

POWER ACT WEBINAR
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
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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 25 from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.

The Impact of Domestic Violence on Your Legal Practice

Please join 21st Circuit Judge, the Honorable Jason Dodson and the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV) staff members Kelly Martinez, attorney, and Nora Mosby, advocate, for a presentation on best practices for representing survivors of domestic violence in your legal practice. This multidisciplinary panel will discuss the dynamics of domestic violence, trauma-informed representation, and resources and laws available in Missouri to integrate into your legal practice.

This training is designed to educate participants in:

- The neurobiology of trauma
- Key Missouri laws impacting survivors of domestic violence
- The nature and dynamics of domestic violence
- Effective and safe representation of survivors
- Common tactics of abuse
- How an abusive partner can use the legal system to perpetrate violence
- Resources to identify and respond to the needs of survivors
- The importance of pro-bono representation for survivors

Speakers:

- The Honorable Jason Dodson, Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit, St. Louis County, MO
- Kelly Martinez J.D., Legal Director, MOCADSV
- Nora Mosby M.P.H., Member Services Specialist, MOCADSV

Registration is available at the link below:

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