



NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON THE PROSECUTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ÆQUITAS
THE PROSECUTORS' RESOURCE
ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

MARCH 23 - 26, 2010
IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The National Institute on the Prosecution of Domestic Violence (NIPDV) is a three and one-half day course designed to challenge participants to reevaluate their approach to prosecuting domestic violence. NIPDV explores the complex issues faced by prosecutors in balancing offender accountability and the impact of criminal prosecution on victims. In addition to practical case evaluation and trial advocacy skills, the curriculum addresses the development and improvement of culturally sensitive victim responses by prosecutors; examines the benefits of developing a coordinated community response; explains common injuries, relevant medical evidence and offers guidance on the use of medical experts; provides guidance in evidence-based prosecution methods with up-to-date Crawford analysis and recommended practices in responding to victim intimidation through innovative solutions and the doctrine of forfeiture by wrongdoing; explores ethical issues confronted by prosecutors; and offers prosecutors the ability to redefine outcomes and the very nature of justice in domestic violence cases.

NIPDV uses hypothetical case problems, role-playing exercises, small group discussions, mini-lectures, and faculty demonstrations. Participants employ hands-on case evaluation, preparation, and trial skills to understand domestic violence in the many contexts in which it occurs and examine their attitudes and practices. NIPDV's highly interactive format enables prosecutors from different jurisdictions, with varied levels of experience, to learn from one another and engage in "real-life" activities and mock court proceedings that are readily transferable to their work. Prosecutors who have found strategies to overcome the unique challenges in handling domestic violence cases will share their success stories and techniques. Prosecutors will leave NIPDV with new ideas and methods for keeping victims and communities safe and holding offenders accountable.

Æquitas is a technical assistance and training provider created to address the needs of prosecutors and allied professionals - particularly OVW grantees - who work on issues related to the prosecution of violence against women.

Æquitas' mission is to improve the quality of justice in sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence cases by developing, evaluating, and refining prosecution practices that increase victim safety and offender accountability.





Application Process

This course is open to all prosecutors and attendance is **free of charge**; however, priority will be given to OVW grantees. There is no limit to the number of attendees from any jurisdiction. Seating is limited and applicants are encouraged to apply early. Applicants will be informed of acceptance by email.

CLE Credits

Attendance at this event will qualify participants for approximately twenty (20) continuing legal education credit hours including one (1) hour of ethics, pending state approval. Please check with your state bar association in reference to application requirements and related fees.

Conference Location

Argonaut Hotel
495 Jefferson Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
Phone: (415) 563-0800
www.argonauthotel.com



Transportation and Lodging

Participants are responsible for making and paying for their own travel and lodging arrangements. To ensure the conference rate of \$165 at the Argonaut Hotel, participants must call (866) 415-0704 and reference AEquitas NIPDV. The conference rate may be available three days prior to and after the conference.

OVW Grantees

OVW grant funds may be used to cover the cost of transportation and accommodations related to your attendance. Please contact your OVW grant administrator for additional information.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships related to travel and accommodations may be available upon request. Please submit scholarship requests to cmathews@aequitasresource.org for consideration.

NIPDV is presented by AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women in partnership with the Battered Women's Justice Project and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

NIPDV 2010 COURSE APPLICATION FORM

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NOTE: Travel arrangements should **not** be made until email notification of individual acceptance into the course is received from AEQUITAS.

For additional information please call (202) 558-0037 or email cmathews@aequitasresource.org.

This application form must be completed in its entirety for consideration.

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Professional Title: _____

Jurisdiction/Organization: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Office Phone: _____

Office Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Does your office receive OVW grant funds?

Yes No Unsure

If yes, please check all that apply:

GTEA Rural
S.T.O.P. Other



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