

# PRESENTERS

## Mike Brigner, JD

Nationally recognized expert on domestic violence, Author of *The Ohio Domestic Violence Benchmark* & Associate Professor, Law & Paralegal Program, Sinclair Community College (Dayton, OH)

## Michelle Grizzle, BA

Community Outreach Coordinator, CHOICES (Columbus, OH)

## Robert Scheuneman, RNC

Director, Mt. Carmel Commitment to Non-Violence (Columbus, OH)

## Jolie Brams, PhD

Brams & Associates, Inc., Psychological Consulting (Columbus, OH)

## Alexandria Ruden, JD

Co-author of *Ohio Domestic Violence Law*, Statewide lecturer & trainer on domestic violence, Staff Attorney (specializing in domestic violence), Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (Cleveland, OH)

## Peg Davis, LSW

Child Welfare Caseworker, Franklin County Liaison for Columbus City Attorney Rick Pfeiffer's Office, Franklin County Children Services (Columbus, OH)

## Jackie Wilson, MSW

Executive Director, Ohio CASA/GAL Association (Columbus, OH)

## Barbara Stamper, LSW

Coordinator, Greene County Family Visitation Center (Xenia, OH)

## The Honorable James Mason, JD

Judge, Franklin County Domestic Relations/Juvenile Court (Columbus, OH)

## Charles Jones, JD

Administrative Domestic Magistrate, Franklin County Domestic Relations Court & Juvenile Branch (Columbus, OH)

# About ACTION OHIO

## Mission Statement

ACTION OHIO's mission is to promote quality programs, services and resources to survivors of domestic violence and to ensure equal rights and empowerment for all individuals as we work toward the eradication of family violence in our society.

## Core services

- Telephone Referral
- Victim Advocacy & Problem Solving
- Technical Assistance
- Professional Education
- Public Awareness
- Community Outreach
- Resources
- Public Policy Leadership



# Featured Resources

**Tool for Attorneys to Screen for Domestic Violence** (produced by the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence)

**Navigating Custody & Visitation Evaluations in Cases with Domestic Violence: A Judge's Guide** (developed by the Family Violence Department of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges with input from a multi-disciplinary advisory committee).

**Managing Your Divorce: A Guide for Battered Women** (created by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Family Violence Department, Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody).

## "Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories"

(Documentary film co-produced by Tatge/Lasseur Productions & Connecticut Public Television, featuring interviews with children & their battered mothers). Portions of this film will be shown during Registration & Lunch Break segments of the seminar.

(Info on how to obtain copies of resources will be included in participant packets.)

# DIRECTIONS

## Ohio State Bar Association

1700 Lake Shore Dr., Columbus, OH 43204  
<http://www.ohioabar.org/>

### From the North:

Take 270 West to Rt. 315 South.  
Exit at Lane Avenue/Upper Arlington/OSU exit.  
Turn right (West).  
Go through 7 lights.  
At the 8th light (2.5 miles) turn left (South) onto Riverside Drive.  
Go to the third light (1 mile), Fifth Ave., and turn right.  
Go 1/8 mile to Lake Shore Drive and turn right.  
2nd building on the right.

### From the South:

Take I-71 North to 315 North.  
Travel North 1 mile to Rt. 33 Exit.  
Go West on Rt. 33 to 5th Ave.  
Turn left (West) onto W. 5th Ave.  
Turn right (North) at first road (Lake Shore Dr.).  
OSBA is the 2nd building on the right.

### From the West:

Take I-70 East to Wilson Road (exit 94 ).  
Turn left on Wilson Road and go 1/2 Mile (1st light) to Fisher Road and turn left.  
Go 1.5 miles (2nd light) to McKinley Ave. and turn left.  
Follow McKinley Ave. 3/4 mile (1st light) to Fifth Ave. and turn right.  
Go 1/2 mile to Lake Shore Drive and turn left.  
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### From the East:

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## LEGAL SEMINAR:

# NAVIGATING MINEFIELDS & INCREASING EFFECTIVE PRACTICE

IN DIVORCE CASES INVOLVING  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & CHILDREN

Thursday, June 29, 2006

9 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Ohio State Bar Association

1700 Lake Shore Dr.

Columbus, OH 43204



Application for 6 CLEs for Attorneys &  
Application for 6 CEUs for Social  
Workers & Counselors pending.

