



Legal Access Newsletter

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Pro Bono Opportunities & Impact

In each newsletter, we will feature the story of a client either (a) in need of legal assistance or (b) someone who was assisted by JCADA's Legal Access program. If you are available or interested in helping this or other clients, please contact spencer@jcada.org.

Helping Clients Access Justice & Peace: One Client's Journey

Lauren* is a sophomore at a local university who came to JCADA in the fall of 2015 after a classmate started stalking her. This classmate came to her home and physically attacked Lauren, her father, and brother who were also home at the time. The classmate was arrested and Lauren received a peace order against the classmate, however her legal journey had just begun.



[Click here](#) to read more about how Lauren navigated the legal issues that followed with assistance from JCADA's *Legal Access* program.

If you are interested in helping clients like Lauren, please email spencer@jcada.org about ways to assist clients and how to join our *Attorney Network*.

Practice Tips & Resources:

Dos and Don'ts for Working with Survivors of Trauma

Each issue will feature practical tips and strategies to support your work with victims of trauma and domestic abuse. If you have any questions, need any additional support, or have a tip to share, please feel free to contact spencer@jcada.org.

Safety Planning with Survivors: A Toolkit for Attorneys

This [resource](#) from the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (Washington State) is helpful across many jurisdictions. This guide contains concrete tips for ways attorneys can craft orders and motions to better represent and advocate for domestic abuse survivors, including:

- asking for a court order requiring court approval prior to the abusive partner being allowed to file more motions where there is ongoing abusive litigation;
- ensuring guns are removed any time there is a protective or peace order;
- writing visitation orders in clear, concrete, and detailed ways where exchanges will take place either through a third party or in public, well-trafficked places; and
- drafting clear consequences of non-compliance should the abusive party not follow the order.

PRIDE 2016: Assisting LGBTQ Survivors of Domestic Abuse



June is Pride Month, celebrating diversity and honoring the [Stonewall riots of 1969](#), a tipping point in the LGBTQ movement. In honor of Pride, check out the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence's [outline of domestic violence laws](#) as they apply to the LGBTQ community. We are also outraged, shocked and saddened by the tragic and horrific mass shooting last weekend at Pulse nightclub in Orlando. This act of terror and hate has left 49 people confirmed killed and an additional 53 more severely injured. We take this opportunity to mourn the loss of life in the Orlando shooting, where the shooter had a [history of domestic abuse](#).

JCADA by the Numbers- May- June 2016

Currently Active JCADA Counseling Clients: 106
 Legal Access Meetings with Clients: 29
 Legal Access Consultations with Clinicians: 52

Emerging Issues & Training Opportunities

As a part of our Attorney Network, we will provide you with local training opportunities. We encourage all attorneys to participate in trainings designed to provide best practices for working with victims of domestic abuse, and we will notify you as training programs become available.

Webinar Opportunity: Working with Survivors with Disabilities



Check out [this webinar](#) from End Abuse of People with Disabilities, **June 30, 2-3:30pm EST**. This training will address how people with disabilities often rely on technology to interact and engage with others, but these are also tools that can be used against survivors. Learn how survivors can better document technological abuse and better protect themselves.

Developments in the Law

Sexual Assault Case Draws National Attention

The conviction of Brock Turner for multiple counts of sexual assault has drawn national attention and outrage. Turner, a freshman at Stanford, was convicted of sexually assaulting a woman behind a dumpster and sentenced to six months in county jail. The [victim's impact statement](#) has been a rallying call for survivors and advocates, and a [petition](#) has now gathered over 1.2 million signatures calling for the sentencing judge's

resignation. [This interview](#) with Dean Michelle Anderson of the City University of New York Law School discusses what makes this case so interesting and unique.

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