches in the areas of Indian Law, Tribal Law, Family Law and Domestic Violence. Professor Stoner speaks nationally on issues affecting Indian Country and has published in the areas of Family Law, Indian Law, and Domestic Violence Law.



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