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COURT ANNOUNCEMENT

The United States District Court for the District of Montana will co-sponsor free virtual CLE programs titled “Victim Services Support and Practicing in Tribal Courts 101” and “Domestic Violence Survivors and Consumer Issues During the COVID-19 Pandemic” to be held on September 17 and 18, 2020. These free programs are presented in partnership with the University of Montana School of Law, the State Bar of Montana, and the Montana Legal Services Association.

These sessions will provide attorneys from all practice areas information enabling them to assist domestic violence survivors in obtaining support and services. The September 17 session will emphasize pro bono services in the Tribal Courts, while the September 18 session will educate practitioners on how the current pandemic has exacerbated the challenges domestic violence survivors face.

For more information or to register for this free CLE event, please [click here](#) or visit the Montana State Bar website at:

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Agenda:

September 17, 2020

Victim Services Support and Practicing in Tribal Courts 101

- 11:30-11:45 a.m. – Introduction, Judge Dana Christensen
- 11:45-12:30 p.m. – “Victim's Rights” presented by Heidi Sanders, MLSA staff attorney
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. – Tribal Bench-Bar Panel moderated by Kathryn Seaton, MLSA staff attorney

Proposed number of CLE credits pending Montana State Bar Approval: 2.0

September 18, 2020

Domestic Violence Survivors and Consumer Issues During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- 11:30-11:45 a.m. – Introduction, Chief Judge Brian Morris
- 11:45-1:00 p.m. – “Domestic Violence Survivors and Consumer Issues During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Issues that Impede the Financial Security of Survivors” presented by Diana Garrett and Beth Hayes, MLSA staff attorneys
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. – “Power of Pro Bono for Domestic Violence Survivors During the COVID-19 Pandemic” Speaker Panel presented by Vivian Huelgo, Chief Counsel for the Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence for the American Bar Association and Andrew King-Ries, Chair of the Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence for the American Bar Association

The event is intended to comply with the Pro Bono Work to Empower and Represent (POWER) Act of 2018, which requires all federal district courts to present similar events on an annual basis.

Pending approval, the event will offer 4.5 CLE credits, consisting of one hour of pro bono training and a one-hour Tribal Bench-Bar panel on September 17, and two and a half hours of pro bono training on September 18.

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