

POWER ACT WEBINAR
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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Pursuant to the Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-237 (POWER Act), as amended by the Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-252 (POWER 2.0 Act), each chief judge of each judicial district shall hold annual “empowerment events” to encourage lawyers to provide pro bono services to “survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.”

In support of the POWER Act, a free training webinar will be offered to attorneys of the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri on September 26th from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

The Impact of Domestic Violence on Your Legal Practice

Please join Circuit Judge Jason Dodson and attorneys from the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence for a presentation on the impact of domestic violence on your legal practice. The panel will discuss the dynamics of domestic violence, how to spot common tactics of abuse, and tips for effective and responsible representation of survivors.

This training is designed to educate participants in:

- Some key laws impacting domestic violence survivors – **including 2023 legislative updates**
- The dynamics of domestic violence
- Effective and responsible representation of survivors
- How to spot common abuse tactics
- How the legal system can become an extension of abusers’ tactics
- The utilization of resources and information to better identify and respond to the needs of survivors
- The importance of pro-bono representation for domestic violence survivors

Speakers:

- The Honorable Jason Dodson, Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit, St. Louis County, MO
- Kelly Martinez J.D., Legal Director, MOCADSV
- Samantha Ghormley Hill J.D., Legal Resources Specialist, MOCADSV

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