

POWER ACT WEBINAR
SEPTEMBER 3, 2021
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
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In September 2018, the President signed S. 717, the “Pro bono Work to Empower and Represent (POWER) Act of 2018” (P.L. 115-237) into law. The POWER Act requires the chief judge of each judicial district to hold annual “empowerment events” to encourage lawyers to provide pro bono services to “survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.”

Legislative Update and the Impact of Domestic Violence on Your Legal Practice

Join Judge Jason Dodson and attorneys from the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence for a presentation on some key highlights impacting domestic violence survivors from the 2021 legislative session, including important changes in Order of Protection laws. The panel will also discuss how to effectively spot the signs of coercive control, understand common tactics of abuse, and effective and responsible representation of survivors in Orders of Protection.

This training is designed to educate participants in:

- Key legislative changes impacting domestic violence survivors
- Effective and responsible representation of survivors in Orders of Protection
- Identifying common abuse tactics
- Examining how the legal system can become an extension of abusers’ tactics
- Providing practical resources and information to better identify and respond to the needs of survivors
- Highlighting the importance of pro-bono representation for survivors of violence

Speakers:

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

In support of the POWER Act, a free training webinar will be offered for attorneys of the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri on September 3rd from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Registration deadline is Monday, August 30th and is available via the link below:

https://mow-uscourts.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_z9XYAzBURTaJKLuTP-pWTQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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