



LGBTQ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ROUNDTABLE ANNUAL STATEWIDE MEETING

**October 25, 2019
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

10:30am to 10:45am: Welcome and Introductions

10:45am to 12:30pm: Supporting and Serving LGBTQ Immigrant Survivors

Immigrant survivors of domestic and family violence have a constellation of significant legal needs that can include immigration relief, family law, public assistance, discrimination, emergency and permanent housing, language access, employment and more. Add LGBTQ status to this group of intersections and the legal needs of these communities become even more critical. With the legal landscape shifting seemingly every day, together with the alarming public discourse around LGBTQ people, non-citizens, and poor people, the conditions allowing intimate partner violence, sexual violence, hate violence, and discrimination are allowed to fester and flourish. Attorneys from AVP will discuss the dynamics that make serving and supporting this most marginalized group of survivors so important, as well as their holistic approach to legal representation. They will also address immigration relief for LGBTQ survivors such as asylum, U-nonimmigrant visas, T-nonimmigrant visas, and VAWA. They will focus how to screen clients for various forms of relief beyond asylum and how to work with clients through a trauma informed approach.

Presented by: Christina Pena, Esq. and Virginia Goggin, Esq., NYC Anti-Violence Project

12:30pm to 1:30pm: Community Building Working Lunch

During lunch*, we will have open discussion involving issues to watch, trends, and other concerns. Roundtable participants are specifically invited to bring and share good news, issues of local concern, as well as seek support and feedback from your colleagues on challenging cases.

1:30pm to 1:55pm: LGBTQ Family Case Law Developments

We will take a quick look at case law decisions and trends so far in 2019.

Presented by: Amy Schwartz-Wallace, Esq., Empire Justice Center

2:00pm to 2:50pm: New York's Changing Legislative Landscape

This unusually robust legislative session has produced many new (and potential) legal reforms specifically impacting LGBTQ New Yorkers in a variety of substantive law areas. This session will be taking a close look at 2019's state legislative and regulatory reforms, with a very close look at: the historic passage of GENDA and protections for LGBTQ youth in public schools.

Presented by: Lettie Dickerson, Esq., Empire Justice Center

3:00pm to 3:30pm: Could There Be a New License to Discriminate?

On October 8, the US Supreme Court heard three deeply important cases addressing the interpretation of sex discrimination to include protections for LGBTQ people. Federal agencies are also rolling back protections for LGBTQ people on the basis of religious freedom and courts are entertaining these legal arguments. At the same time New York has taken steps to cities more explicitly expand civil rights protections for LGBTQ people. This panel will discuss the impact to policy and precedent posed by this changing legal landscape, especially on NY's LGBTQ survivors.

Presented by: Lettie Dickerson, Esq. and Amy Schwartz-Wallace, Esq., Empire Justice Center

3:30pm: Evaluations and Safe Travels

To Attend:

Register at: <http://support.empirejustice.org/site/Calendar?id=106483&view=Detail>

Please forward any request for accommodations to our training manager, Michelle Peterson (mpeterson@empirejustice.org or 585-295-5729) **by 10/17/19.**

Registration deadline is **10/24/19.**

Roundtable Location:

October 25, 2019 from 10:30am to 3:30pm at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12206

Street parking available. It is a quick taxi or rideshare (i.e. Uber) from the Albany –Rensselaer Amtrak Station to the training site. We designed the agenda to accommodate the Amtrak schedules.

***Lunch and Refreshments During the Day:**

We will have fresh fruit and water available during the day. Please be sure to bring your own caffeine!

We will order pizza and salad for the working lunch at a cost of \$10.00/per person. At registration, please indicate if you will bring your own lunch or ordering. Those ordering lunch can pay by cash or check at the training. *If you cannot attend but ordered lunch (or decide to bring your own), please let us know in advance so we do not incur and absorb the cost of lunches that are not needed.*

CLE & Materials:

Handouts will be emailed to all participants the day before the Roundtable. We will not have paper copies available at the site.

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