The Missouri Office of Prosecution Services,
&
The Buchanan County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

present

The Investigation and Prosecution of Domestic Violence Cases

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Determining the Dominant Aggressor In Domestic Violence Cases

July 8, 2015

8:00 AM to 12 PM

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1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Handouts will be sent to all registered participants in a web link a few days prior to class.

Free of charge to Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Victim Advocates, Children's Division, Probation and Parole, Health Professionals and Children's Advocacy Center Staff. Other Similar Allied Professionals must obtain prior approval for attendance from Conference Organizers.

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This basic course includes the elemental dynamics of domestic violence and suggestions for conducting domestic violence investigations, as they relate to evidence based prosecution. The course further covers Missouri law as it applies to domestic violence cases, touching on current case law as it relates to evidence based prosecution and investigation, and offering ideas for aggressive & fair charging in domestic violence cases. The course aims at assisting prosecutors and law enforcement officers in responding to domestic violence calls and successfully prosecuting domestic violence cases.

The course is certified for 2 hours of POST Continuing Education Legal credits & 2 hours Interpersonal Credit by the Missouri Department of Public Safety POST program or 4 hours of CLE by the Missouri Bar.

Determining the Dominant Aggressor in Domestic Violence Cases

1 PM to 5 PM

This course includes more on the dynamic of family violence, exploring why women use force and creative ways to make a determination of the relevant context and the dominant aggressor in an abusive relationship, as well as outlining basic Missouri laws in determining valid claims of self defense/ primary aggressor. This course also offers more refined nuances & tools to shed light on these difficult cases.

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Space & materials are limited, **please copy and paste the registration link into your browser** in order to reserve your spot before **July 6, 2015** :

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If you do not register in advance, we may not be able to provide course handouts or a completion certificate to you. Please call the Family Violence Resource Prosecutor, Catherine Vannier at (573) 644-2409, or email Legal Staff Assistant Tara Athmer at tara.athmer@mops.mo.gov with questions or concerns.

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The Investigation and Prosecution of Domestic Violence Cases

8 AM to 12 PM

Agenda

HOUR 1: What are we concerned about?

Safety & Lethality Concerns, The Dynamics of Domestic Violence, and Why Do They Stay?

HOUR 2: Why should we care?

The requirements of Section 455.085, the burdens of the System and the generational impact of cyclical abuse.

HOUR 3: Evidence Based Prosecution

The components of evidence based prosecution & what a prosecutor needs in order to proceed without the victim's cooperation.

HOUR 4: Ideas for Documentation & Charging

Discussion of the proof and elements of the most frequently used charges, symptoms of strangulation, and suggestions for the most effective charging decisions.

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HOUR 1: Power & Control Tactics

Understanding the history of mandatory arrest, scene manipulation and the signs of coercive control.

HOUR 2: When Both Parties Report Violence

The definition of mutual combat, dual v. single arrests & following the Decision Tree

HOUR 3: The Law of Self Defense & 455.085

The definition of probable cause, the requirements of Section 455.085 & what is self defense?

HOUR 4: Tactics in Truth

Forensic injuries to document, trauma informed questions & ways to look beyond the obvious to protect true victims & hold dangerous offenders accountable.

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About the Presenter

Catherine Vannier

In late 2006, MOPS hired Catherine Vannier as its first ever Family Violence Resource Prosecutor. The position was originally created by grant as a part of a larger, joint effort between the Office of State Courts' Administrator, Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Statewide criminal justice professionals designed the position to provide resource materials, support and training to prosecutors, law enforcement and allied professionals.

Over more than 8 years at MOPS, Catherine has developed and expanded the program to assist and train thousands of justice professionals. Prior to MOPS, Catherine accumulated 11 years of experience prosecuting criminal cases full time. She was instrumental in creating a specialized domestic violence unit in her jurisdiction. As a line prosecutor, she learned the importance of coordinating the community's response to violence, sitting as a board member on the local family violence council, as well other police and community task forces and committees.

Catherine received the 2012 James P. Damos Award by the Missouri Victims' Assistance Network (MOVA) in recognition of her willingness to go above and beyond her designated duties in order to effect positive change for victims.

Catherine also serves as an appointed member of the Missouri Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children, which was created by the General Assembly in 2011. In 2013, the Task Force selected Catherine to chair the Task Force's Working Group on Multi-Disciplinary Team Excellence.

Catherine frequently trains on the prosecution of family and sexual violence cases. She continually adapts and improves her presentations based on feedback from past audiences, using examples from her closed cases as well as other examples she has learned about from her trainings, travel and experience in the field.