

POWER ACT WEBINAR
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
12:00 – 1:30 p.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 changes from the 2021 and 2022 legislative session, as well as other laws that protect survivors. The panel will also 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
- 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 St. Louis County, MO
- Kelly Martinez J.D., Legal Director, MOCADSV
- Samantha Ghormley Hill J.D., Legal Resources Specialist, MOCADSV

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 30th from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Registration is available at the link below:

https://mow-uscourts.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_9UttgS7CQ56VmSb7DoqBdg

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

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