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



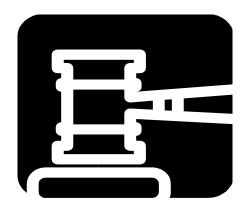
PEACE ORDERS

- Person Eligible for Relief
- o 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

o Next webinar: September 21, 2013

o Time: 1:00 to 2:30 EST

• Topic: Interpreting Depositions

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