

## Protecting Privacy to Enhance Safety Advocates & Pro Bono Subpoena Defense

### The Issue:

#### *Subpoenas*

- Advocates possess confidential information about victims of domestic and sexual violence.
- Federal law and most states protect the confidentiality of victim/advocate communications.
- Nevertheless, advocates get subpoenaed routinely in a wide variety of court matters.
- Under-resourced advocates need & cannot afford a lawyer to help respond to subpoenas.

### The Solution:

#### *Connecting Advocates with Trained Pro Bono Lawyers*

The American Bar Association and the Confidentiality Institute have partnered to develop the *Protecting Privacy to Enhance Safety Pro Bono Project*, which will:

- Provide non-profit advocates with technical assistance when subpoenaed.
- Connect advocates with pro bono attorneys in their community.
- Develop a cohort of attorneys knowledgeable about survivor privacy with advocates.
- Offer technical assistance from Confidentiality Institute to those pro bono attorneys.

### The Project:

#### *Pairing Up Attorneys & Advocates*

- Advocacy programs request help from the ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence.
  - [www.americanbar.org/groups/domestic\\_violence/subpoena\\_defense\\_project](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/domestic_violence/subpoena_defense_project)
- ABA screens advocate requests for help with subpoenas.
- ABA seeks a qualified pro bono attorney in that jurisdiction.
  - Attorneys may be previously trained or receive on-demand webinar link & materials.
  - Advocacy programs can propose a local attorney who needs training/support.
- Attorneys on cases are supported by ABA, Confidentiality Institute, and national listserv.

### The Attorney Training:

#### *Webinars April 23 & June 19, 2014*

April 23 and June 19 webinars are scheduled from **3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern.**

Fee is waived for pro bono attorneys agreeing to accept a case & non-profit attorneys.

#### *On-Demand Webinar Training*

The April webinar will be recorded and available on demand for pro bono attorneys.

### Questions, Webinar Registration, On-Demand Training Request:

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