INTERPRETING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MATTERS

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Statistics
- Public policy
- Procedure



UNDERSTANDING DV PROCEDURE

Civil system Criminal system



DEFINITIONS

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault/Rape
- Relationship Rape
- Stalking/Cyber Stalking
- Protective Orders
- Domestic Violence Courts

DEFINED: PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF & ABUSE

• Person Eligible

- Spouse
- Cohabitant
- Familial relation
- Relative or child in common
- Abuse
 - Serious bodily harm
 - Fear of imminent serious bodily harm
 - Assault
 - Rape/sexual offense
 - False imprisonment
 - Abuse of child or vulnerable adult

PROVISIONS: ORDERS FOR PROTECTION

• Vocabulary dependent on state

- Cease abuse provisions
- Stay away provisions
- No contact provisions
- Restitution provisions
- Relinquish firearms provisions
- Custody, visitation and support provisions
- Enforcement

PROCEDURE: MARYLAND

- Interim
- Temporary
- Final



PROCEDURE: ORDERS FOR PROTECTION

- Relief available
- Interpreting challenges



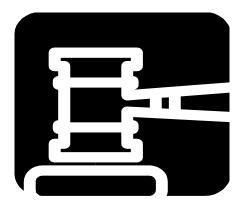
PEACE ORDERS

Person Eligible for Relief
Interim, Temporary & Final
Injunctive Relief



Relationship to other Proceedings

- Criminal matters
- Custody and support matters
- Temporary property matters
- Interstate Enforcement



PREPARATION FOR INTERPRETING

- Case files
- Evidence
- Pro Se parties
- Linguistic choices

INTERPRETING PROTOCOL

- Appearance conflicts
- Visual language issues
- Providing resources
- Advocacy services

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NEXT STEPS

- Next webinar: September 21, 2013
- Time: 1:00 to 2:30 EST
- Topic: Interpreting Depositions

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