

SAVE THE DATE: CLE EVENT

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ANIMAL CRUELTY

The Third Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee, in coordination with the Capital District Women's Bar Association, The Legal Project, New York State Bar Association, Empire Justice Center, Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, NYS Animal Protection Federation, Albany Law School, Albany County Bar Association and the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals, is pleased to present a Domestic Violence Awareness Month Kickoff CLE event, The Connection Between Domestic Violence and Animal Cruelty, on:

September 30, 2015
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
State Bar Center
1 Elk St. Albany, NY

NO FEE

Light refreshments will be served.
3.0 CLE credits available, with 1.0
credit of Ethics.

Support and venue for this event are generously provided by the Empire Justice Center and the New York State Bar Association.

Among both animal rights advocates and those committed to protecting people from violence in the home, there is a growing awareness of the connection between animal abuse and domestic violence. Animal abuse is often a predator and an indicator crime for domestic violence, elder abuse and child maltreatment. One recent study found that 71% of pet guardians entering a domestic violence shelter told of an abuser who had harmed or killed a family pet, frequently as a method of exerting control—a cruel demonstration of “what could happen” to the person.

This program will be geared to attorneys, both from a defense and a prosecutorial perspective, but will also be broadly designed to be useful to law students, law enforcement personnel, and those in the domestic violence and animal abuse communities. This CLE will address how to recognize this continuum of criminal conduct against animals and people, and will identify the appropriate organizational resources. Additionally, this CLE, by gathering experts from differing roles and perspectives, recognizes the importance of a holistic approach in addressing domestic violence against both animals and people.

Speakers include:

- Jed Painter, Counsel to the Nassau District Attorney
- Stacy Wolf, Esq., Senior Vice President, Anti-Cruelty Group, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Gwen Wright, Executive Director of NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

Additional panelists include:

- Christine Mott, Esq., Member and Past Chair, Animal Law Committee of the NYC Bar Association; Member, NYS Council of the Humane Society of the US
- Libby Post, Executive Director of NYS Animal Protection Federation
- Brad Shear, Executive Director of the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society

Seminar will be moderated by the Honorable Rachel Kretser,
Chair of the Third Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee.

