

Session 1: Intersections of Domestic Violence and the Law

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Session 3: In Survivors' Shoes

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12:00-1:30 PM or 2:00-3:30 PM (two offerings)

An interactive simulation activity using experiential learning to engage participants in understanding domestic violence through a survivor's experience.

*Using Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence's In Her Shoes: Economic Justice Edition.

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Elizabeth West

Engage in the immersive **In Survivors' Shoes** simulation to better understand the barriers faced by survivors of domestic violence. Participants will walk in the shoes of a survivor by following a survivor's story and making decisions along the way. The simulation is adapted from the In Her Shoes: Economic Justice Edition developed by the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.



Lisa Harris

Each simulation will be followed by an interactive debrief hosted by Elizabeth West and Lisa Harris from the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office, and Friend of the Court Bureau in collaboration with members of Resilience's Survivor Advisory Council.

The simulation will run twice and participants register for the timeslot they prefer. Light refreshments will be provided.

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