

# Pro Bono Attorney Training Modules

# Sample Pro Bono Attorney Training Modules



*This sample menu of training modules is designed to provide pro bono attorneys with the foundation needed to provide competent representation of clients who have been victims of crime. The training topics included are not meant to be comprehensive.*

## The Intro Modules

### *Representing Crime Victims? What Every Attorney Should Know*

Intro to Neurobiology of Trauma

Intro to Vicarious Trauma

Issue Spotting Exercise: A Crime Victim's Myriad Legal Needs

Intro to Crime Victims' Rights

## Client And Issue-Specific Modules

### *Representing Child-Victims*

Effective Communications With Child-Victims

Working With Children's Advocacy Centers

Ethical Issues When Representing Child-Victims (or Their Parents)

## *Representing Campus Sexual Assault Victims*

Overview of What You Need to Know for Campus Proceedings

Civil Claims Available to Campus Sexual Assault Victims

## *Representing Immigrant or Trafficking Victims*

Helping Crime Victims Secure U and T Visas

Intro to Human Trafficking

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## *Victim Privacy & Protection*

Use of Pseudonyms

Quashing Pretrial "Discovery" in Criminal Cases

Quashing or Staying Civil Discovery When Criminal Matter is Pending

Ethical Considerations for Safekeeping Victim Privacy (From the Perspective of Prosecutors and Victims' Attorneys)

Securing Pre-Trial Release Conditions in A Criminal Case to Protect the Victim

## *Victim Impact Statements*

What are Victim Impact Statements; What Can Be Included; and How to Help Your Clients Prepare/Present Them

## *Maximizing Financial Recovery*

Financial Recovery Through The State Victim Compensation Fund and Criminal Restitution

Civil Claims Available for Crime Victims

## *Additional Topics*

Achieving Language Access for Crime Victims (e.g., Non-English Speaking and Deaf or Hard of Hearing Victims)

Select Legal Issues Facing Victims With Impaired Mental Health, Cognitive Challenges, or Physical Disabilities

Social Security Disability and SSI for Crime Victims With Mental Illness

Others?

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