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Resources for Attorneys Assisting Persons with Disabilities who are Victims of Domestic Violence and Victims who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

The following organizations and individuals have given us permission to list them as resources for those serving victims who have a disability or are deaf or hard of hearing.

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ADWAS is committed to providing services to Deaf and Deaf-Blind victims of sexual assault and/or domestic violence. The mission of ADWAS is a belief that violence is a learned behavior and it should not be tolerated. ADWAS was established in 1986 and is located in Seattle, Washington.

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Deaf Abused Women's Network envisions a diverse community whose members interact free of fear and violence in all aspects of their lives. In this community, each person has access to information and justice and the opportunity to embrace their own cultural values and world views. In the place of domestic violence and sexual assault, we see equitable and healthy relationships that support everyone's pursuit of happiness. We serve Deaf, hard-of-hearing and Deaf/blind residents of the Washington, D.C metro area who experience domestic violence or sexual assault and their families by providing crisis

intervention, advocacy, and resource referral. DAWN was established in 2003, growing out of the determination of Deaf women to address issues of domestic violence/sexual assault in the Deaf community.

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The Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women is a non-profit, feminist based, multi-cultural organization dedicated to the elimination of violence against women, youth, children and men. It is a large network of people active against violence, sexism, racism, ageism, ableism, homophobia and all other forms of discrimination. LACAOW's Deaf, Disabled & Elder Services Program provides in-person peer counseling, support group counseling, hospital and/or court accompaniment, legal advocacy, Temporary Restraining Order assistance, and shelter assistance for victims of domestic violence/ relationship abuse, stalking, sexual assault and rape. All services are available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language.

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DeafHope is a nonprofit organization, established for and by Deaf women in January 2003. DeafHope's mission is to end domestic violence and sexual assault against Deaf women and children through empowerment, education and services. This mission is achieved on three levels - by providing services to Deaf women and children who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; by educating our local community and service providers about domestic violence and sexual assault; and by providing statewide training and technical assistance to establish more Deaf-run DV/SA services for Deaf survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

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The Legal Clinic for the Disabled is a not-for-profit corporation that specializes in providing free legal services to low-income people with physical disabilities in Philadelphia and the surrounding counties, including Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware, and Chester Counties. The Legal Clinic provides these services through an in-house staff and a large panel of volunteer attorneys.

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SafePlace's Disability Services program is committed to promoting accessible services to survivors of interpersonal violence who have disabilities. The program offers a national resource library with a collection of over 450 resources related to violence against individuals with disabilities and accessibility, located at:

http://www.austin-safeplace.org/site/PageServer?pagename=program_disability.

If you would like to discuss best practices in representing individuals with disabilities, contact Wendie Abramson.

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