

National Judicial Education Program

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Materials and Resources re Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases

Materials for In-Person Education

Each of these resources includes PowerPoint presentations with commentary, a detailed Faculty Manual, exercises, and additional resources.

Understanding Sexual Violence: The Judicial Response to Stranger and Nonstranger Rape and Sexual Assault (CD of a two-day model curriculum)*: Provides current social science research about adult victim sexual assault and invites judges to consider how this information relates to their responsibilities in the pre-trial, trial and sentencing phases of sexual assault trials and as leaders in the community. Suggests ways judges can minimize retraumatization of victims without undermining defendants' constitutional rights.

Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: Adjudicating this Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence Cases, *Materials for In-Person Judicial Education* (6 modules, 15 to 180 min. in length, for civil/family and criminal court judges):** Based on NJEP's extensive web course/resource *Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: Adjudicating this Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence Cases*, www.njep-ipsacourse.org, these six modules including PowerPoint presentations, resources and exercises, can be integrated into in-person judicial education programs on a variety of topics or they can stand on their own.

The Challenges of Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases: Materials for New Judges (short, in-person introductory presentation plus extensive Resources CD):** The focus is on alerting new judges and judges rotating into a criminal court assignment to the unique challenges of adult victim sexual assault cases, and providing extensive resources to assist judges in meeting these challenges. All items on the Resources CD are provided in full.

Elder Victims of Sexual Abuse (90-min. module):** Elder sexual abuse by intimate partners, relatives, caregivers, other nursing home residents and stranger assailants is a prevalent and distinct form of victimization in which the victims' age and health further complicate the challenges that every sexual abuse/assault case presents for the courts. This module presents current research, strategies for handling these cases and exercises.

Interpreters in Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases (75-min. module):** For rape victims, already traumatized, encountering an interpreter untrained on sexual assault and domestic violence issues, and determined to protect the image of his or her community even at the expense of the victim, is profoundly destructive and undermines the fair administration of justice. This module includes resources to improve court interpreter services.

* For a detailed description or to order this curriculum, visit <http://www.legalmomentum.org/our-work/vaw/njep-resources-sexual-assault.html>.

**For information on how to order, please contact us at info@njep.org.

Jury Selection and Decision Making in Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases (3-hour and 2-hour versions adaptable to each jurisdiction):** Research shows that jurors in adult victim sexual assault cases assess the evidence through the lens of commonly held misconceptions and myths about rape, rape victims and rapists. This module presents the research carried out with actual and mock jurors, as well as public opinion poll data about sexual assault. After learning about the current research, judges discuss their role in selecting a fair jury, protecting juror's privacy and minimizing juror's stress and trauma in these difficult cases.

Women in Drug Treatment Courts: Sexual Assault as the Underlying Trauma (60-min. module):** Many women in drug courts are self-medicating the psychological pain of childhood and adult sexual and physical violence. When drug treatment programs fail to address the underlying trauma, women fail the programs. This module explores the research on substance abuse among female sexual assault victims and the role of drug courts and treatment programs in their recovery.

DVDs

For detailed information about these DVDs or to order any of these resources, visit <http://www.legalmomentum.org/our-work/vaw/njep-resources-sexual-assault.html>.

Understanding Sexual Violence: The Judge's Role in Stranger and Nonstranger Rape and Sexual Assault Cases (4-hour DVD): A DVD curriculum based on NJEP's two-day, in-person curriculum. Includes courtroom vignettes, expert commentary, and a panel of judges discussing how they have used these experts' information in their own courtrooms.

The "Undetected Rapist" (7-min. DVD): A re-enactment of part of an interview conducted with a college student/rapist by Dr. David Lisak, a leading researcher in the field. In the interview, the rapist, who was never reported or prosecuted, callously describes how he planned and executed the rape of a young college student.

A Response to The "Undetected Rapist" (23-min. DVD): Produced in association with IMPACT Person Safety, Part One is The "Undetected Rapist." Part Two is focus groups of men and women of various ages and backgrounds responding to The "Undetected Rapist."

Presenting Medical Evidence in an Adult Rape Trial (2-hour DVD): A DVD curriculum that explores the presentation of medical evidence in an adult victim rape trial, with a focus on forensic sexual assault examinations, admitting medical evidence into a rape trial, and cross-examination of the medical witness, among other topics.

Web Course

Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: Adjudicating this Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence Cases (web course/resource available at www.njep-ipsacourse.org; 13 modules, self-tests, reflection questions, 4 civil/family case studies, 4 criminal law studies): The course provides interdisciplinary research from law, medicine and the social sciences on this hidden but frequent aspect of domestic violence, and explains the significant implications for the courts, particularly with respect to all types of risk assessment. Course registration is free and open to all.