

**Establishing Expertise as an Ethical Expert Witness
AGENDA**

Monday, January 12, 2009

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome, Faculty Introductions, and Overview of Training**

Dean Larry Sager, The University of Texas at Austin School of Law; Professor Sarah Buel, The University of Texas at Austin School of Law; Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz, Associate Professor & Director of the Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, The University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work; Debby Tucker, Executive Director, National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Austin, Texas

9:30 – 10:00 **ABC's for Expert Witnesses**

Noël Busch-Armendariz and Dr. Toby Myers, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Houston, Texas

10:00 – 11:00 **The Court Environment**

Sarah Buel

11:00 – 11:15 **Break**

11:15 – 12:00 **Practical Tips on Testifying**

Joan Myers Carter, Legal Advocate, SafePlace, Austin, Texas, and Toby Myers

12:00 – 1:00 **Working Luncheon with Guest Speaker**

The Use of DV Experts: Experiences from a Prosecutor, Dana Nelson, JD, Travis County District Attorney's Office, Austin, Texas

1:00 – 1:15 **Break**

1:15 – 2:15 **Establishing Your Credentials as an Expert Witness**

Simulation Exercise -Toby Myers as DV Expert, Dana Nelson as the Prosecutor, Professor Shelby Moore, South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, as the Defense Attorney, Sarah Buel, Moderator

2:15 – 2:30 **Break**

2:30 – 3:30 **Special Issues: The Identification and Role of Trauma**

Rev. Dr. Chrys Parker, Burn Recovery & Research Foundation, San Antonio, Texas

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3:30 – 5:00

Special Issues in Criminal Cases

Dr. Toby Myers, Professor Shelby Moore, Brian W. Wice, JD, Law Offices of Brian W. Wice, Houston, Texas

5:00 – 5:30

A View from the Bench

Informal Discussion and Q & A – The Honorable Michael Denton, Travis County Criminal Court at Law #4, Austin, Texas

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Tuesday, January 13, 2009

8:00 – 8:30

Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15

Current Trends in Courts: What Judges Say about Experts

Sarah Buel

9:15 – 10:15

Special Issues in Immigration Cases

Edna Yang, JD, Chief Counsel, American Gateways, Austin, Texas

10:15 – 10:30

Break

10:30 – 12:00

Special Issues in Family Court Cases

Noël Bridget Busch-Armendariz and Jeana Lungwitz, JD, Clinical Professor, Director, Domestic Violence Clinic, School of Law, The University of Texas at Austin

12:00 – 1:00

Working Luncheon with Guest Speaker

The Use of DV Experts: Views and Experiences of a Defense Attorney, Kris Davis-Jones, JD, Attorney-at-Law, Austin, Texas

1:00 – 1:30

Designing Agency Policies and Guidelines

Noël Bridget Busch-Armendariz, Toby Myers, and Aaron Setliff, Director of Public Policy, Texas Council on Family Violence

1:30 – 1:45

Break

1:45 – 3:15

Experiential Learning: Testifying as an Expert Witness

Sarah Buel, Noël Bridget Busch-Armendariz, Toby Myers, and Toby Strout, PhD, Executive Director, and Martha Voyles, Care Manager, Middle Way House, Bloomington, Indiana

3:15 – 3:30

Next Steps for Building Capacity

Sarah Buel, Noël Bridget Busch-Armendariz, Toby Myers, and Debby Tucker

Conference Adjourns

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