



The Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project Presents:

## The 2013 Session of New Laws!

The New Laws training program began twenty years ago in response to the request of battered women's advocates for concise, accurate information on the changes in domestic violence law each year. This training program is designed for those who want to be kept informed about the most recent changes to state and federal statutes and case law that affect battered women and their children in Minnesota.

### DAY 1: Morning Session:

#### **How VAWA Reauthorization 2013 Affects Immigrant Victims**

*M. Gloria Fressia from Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project*

VAWA reauthorization 2013 included some new statutes that benefit immigrant victims of different crimes. This presentation will focus primarily in changes and enhancement of benefits to immigrant victims of crimes. Particular emphasis will be put on U Visa age-out fix for derivatives, stalking being added to one of the U visa qualifying crimes, fraud in foreign labor contracting and the inclusion of additional derivatives for T Visa holders. The presentation also will provide information about some of the right improvements recently passed into law. Examples of those improvements are: Public Charge Exemption for battered immigrants when adjusting to Legal Permanent Status, protections and enforcement mechanisms in International marriage Brokers Regulation Act, LGBT Protections, among others.

### DAY 1: Afternoon Session:

#### **Safe At Home**

*Deirdre Keys from Safe at Home*

The Safe at Home Program is Minnesota's address confidentiality program. This training will be an overview of the program and a look at the new laws from 2012 and 2013 Legislative Sessions, including certain exemptions for Safe at Home participants in custody order proceedings and prohibitions against the disclosure of identity and location information of Safe at Home participants.

#### **State and Federal Statutory Update**

*Rana Alexander from Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project*

An overview of the recent changes in state and federal statutory law and how those changes might affect battered women including the Violence Against Women Act that was re-authorized in 2013.

## **DAY 2: New Laws**

*Rana Alexander from Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project*

- Minnesota/Federal Criminal Case Law Update
- Minnesota OFP/HRO Case Law Update
- Minnesota/Federal Family Case Law Update
- Minnesota Child Protection Case Law Update
- Minnesota/Federal Administrative Case Law Update

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