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# Practical Exercises *in* Making the Distance: *From Initial Disclosure to the Courtroom* The Investigation & Prosecution of Sexual Assault Cases (Part 2)

**September 30, 2021**

8:30 AM to 4 PM

Locust Creek Event Center  
414 West Locking  
Brookfield, MO 64628

***See Page 2 for Agenda & Additional Information***

Participants will work in small and large group format to-

- 1) Conduct an interview of a victim
- 2) Conduct an interview of a witness
- 3) Assign additional work to an investigator
- 4) Suggest and prepare pretrial motions
- 5) Testify in a simulated Court hearing

P.O.S.T. , 210 & CLE Certification Pending.

*This training is available free of charge to: Prosecutors, Prosecution Staff, Law Enforcement, Victim Advocates, Children's Division, Juvenile Office, Department of Mental Health, Adult Protective Services, Probation and Parole, Health Professionals and Children's Advocacy Center Staff. Other Similar Allied Professionals must obtain prior written approval for attendance from Conference Organizers.*

To register please copy and paste the following link into your Internet browser:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=q5eaeneab&oeidk=a07eic27vvc1a2b2d9c>

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***Tentative Agenda***  
*(All times are estimated)*

8:30 to 9:00 AM **Introductions, Small Group Selection & Review of Fact Pattern**

9:00 AM to 9:45 **Small Group Exercise**  
*Interview of Victim & Witnesses*

9:45 to 10:15 AM **Large Group Review/ Interview Demonstrations**

10:15 to 10:30 AM Break

10:30 to 11:00 AM **Small Group Exercise**  
*Assign additional work*

11:00 to 11:30 AM **Large Group Review**

11:30 to 12:30 PM Lunch *On Your Own*

12:30 to 1:15 PM **Suggest and Prepare Motions as a Large Group**  
*The Suspect Interview & Charges to Consider*

1:15 to 2:00 PM **Small Group Exercise**  
*Witness Preparation*

2:00 to 2:15 PM Break

2:15 to 3 PM **Large Group Review & Demonstration**  
*Direct Testimony & Cross Examination*

3:00 to 4:00 PM **Panel Discussion & Closing Remarks**

***About the Exercise Leader***

**Catherine Vannier** After almost 11 years as a line prosecutor, Catherine became the first ever MOPS Special Victims Resource Prosecutor. For over 14 years, Catherine has developed and expanded the program, continually adapting and improving her presentations based on feedback from past audiences. Catherine serves as an appointed member of the Missouri Rights of Victims of Sexual Assault Task Force, as well as the Missouri Supreme Court's Commission to Combat Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking. Catherine also staffs the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Best Practices Special Victims Sub-Committee. Catherine also sits on several other groups and committees, acting as a liaison between prosecutors and our allied professionals.