

# Join us!

## Friday, February 6th, 2015

### 8:30am - 3:00pm

Free advocacy training by  
Nancy K. D. Lemon  
of the Family Violence Appellate Project

Parking is free. MCLE credit available. Seating is limited to 40 persons.  
For questions or to register please contact RCS Fresno at 559-222-7273.  
To register online click [here](#).

**Location:**  
Marjaree Mason Center  
Education & Training Center  
1300 E. Shaw Avenue, Suite 176,  
Fresno, CA 93721

## AGENDA

**9:30 - 10:45 am**  
**How to Help Domestic Violence Survivors Lay a Record for Appeal in Their Family Court Cases (for lay advocates)**  
This training will cover what a trial court record is, why the record is important to a DV survivor's ability to appeal if the family court makes the wrong decision, and how domestic violence advocates and other non-attorneys can help DV survivors prepare their cases for trial and lay a record for appeal without crossing into the territory of providing legal advice. The goal is to provide DV advocates with tools to help them support and work with their clients who are going through the family court process without a lawyer.

**10:45 - 11 am**  
**Break**

**11 - 12:30 pm**  
**California's Statutes Protecting Survivors of Domestic Violence and Their Children in Family Court, and the Science Behind Them (for lay advocates and attorneys)**  
While California has enacted several key statutes that are designed to protect survivors of domestic violence and their children in family court, these statutes are underutilized in trial courts and there are very few appellate decisions interpreting them. This training focuses on the

content of the statutes and how they work together. It also describes the neuroscience and social science data that supports the emphasis of the statutes on preventing children's further exposure to abuse and strengthening the child's bond with the non-abusive parent. By grounding the statutes in this data, attorneys and advocates can better explain the importance of the statutes to bench officers and their clients and more effectively represent and support their abused clients who are parents.

**12:30 - 1:30 pm**  
**Lunch**

**1:30 - 2:45 pm**  
**How to Lay a Record for Appeal (for attorneys)**  
This training covers the "Top 10" things that trial attorneys can do to make sure a domestic violence or family law case is positioned for a possible appeal. The goals of this training are not only to increase the number of cases available for possible appeal, but to enhance the trial court representation available to survivors of domestic violence. While training is specific ... practicing in other areas are welcome. The training has broader application, as much of it covers civil procedure issues.

The following agencies pledge their support for increased advocacy on behalf of sexual violence survivors in the Central Valley:

- Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault of Kern County
- Calaveras Crisis Center
- Center for Non-Violent Community of Tuolumne County
- Central California Legal Services Assn.
- Community Action Partnership of Madera County
- Family Services of Tulare County
- Family Violence Appellate Project
- Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus County
- Kene Me-Wu American Indian Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program
- Kings Community Action Organization
- Marjaree Mason Center
- Mountain Crisis Center of Mariposa County
- Operation Care of Amador County
- Project First Step
- RCS Fresno
- The Resource Connection
- Valley Crisis Center of Merced County
- Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center of Inyo and Mono Counties
- Women's Center - High Desert
- Women's Center - Youth & Family Services