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## Seminar Description

This workshop will provide attorneys, legal advocates and others with practical information needed in the courtroom to help navigate through the minefields of abusive partnerships, traumatized children, and child custody/parenting time determinations. Professionals who work with victims, abusers & their children will explain the dynamics of abusive relationships and the impact of violence on children whether they merely witness violent acts or become the target of a parent's wrath. The workshop will also address the role of expert witnesses & how & where to find someone who would qualify as an expert witness.

The workshop will provide information about the role of Children Services in families experiencing violence, the role of Court Appointed Special Advocates and Guardians Ad Litem and the benefits of Supervised Visitation Centers, designed to provide parents with access to their children while keeping them safe from harm. Representatives of the Court will provide their perspectives of divorce cases involving family violence.

### OBJECTIVES

- To provide a legal overview of domestic violence, child custody & visitation.
- To describe the dynamics of family violence & typical behaviors of batterers & their victims.
- To provide practical & specific information about the impact of violence on children that is applicable to the courtroom or clinic.
- To clarify the role of expert witnesses in cases of domestic violence, child abuse & impact of violence on children.
- To highlight the interface between Children Services & domestic violence advocacy.
- To explain how Court Appointed Special Advocates & Guardians Ad Litem protect the rights of children in court.
- To describe the role of Supervised Visitation Centers & how they provide parents with access to their children in a safe environment.
- To provide judicial insights on effective practice in domestic relations cases involving domestic violence & children.

## Schedule & Outline

**8:30am—9:00am**  
**Registration & Refreshments**

**9:00am —10:00 am**  
**A Legal Overview of Domestic Violence, Child Custody & Visitation**  
**Presenter: Mike Brigner, JD**  
This segment will include the following topics: Jurisdiction (CPOs), Custody Factors, Visitation Factors, How abusers use the system.

**10:00 am—11:00 am**  
**An Examination of Characteristics of DV Victims & Abusers**  
**Presenters: Michelle Grizzle, BA & Robert Scheuneman, RNC**  
This segment will provide an overview of the dynamics of family violence, characteristic behaviors of victims & abusers, & an understanding of the ways that violent partners use the legal system & officers of the court for their own advantage.

**11:00am—11:15am: BREAK**

**11:15 am —12:30 pm**  
**Children & Domestic Violence**  
**Presenter: Jolie Brams, PhD**  
Domestic violence can have a pervasive impact on children's neurological development, psychological health & behavioral choices over the course of their life. When attorneys & other advocates understand these issues, then children have the best chance for appropriate legal protection & effective mental health & medical care. This presentation will provide practical & specific information that is immediately applicable in the courtroom or clinic.

**12:30pm—1:30pm: Lunch on your own**

**1:30pm — 2:45 pm**  
**Children & Domestic Violence: Interface between Children Services & Domestic Violence Advocacy**  
**Presenters: Alexandria Ruden, JD & Peg Davis, LSW**  
This segment will include the following topics: Nicholson Case & its ramifications, Practice & evidentiary issues, Children Services Policies, Domestic violence issues in child assessment, Threshold for removing children exposed to domestic violence.

**2:45pm—3:00 pm: BREAK**

**3:00 pm—3:45 pm**  
**Services for Children Caught in the Crossfire of Domestic Violence**  
**Presenters: Jackie Wilson, MSW & Barbara Stamper, LSW**  
This segment will explain the roles of the Court Appointed Special Advocate and the Guardian Ad Litem and also clarify the role, benefits & limitations of Supervised Visitation Centers.

**3:45pm—4:30 pm**  
**View from the Bench —the Judicial Perspective**  
**Presenters: Hon. James Mason, JD & Charles Jones, JD**

Judge James Mason and Magistrate Charles Jones will offer the judicial perspective on effective practice in nuts & bolts issues in divorce cases involving domestic violence & children.

**4:30 pm**  
Collection of participant evaluations & CLE cards.

## REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Fax/E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee\* (\*Fee does NOT include lunch.)**

**Amount enclosed/charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Regular Registration **\$60 per person**

Group Rate Registration **\$50 per person**  
(2 or more registrations submitted together)

Nonprofit org/Gov't Registration **\$35 per person**

Nonprofit org/Gov't Group Registration **\$25 per person**  
(2 or more registrations submitted together)

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Check/Money Order (Payable to *ACTION OHIO*.)

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**Please RSVP by 6/26/06.**  
**Space is limited. Register early!**

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**Questions?**

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