

FREE TRAINING!

Civil Justice for Victims of Crime in New York

**If you can't answer these questions,
how can a victim?**

- What do victims gain through civil actions?
- What civil options are available to victims?
- How can civil actions help victims of homicide, stalking, rape, child sex abuse, domestic violence, drunk driving, fraud, elder abuse and identity theft?
- Where can victims find a lawyer?
- What is the appropriate role of a victim service provider?

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- New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault
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Registration:

The training seminars are **free**, but space is limited. Register by June 13, 2014, at

www.VictimsofCrime.org/training

The information will be tailored to New York law. For more details, call the National Center for Victims of Crime at **202-467-8753**.

"I learned a lot to help victims and myself. Out of my 25 years of attending law enforcement classes, this was the best class I have ever attended."

- FORMER PARTICIPANT

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR
Victims of Crime

www.VictimsofCrime.org

New York City, NY

Monday, June 16, 2014

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
55 5th Avenue
New York, New York 10003

Presenters:

Madeline Bryer, Esq.
Jeffrey R. Dion, Esq.
Marc Hamilton, Esq.
Michael J. Reck, Esq.
Harry Rothenberg, Esq.

Albany, NY

Thursday, June 19, 2014

9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Albany Medical Center
44 New Scotland Avenue
Albany, New York 12208

Presenters:

Jeffrey R. Dion, Esq.
Jason A. Frament, Esq.
Cynthia S. LaFave, Esq.
Paul H. Wein, Esq.

Who Should Attend?

- Victim advocates working in government agencies and community based organizations;
- Mental health service providers;
- Law enforcement officers;
- Social Workers;
- Sexual Assault and Forensic Nurse Examiners;
- Prosecutors
- Policy Makers
- Probation and Parole Officers;
- Victims of Crime.

About the Presenters



Madeline Bryer

After being victimized in her apartment by a criminal, Madeline Bryer sued her landlord and left her job as a psychiatric social worker to earn a law degree. She has been in private practice 20 years and has won many million dollar settlements and verdicts fighting for rape victims, victims of sexual assault, lead poisoned children and other victims of serious negligence. The fourth trial she ever litigated resulted in a \$1.5 million settlement and her victories have continued. She recently obtained the highest verdict upheld on appeal for a crime victim who was neither sexually assaulted nor maimed.



Jeffrey R. Dion

Jeff Dion has championed crime victims' rights for more than two decades. Jeff began advocating for victims in 1982, when his twenty-three year old sister, Paulette, was murdered by a serial killer. In honor of his sister's memory, Jeff lobbied the Virginia General Assembly, resulting in 13 victims' rights bills being enacted into law. In 1998, Jeff joined the staff of the National Center for Victims of Crime, where he currently serves as the Director of the National Crime Victim Bar Association.



Jason A. Frament

Mr. Frament practices primarily in the field of civil litigation, including personal injury, products liability, automobile accidents, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, premises liability and commercial litigation. He also focuses on real estate and criminal defense. Mr. Frament was elected and currently serves as Village Justice for the Village of Scotia. Mr. Frament is admitted to practice law in New York State as well as the United States District Court, Northern District of New York. He is a member of the Albany and Schenectady County Bar Associations as well as the New York State Bar Association. Mr. Frament is an active member in the New York State Trial Lawyer's Association and the New York State Magistrate's Association. Mr. Frament earned his J.D. from Albany Law School of Union University in 2000 where he was a Dean's List student. He graduated from the State University Of New York Institute of Technology in 1996.



Marc Hamilton

MARCI A. HAMILTON is one of the United States' leading church/state scholars and holds the Paul R. Verkuil Chair in Public Law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University. Professor Hamilton is also an author and lecturer on the protection of vulnerable children from institutions, and a national leader and advocate for legislative reform of statutes of limitation reform through her website, www.sol-reform.com. Professor Hamilton has been honored as one of Pennsylvania's Women of the Year; received the National Crime Victim Bar Association's Frank Carrington Champion of Civil Justice Award; the E. Nathaniel Gates Award for outstanding public advocacy and scholarship; and the Lifetime Achievement Award for Pro Bono Legal Service to veterans groups. She clerked for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.



Cynthia S. LaFave

Cynthia has always been an advocate for those who have found their lives turned upside down because of injuries due to some other person or entity's negligence. She is passionate about her career and takes to heart the needs of her clients. She is an active and prominent local attorney. Cynthia graduated from Syracuse University College of Law, where was awarded the Best Direct Examiner. Cynthia has received many verdicts and settlements in excess of one million dollars for her clients. In 1996 she received the highest personal injury verdict for the entire United States, in the total sum of \$94,500,000.00. Past Vice President for the Third Judicial Department, NYS Academy of Trial Lawyers; Past Present of the Capital Region Affiliate of the NYS Trial Lawyer's Association; Past President of the Albany County Bar Association; a delegate to the NYS Bar Association; Member American Association for Justice; American Board of Trial Advocates; Capital Region Trial Lawyers Association.



Michael J. Reck

Mike is an experienced trial attorney for Jeff Anderson and Associates who vigorously litigates on behalf of survivors of childhood sexual abuse perpetrated by those in a position of power. During the past decade, Mike has become a prominent, nationwide force on behalf of victim's rights. His recent successes on behalf of survivors include his instrumental role in a settlement with the Diocese of Wilmington and several independent religious orders in excess of 100 million dollars and the forced public release of thousands of previously secret documents. These documents and the accompanying disclosures brought allegations against numerous abusive priests to light and led to a successful criminal prosecution. Mike's litigation practice was forged in both state and federal courts where he successfully handles trial and appellate cases. Raised in southern California, Mike attended the University of California at Irvine where earned a bachelor of science degree in biology. Mike's Juris Doctorate was awarded cum laude from Whittier Law School.



Harry Rothenberg

Harry Rothenberg, Esq., joined The Rothenberg Law Firm LLP in 1996. Harry litigates significant personal injury, wrongful death and traumatic brain injury cases. During his tenure with The Rothenberg Law Firm LLP, Harry has obtained numerous seven and eight multi-million dollar verdicts, settlements and awards for the firm's catastrophically injured clients. An AV-rated attorney by Martindale Hubbell, Harry has also been selected to New York Super Lawyers every year since 2008. Harry frequently lectures fellow attorneys on topics regarding tort law, wrongful death, traumatic brain injury, excess coverage and product liability claims. In addition to his successful legal career, Harry is a Board member and active participant in several charities, and is a sought-after lecturer on college and law school campuses.



Paul H. Wein

Paul H. Wein received his J.D. from Albany Law School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude from the State University of New York at Albany. He was admitted to practice in February of 1976 and is currently a member of the New York State Bar Association and the American, New York State and Capital District Trial Lawyer's Associations. Mr. Wein has tried cases in the Supreme Court of Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Warren, Washington, Columbia, Greene and Delaware Counties to name a few. He has tried numerous cases in the Court of Claims against the State of New York as well as in the United States District Court, Northern District of New York. In addition to Supreme Court, District Court and Court of Claims trial experience, Mr. Wein has litigated numerous administrative matters before various State and Federal agencies. He has also argued dozens of cases at the Appellate level. He is the former Town of Guelderland Planning and Zoning Board Counsel and has served as counsel to the Albany County Legislative Minority.

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