



NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON THE PROSECUTION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

ÆQUITAS
THE PROSECUTORS' RESOURCE
ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

DECEMBER 1-4, 2009
IN MIAMI, FLORIDA

The National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence (NIPSV) is a three and one-half day course designed to challenge participants to reevaluate their approach to prosecuting sexual violence crimes. NIPSV 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 litigation skills, the curriculum addresses the development and improvement of culturally sensitive victim services by prosecutors; examines the benefits of developing a coordinated victim-centered community response; explains common injuries, relevant medical evidence and offers guidance on the use of medical experts; explores ethical issues confronted by prosecutors; and offers prosecutors the ability to redefine outcomes and the very nature of justice in sexual violence cases.

NIPSV uses hypothetical case problems, role-playing exercises, small group discussions, mini-lectures, and faculty demonstrations. Rather than reading specific case law, participants employ case evaluation, preparation, and trial skills to understand sexual violence in the various contexts in which it occurs and examine their current attitudes and practices. The highly interactive format enables prosecutors from different jurisdictions, with varied levels of experience, to learn from one another and engage in "real-life" activities that are readily transferable to their everyday work. Prosecutors who have found strategies to overcome the unique challenges in handling sexual violence cases will share their success stories and techniques. Prosecutors will leave the institute with new ideas and methods for keeping victims safe and holding offenders accountable.

Æquitas is a new 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 20 continuing legal education credit hours pending state approval. Please check with your state bar association in reference to application requirements.

Conference Location

Epic Hotel
270 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, FL 33131
Phone: (305) 424-5226
www.epichotel.com

Transportation and Lodging

Participants are responsible for making and paying for their own travel and lodging arrangements. To ensure the special conference rate of \$149 at the Epic Hotel, participants must call (800) 546-7866 and reference AEquitas. The special conference rate is available from November 26-December 7, 2009 if attendees are interested in extending their stay.

OVW Grantees

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

Scholarships

Scholarships related to travel and accommodations may be available upon request. Please submit requests for financial aid to cmathews@aequitasresource.org for consideration.



NIPSV is presented by AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women in partnership with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) and the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

NIPSV 2009 COURSE APPLICATION FORM

The National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence, December 1-4, 2009 in Miami, Florida is presented by AEQUITAS: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against women in partnership with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) and the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

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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 info@aequitasresource.org.

This application form must be completed in its entirety for consideration and emailed to cmathews@aequitasresource.org or faxed to (202) 393-1918.

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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