



VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

All Sessions Held by Zoom - Link Will Be Emailed to Registrants

All times listed are Pacific Daylight Time

Friday, November 12th, 2021

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Procedural Justice: Leveling the Playing Field for Victims of Crime

Speaker: Sharla Jackson, Tomieka Daniel

Portions of the session will be pre-recorded but the speaker will present virtually via Zoom to facilitate conversation.

The court system contains challenges that victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder or child abuse experience when navigating the court process. Due process requires that those coming before the court system have notice and an opportunity to be heard. However, certain victims may experience barriers to accessing justice. Challenges such as disabilities, language, age, income, geography, or even the implicit bias of court professionals can make justice inaccessible and undermine the integrity of our court system. How do victims' advocates and other justice professionals safeguard our highest value of justice for all? What kind of collaborations are most effective in ensuring due process for victims? Ensuring that court professionals meet victims' procedural needs procedurally, requires a collaborative, multifaceted approach that includes civil and criminal procedures, knowledge of the court system, accommodations that can overcome physical, cultural, emotional and other barriers and holistic services which meet a victim's needs as the court process concludes. This workshop will provide strategies that will enable "Multidisciplinary Collaboration Teams," which include civil, criminal justice professionals, court, and community-based advocates to make justice accessible for all victims. The presentation will enable attendees to 1) gain an understanding the requirements of due process; 2) be able to identify the elements of procedural due process; 3) be able to recognize factors inherent in the court system that impede access to justice, and 4) understand strategies for effective collaboration among "Multidisciplinary Collaboration Teams" to improve access to justice.



10:15 AM-11:30 AM

Victims' Rights Advocacy for Human Trafficking Survivors - a Tool for Anti-Racism in the Criminal Legal System

Speakers: Erika Gonzalez, Nagwa Ibrahim

The human trafficking field has not been immune from the impact of systemic racism despite efforts to protect victims, especially in the criminal legal system. BIPOC survivors of human trafficking continue to be victimized by the criminal legal system in criminal defense, victims' rights advocacy, and criminal record relief. This session will focus on how BIPOC survivors continue to be victimized by the criminal system whether through being disproportionately arrested, charged and/or convicted for crimes they were forced to commit by the traffickers, pressured to serve as a victim-witness under threats of criminalization, or the use of diversion courts to coerce survivors into engaging in services. Additionally, presenters will use the framework of Victims' Rights Advocacy to provide useful practices for examining and confronting racism in the criminal legal system in the fight against human trafficking. Panelists will highlight through a Critical Race Theory (CRT) lens, the importance of Victims' Rights' attorneys in addressing racism within the criminal legal system, ways to assert victims' rights and practical tools for engaging the criminal legal system from a CRT perspective.



12:00 PM - 1:15PM

Crime Victims' Rights Representation and Labor Trafficking Victims: the Challenges, Limitations and Opportunities

Speakers: Rose Mukhar, Erika Petty

This session will discuss the intersectionality and complexity of labor trafficking. Many survivors experience labor/sex exploitation and sexual violence during their victimization. As a result, these survivors need additional services, and their rights as crime victims to be amplified. There often is a tendency to mischaracterize the victimization as sexual assault or domestic violence. With these complexities in mind, presenters will describe the challenges and limitations of crime victims' rights in these cases focusing on the tension between receiving victim services and asserting rights only when there is a report of the crime and how this impacts labor trafficking victims' access to redress, trusted support, and opportunities to make an informed decision about their rights and options.



1:30 PM-2:45 PM

Addressing Unique Issues Confronting Older Victims During COVID and Beyond
Speakers: Avery Vinson, Silvia Torres, Allie Yang-Green, Megan Wood

What are the unique considerations and challenges in providing legal services to older adults to protect their rights against scams and frauds as well as sexual assaults and domestic violence? How do we empower older adults through access to information and services, and build community responses to address elder abuse in rural areas? In addition to these key questions, the presenters will discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the service providers' ability to reach older adults and innovative practices developed to overcome those challenges. The presenters will share practice pointers and relevant data and share resources to support elder abuse legal practice.

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Procedural Justice & How Civilian Attorneys Can Represent Military-Connected Victims

Speakers: Ryan Guild

This concludes the virtual portion of our 2021 Crime Victim Law Conference
Thank you for attending.
See you in June 2022

