

POWER ACT WEBINAR
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
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Pursuant to the Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-237 (POWER Act), as amended by the Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-252 (POWER 2.0 Act), each chief judge of each judicial district shall hold annual “empowerment events” to encourage lawyers to provide pro bono services to “survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.”

In support of the POWER Act, a free training webinar will be offered to attorneys of the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri on September 19th from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm.

The Impact of Domestic Violence on Your Legal Practice

Please join Circuit Judge Jason Dodson; Kelly Martinez, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; and Katie Wessling, Crime Victim Center, for a presentation on the impact of domestic violence on your legal practice. The panel will discuss the dynamics of domestic violence, how to spot common tactics of abuse, and tips for effective and responsible representation of survivors.

This training is designed to educate participants in:

- Some key laws impacting domestic violence survivors
- The dynamics of domestic violence
- Effective and responsible representation of survivors
- How to spot common abuse tactics
- How the legal system can become an extension of abusers’ tactics
- The utilization of resources and information to better identify and respond to the needs of survivors
- The importance of pro-bono representation for domestic violence survivors

Welcome and Introductions:

- Chief Judge Stephen R. Clark, Eastern District of Missouri

Speakers:

- The Honorable Jason Dodson, Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit, St. Louis County, MO
- Kelly Martinez J.D., Legal Director, MOCADSV
- Katie Wessling J.D., Director of Legal Programs, Crime Victim Center

Registration is available at the following link: [POWER Act Registration Link 2024](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar.

If you have questions regarding the program or registration, please contact:

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