

United States District Court



District of Maine

IMPROVING PRO BONO REPRESENTATION FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Friday, October 20, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Moderated by U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen Frink Wolf

Topics of Discussion:

1. Depth and breadth of domestic violence and its impact throughout the state.
2. Report and recommendations of the Maine Domestic Abuse Homicide Review Panel.
3. State, federal, and tribal collaboration in the efforts to end domestic violence, hold perpetrators accountable, and achieve justice and long-term stability for survivors.
4. Legal need of survivors and resources to assist attorneys and advocates.
5. Stories of survival: How representation and advocacy has made a difference.

Panelists:

- Chief Judge Eric Menhert, Penobscot Tribal Court
- Judge Maria Woodman, Maine District Court
- Judge Andrew Robinson, Maine District Court
- Lisa Marchese, Deputy Attorney General and Chief of the Criminal Division
- Margaret Groban, former National Domestic Violence Coordinator for the Executive Office of the U.S. Attorney at the Department of Justice
- Francine Garland Stark, Executive Director of The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence
- Aline Pardilla, Outreach Coordinator for the Wabanaki Women's Coalition
- Missy Fairfield, Advocate with Next Step Domestic Violence Project
- Liz Stout, Executive Director of the Volunteer Lawyers Project
- Allison Kuhns, Kuhns Law Office and volunteer lawyer for survivors
- Pawel Binczyk, The Bennett Law Firm and volunteer lawyer for survivors

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