THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** CONFERENCE

Expanding Our Vision:

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About the Conference

We will explore the challenges lawyers face serving clients from diverse family constellations, representing LGBT families, enforcing victims' rights in criminal courts, and incorporating human rights approaches in our practice.

CONFERENCE TIME AND FEES: March 1, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and March 2, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Fordham Law School McNally Amphitheatre. The registration fee is $90 for one day of the conference and $145 for both days.

CLE CREDIT IS AVAILABLE: This two-day conference is appropriate for newly admitted and experienced attorneys and is approved for a maximum of 12 transitional and non-transitional credit hours according to the following allocation:

Day 1 March 1: 2 skills, 1 ethics, and 3 professional practice
Day 2 March 2: 3 skills, 1 ethics, and 2 professional practice
Both Days March 1–2: 5 skills, 2 ethics, and 5 professional practice

This CLE credit allocation is approved in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board. To determine whether another state will award credit, please contact the CLE administrator's office for that particular state.

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ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: Registrants who need special accommodations are asked to submit a request in writing by Monday, February 22, 2010, via fax at 212-636-6984 or e-mail at cle@law.fordham.edu. Please be as specific as possible regarding the needed accommodation.

CANCELLATION POLICY: A refund will be made for all cancellations received by Monday, February 22, 2010, less a $15.00 administrative fee. Substitutions are encouraged.

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Conference Outline

March 1

8:30 A.M. **REGISTRATION**

9:00 A.M. **WELCOME**

WILLIAM MICHAEL TREANOR
Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law,
Fordham Law School

9:15 A.M. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
REMEMBERING THAT THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL: A CALL TO ACTION

AMY BARASCH
Executive Director, New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

10:15 A.M. **DIVERSE FAMILIES: INTRODUCTION**

ALICIA SIMPSON
Staff Attorney
Staten Island Legal Services

10:20 A.M. **DIVERSE FAMILIES: LBGT RELATIONSHIP RECOGNITION**

KIMBERLY FORTE
Staff Attorney
The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice,
Special Litigation and Law Reform Unit

AMY SCHWARTZ
Senior Staff Attorney
Domestic Violence Legal Program
Empire Justice Center

SUSAN SOMMER
Senior Counsel and
Director of Constitutional Litigation
Lambda Legal

SHARON STAPEL
Executive Director
New York City Anti-Violence Project

MODERATOR
JACK NEWTON
Staff Attorney
The Legal Aid Society, Civil Practice
Family Law Unit

12:45 P.M. **LUNCH**

1:45 P.M. **IN THE TRENCHES AWARDS CEREMONY**
RECOGNIZING INDOMITABLE COURAGE, VISION AND DEDICATION TO ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

AMY BARASCH
Executive Director
New York State Office
for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

SHARON STAPEL
Executive Director
New York City Anti-Violence Project

2:15 P.M. **DIVERSE FAMILIES: BEYOND THE NUCLEAR FAMILY**

KARA M. BELLEW
Senior Staff Attorney
Economic Justice/Matrimonial Project
Sanctuary for Families

SHAMITA DAS DASGUPTA, PH.D., DVS
Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law at NYU
School of Law
Co-Founder of Manavi, Inc.

BUSHRA S. HUSAIN, MSW
Non-Residential Counselor & South Asian
Community Specialist
Sanctuary for Families

LAURA RUSSELL
Supervising Attorney
Family/Domestic Violence Unit
The Legal Aid Society
Bronx Neighborhood Office

SHARON YOO
Parent Advocacy Attorney
Mental Health Project
Urban Justice Center

MODERATORS
SHIAO LEE
Staff Attorney, Courtroom Advocates Project
Center for Battered Women's Legal Services
Sanctuary for Families

EILEEN MCCANN
Staff Attorney, The Legal Aid Society
Domestic Violence Project

5:00 P.M. **ADJOURN**

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March 2

8:30 A.M. **REGISTRATION**

9:00 A.M. **WELCOME**

EMILY RUBEN
Attorney-in-Charge
Brooklyn Neighborhood Office of
The Legal Aid Society

9:15 A.M. **VALUING VICTIMS' VOICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

MAUREEN CURTIS, LMSW, MPH
Associate Vice-President
Bronx Criminal Justice and
Community Programs for Safe Horizon

ELIZABETH CROTTY
Founding Partner
Crotty Saland LLP

MEG GARVIN
Executive Director
National Crime Victim Law Institute
Clinical Professor, Lewis & Clark Law School

LISA RIVERA
Associate Director of the Matrimonial &
Family Law Unit
New York Legal Assistance Group

SUSAN XENARIOS, LCSW
Director of Crime Victims Treatment Center
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital

MODERATOR
ANYA EMERSON
Staff Attorney, Equal Justice Works Fellow
Matrimonial & Family Law
New York Legal Assistance Group

12:30 P.M. **LUNCH**

1:30 P.M. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS: BI-DIRECTIONAL LEGAL STRATEGIES**

ELIZABETH ABI-MERSHED
Assistant Executive Secretary
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

AMNA AKBAR
Clinical Fellow,
International Human Rights Clinic
NYU School of Law

CAROLINE BETTINGER-LOPEZ
Deputy Director Human Rights Institute
Lecturer in Law & Clinical Staff Attorney,
Human Rights Clinic
Columbia Law School

CHRISTINA BRANDT-YOUNG
Appellate Attorney
New York Legal Assistance Group

THE HON. FERNANDO M. CAMACHO
Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters,
11th Judicial District
Supreme Court of the State of New York

JESSICA LENAHAN
Plaintiff, *Gonzales v. City of Castle Rock*

ARCHI PYATI
Staff Attorney
Immigration Intervention Project
Sanctuary for Families

MODERATOR
CHRISTINA BRANDT-YOUNG
Appellate Attorney
New York Legal Assistance Group

4:30 P.M. **ADJOURN**

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