



# Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Councils

Annual Statewide Full Council Meeting

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ABUSE, AND CHILD CUSTODY:**

Legal Strategies and Policy Issues

Featuring: **Joan Zorza, Esq.** and **Jan Russell, JD**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2011**

**9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Northfield Inn Suites & Conference Center, 3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL

**Joan Zorza, Esq.** has been working to end violence against women and children for more than forty years and is the founding editor of both *Domestic Violence Report* and *Sexual Assault Report*. A member of the bars of Massachusetts, New York and the District of Columbia, she has written extensively on child custody, domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault matters, and is the author of the three volume set of books, *Violence Against Women Volumes* (2002, 2004, and 2006), and *Guide to Interstate Custody: A Manual for Domestic Violence Advocates* (1992, 1995). She was awarded for her work on custody by the Department of Justice in 1998, by the City of New York Human Resources Administration for her work on behalf of victims of domestic violence in 2000, and by the Sunshine Lady Foundation for her work on violence against women in 2002. She is liaison to the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence and represented or supervised lawyers and law students in cases on behalf of more than 2,000 battered women and almost 200 sexually abused children as an attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services and at the National Battered Women's Law Project of the now defunct National Center on Women and Family Law. She is a liaison to the American Bar's Commission on Domestic Violence; an advisor to the International Association of Chiefs of Police; serves on the boards of EAW, International, and the Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women; and previously served on the boards of the National and New York State Coalitions Against Domestic Violence

**Jan Russell, JD** has been working in the field of domestic violence for more than 28 years. Currently, she is the Violence Against Women Policy Project Director for the Cook County Sheriff's Office, where she is responsible for evaluating the Office's policies and procedures regarding domestic violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking and working collaborating within the Office to improve the Office's response. In 1994, Jan created within the Chicago Police Department the first program within a police department to provide direct services to victims of domestic violence who are abused by members of the department and served as an advocate in that program for 16 years. She also worked as the Family Issues Specialist for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office (5 years) and as the Executive Director of a legal advocacy agency dealing with parental child abduction (4 years). She is a highly-rated trainer on domestic violence issues and has presented training to more than 15,000 professionals, including police officers, lawyers and advocates, from Florida to Hawaii. Jan was involved in the drafting of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act. She has written a book, *A Practical Guide to the Illinois Domestic Violence Act*, and a book chapter on parental child abduction for the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

**Please join us for an introduction to this important issue and a discussion of strategies toward improving the outcomes for families. Agenda will be available on [www.ifvcc.org](http://www.ifvcc.org) in mid-March.**

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### **Registration**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2011**

**Registration at 8:30 - Conference at 9:00**

Cost: **FREE** and includes a box lunch

#### **Who Should Attend?**

Judges, Prosecutors, Attorneys, Guardians Ad Litem, Law Enforcement Officers, Probation Officers, Court Services Personnel, Human Service Providers, Victim Advocates, Counselors, Social Workers

#### **Please indicate the credits that you are requesting below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **MCLEs** The Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council (IFVCC) is an accredited provider of General MCLEs for Illinois Attorneys. For this event 5 General MCLEs will be provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CEUs for Social Workers/Counselors** will be available through NIU for the cost of \$9. Form & fee must be sent to NIU within 30 days of training.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CEUs for ICDVPs** will be sponsored by the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

#### **Registration is REQUIRED.**

**To reserve a spot, FAX or e-mail your registration by March 29, 2011, to:**

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For additional information, contact Vernie Beorkrem at (217)524-4745

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