

**Missouri Office of Prosecution Services,
The Crime Victim Center,
True North of Columbia
&
The Audrain County Prosecuting Attorney's Office**



The Ins & Outs of Orders of Protection

This class explores the statutes and cases surrounding order of protection, in order to better understand why we have them, who can get them, what is needed, what they mean, and how to respond when the orders are violated, using case studies to show strategies for effective investigation and prosecution.

**November 18, 2026
9:30 AM to 4 PM**

**Audrain County Courthouse
Community Room
101 N. Jefferson St.
Mexico, MO 65265**

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

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Tentative Agenda

9:30 to 12:00 PM

- ♦ What They Are, Why We Have Them
- ♦ Who Gets One, Who Doesn't & How to Prove the Danger
- ♦ Explaining the Process & Next Steps
- ♦ What an Order of Protection Can be & Can Be Used for
- ♦ The Differences between Intimate Partner & Non Intimate Partner Orders of Protections
- ♦ What is Service and What is Required for Service
- ♦ Proof of Notice/ What is Actual Notice.

Katie Wessling

Nina Schmolzi

12:00 to 1:00 PM Lunch (*On Your Own*)

1:00 to 4 PM

- ♦ Violations, What Are They & What Should We Do About Them
- ♦ Criminal Charges, Bond Violations & Probation Violations
- ♦ No Contact Clauses, OPs & Conditions, What Works Best
- ♦ Tips & Tricks for Investigation & Prosecution

Brian Grove

Catherine Vannier

This training will be CLE and POST certified. 210 credit is pending CD approval.

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About the Trainers

Brian Grove Brian currently serves as the Volunteer and Training Director at True North of Columbia, after retiring from a career in law enforcement in 2022, with over 29 years of service (serving with the Hallsville Police Department, Boone County Sheriff's Office, and the Columbia Police Department). He joined CPD in 2002, serving as a patrol officer, school resource officer, and later as a detective in the Special Victims Unit (specializing in crimes against children and domestic violence enforcement). His career also included roles as a DARE Officer, Crisis Negotiation Team Member, Crisis Intervention Team Member/Instructor, Police Cadet Corps Liaison, and instructor in multiple law enforcement disciplines. Since 2022, Mr. Grove has led volunteer engagement and training initiatives at True North and continues to stay involved with the law enforcement community by teaching Domestic Violence Response and Assault Investigations as an adjunct instructor with the Law Enforcement Training Institute.

Nina Schmolzi Nina is the Court Services Coordinator at True North of Columbia, which provides shelter, safety, education, and transitional support for survivors. In her current role, Nina assists True North clients navigating the legal system—often for the first time—and offers them support throughout both civil and criminal cases.

Alyson Shock Alyson is the Statewide Victim Advocate Coordinator for the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS). In her current role, Alyson coordinates a full-array of victim services throughout the state, including working with crime victims, assisting Prosecutors and Advocates by providing information about Victims' Rights, & coordinating the programmatic monitoring for the MAPA-VOCA Grant. In previous roles, Alyson found her passion working with victims when she began her career as a Police Officer in 2010. This led her to want to help victims via other roles in the justice system. In 2017, Alyson attended the ChildFirst Forensic Interview training and worked as a Forensic Interviewer at the Child Advocacy Center in Columbia, MO. From 2021 until coming to work at MOPS, Alyson spent time as a Victim Advocate for the Callaway County Prosecutor's Office

Katherine (Katie) Wessling In 1996, Katie became the Managing Attorney for Legal Advocates for Abused Women, a non-profit organization based in St. Louis providing free legal representation to domestic violence victims in a seven-county area of eastern Missouri. In 2012 LAAW merged with the Crime Victim Center (CVC), the oldest victim rights center in the country, and she continued on as Managing Attorney for CVC.; she represents clients in family law, Order of Protection, housing, small claims, and landlord-tenant cases, as well as other issues that arise and are related to the intimate partner violence. She practices in both circuit and appellate courts. In 2007 Katie began working as faculty for the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, and in that capacity has trained attorneys across the nation in best practices for representing clients who have experienced these traumas. She served 3 years on the Board of Directors for the Women Lawyers' Association of St. Louis, and has been the keynote speaker at the Jefferson County Family Violence Council Conference and at Truman State University's annual non-profit career conference.

Catherine Vannier After almost 11 years as a line prosecutor, Catherine became the first ever MOPS Family Violence Resource Prosecutor. For more than 19 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 Supreme Court's Commission to Combat Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence. Catherine currently chairs the Risk Assessment Subgroup for the Commission. Catherine also staffs the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Best Practices Special Victims Subcommittee. As the Special Victims Resource Prosecutor, she also sits on several other groups and committees, acting as a liaison between prosecutors and our allied professionals.