



2015 New Laws Agenda

Day 1:

- 8:15-8:45** Registration and Breakfast
- 8:45-9:00** Introductions and Housekeeping
- 9:00-10:00** **Minnesota/Federal Criminal Case Law Update**
Rana Alexander from Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project
Overview of case law changes in criminal law and how they might affect battered women.
- 10:00-10:10** Break
- 10:10-11:10** **Minnesota/Federal Criminal Case Law Update, continued**
- 11:10-11:20** Break
- 11:20-12:15** **Minnesota OFP and HRO Case Law Update**
Rana Alexander from Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project
Overview of case law changes in orders for protection and harassment restraining order law and how they will affect battered women.
- 12:15-1:15** Lunch
- 1:15-2:15** **Minnesota/Federal Family Case Law Update**
Rana Alexander from Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project
Overview of case law changes in family law over the past year and how they might affect battered women. Focusing on jurisdiction issues, custody, child support, child protection, child abuse.
- 2:15-2:25** Break
- 2:25-3:25** **Minnesota/Federal Administrative Case Law Update**
Rana Alexander from Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project
Overview of case law changes in administrative law and how they might affect battered women
- 3:25-3:35** Break
- 3:35-4:30** **Minnesota/Federal Statute Law Update**
Rana Alexander from Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project
Overview of federal and state legislative changes in the last year and how they might affect battered women.
- 4:30-4:45** Evaluations and Wrap-Up



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Day 2:

- 8:15-8:45** Registration and Breakfast
- 8:45-9:00** Introductions by BWLAP and HOST Agency
- 9:00-10:15** **Identifying and Working with ALL Victims of Trafficking.** Presented By: *Laurel Mohan, JD, Executive Director, BWLAP; Celia Lewis, Legal Advocate, BWLAP.* This training will pick up where we left off last year with The No Wrong Door Program training that focused on sex-trafficked youth. This training will be comprehensive and include all forms of trafficking and all populations. We will discuss how to recognize trafficking, working with all victims of trafficking, the relevant laws, available services, and the advocacy skills needed to successfully complete complex intakes and address barriers to services. Resources for more in-depth information will also be provided. Attendees will meet our new Legal Advocate, Celia Lewis, who will be working in Immigration and Trafficking, and will be available to provide on-going technical assistance and more in-depth training to meet your agency's specific needs.
- 10:15-10:30** Break
- 10:30-11:45** **Identifying and Working with ALL Victims of Trafficking (Continued)**
- 11:45-12:45** **Lunch**
- 12:45-1:45** **Sexual Assault in the Military and Special Victim's Counsel.** Presented by: *Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jennifer Diaz, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Minnesota National Guard; Captain Peter Williams, Special Victim's Counsel, Minnesota National Guard.* Sexual Assault in the military is an issue that has been brought to the forefront. This training will explore what the Minnesota National Guard (MNNG) Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is, what the MNNG is doing to combat sexual assaults and bring awareness to sexual assault issues, the Victim Advocate Program and the investigation process. We will also discuss the Special Victim's Counsel Program and what is offered to our victims through the program.
- 1:45-2:00** Break
- 2:00-3:00** **Sexual Assault in the Military and Special Victim's Counsel (Continued).**
- 3:00 – 3:15** Break
- 3:15 – 5:00** **Survey Monkey Hodge Podge.** Presented by: *Deirdre Keys, Advocate, Program Manager, Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project.* In spring of 2015, BWLAP posted a three-question survey on their legal advocate list serve asking for training topics advocates would like to see at New Laws in 2015. In addition, over the year at BWLAP we have questions that come in from advocates on the advocate hotline. Deirdre will take you through the most requested topics in the survey, and answer some of the most interesting questions we had to research, presenting up-to-date information and resources advocates would find most useful. Sneak Peak: Two requested topics, Guardians Ad Litem and Safety Planning.
- 5:00** Wrap up and Evaluations Day One