

## Virtual "Power Act" CLE: Pro Bono Representation of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors

<u>Date:</u> October 15, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MCLE: 4.00 hours CLE, including 0.5 ethics

**Presentation: Zoom** 

**Cost: FREE** 

The Power Act, passed by Congress in 2018, requires the chief judge of each judicial district to provide training that promotes pro bono representation for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. In keeping with that mandate, a virtual "Power Act" CLE has been scheduled to provide specialized training for attorneys that includes the basics of family law, working with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and obtaining protective and additional relief as needed for survivors.

The training will include presentations by The Honorable. Barbara Lynn, Chief Judge of the Northern District of Texas, on the importance of pro bono legal service; Assistant U.S. Attorney Damien Diggs on federal initiatives that deal with domestic violence; and a panel of family law judges familiar with domestic violence and sexual assault orders of protection.

Attorneys who attend this training will be encouraged to accept pro bono cases for the representation of survivors through Legal Aid-affiliated pro bono programs including the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, a joint collaboration of the Dallas Bar Association and Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, and the Equal Justice Volunteer Program (serving counties outside of Dallas County).

Please RSVP to esparzaa@lanwt.org