

**American Bar Association
Coalition for Justice and the
National Judicial Education Program of Legal Momentum**

Present:

***Dangerous Intersection: Sexual Abuse as Domestic Violence -
What Judges, Lawyers and Advocates Need to Know***

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 7, 2008
Marriott Marquis Hotel, Marquis Salon A, 9th Floor
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Sexual abuse ranging from verbal degradation to torture is far more prevalent in cases involving other forms of intimate partner violence than is generally recognized. Recent research with battered women reveals intimate partner sexual abuse to be a hidden but frequent aspect of family violence with important implications for the justice system. It is a significant factor in risk assessment; in decision-making in civil, criminal, family, juvenile and probate cases; and in custody and visitation determinations. Forced sex is now known to be a key factor in assessing potential lethality. Thus it is important for the justice system to have strategies that encourage victims to disclose intimate partner sexual abuse and resources for effective offender dispositions and management.

Speakers

Linda Klein, Chair, ABA Coalition for Justice

Lynn Hecht Schafran, Director, National Judicial Education Program (NJEP), Legal Momentum, New York, NY. Ms. Schafran conceived, developed and co-wrote the new, free web course and resource *Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: Adjudicating this Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence Cases* on which this program is based. www.njep-ipsacourse.org

Hon. Mel Flanagan, Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Milwaukee, WI. Judge Flanagan was a member of the advisory committee for NJEP's new web course. With co-panelist Judge Jeffrey Kremers she developed an in-person judicial education program based on the web course which they are now presenting to Wisconsin judges.

Hon. Jeffrey Kremers, Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Milwaukee WI. With Judge Flanagan, Judge Kremers developed an in-person judicial education program based on NJEP's new web course which he and Judge Flanagan are now presenting to judges in Wisconsin.

Ms. Ann Ranfranz, Coordinator of Sensitive Crimes Victim Services, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. Ms. Ranfranz will address the particular impact of intimate partner sexual abuse on victims and the implications for judges, lawyers and advocates.

***This program is cosponsored by the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and the
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