

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF THE VICTIM IN A NONSTRANGER RAPE CASE

A New Training Video for Prosecutors *Funded by the Department of Justice*

The National Judicial Education Program (NJEP) announces an important new resource for prosecutors. *Direct Examination Of The Victim In A Nonstranger Rape Case* provides concrete solutions for prosecutors' common challenges with nonstranger rape cases using "Law & Order"- style demonstrations. Although not a trial manual, this video provides extensive case preparation and trial advice for sex crimes prosecutors.

The video is divided into two cassette tapes:

Tape 1: Interviewing & Preparing the Nonstranger Rape Victim

Teaches you what methods to use to develop a rapport with the rape victim, how to elicit troubling details from the rape victim with sensitivity, and how to prepare the rape victim to testify in court.

Tape 2: Direct Examination of the Victim in the Courtroom

Teaches you how to structure your direct examination for maximum impact. Prosecutors outline specific techniques on how to get the key points in front of the jury more than once. Learn how to prepare yourself, your direct and your victim for the cross-examination.

Expert Prosecutors Practice Tips:

This videotape includes a panel of experienced sex-crimes prosecutors from across the United States providing practice tips and insights into how to make your direct examination more effective.

Teaching Methods:

Demonstrations throughout the videotape allow the viewer to follow each practice point more easily. Follow-up discussions by expert prosecutor panels drive each point home. A roundtable discussion with two victim witness experts, as well as interviews with a rape trauma victim impact expert provide further insight in case preparation.

Live Training Program:

This video was adapted from the direct examination portion of NJEP's national curriculum *Understanding Sexual Violence: Prosecuting Adult Rape and Sexual Assault Cases*. The four-day curriculum has been taught to standing-room only prosecutor audiences around the country. An online version of the complete curriculum is available at: www.vaw.umn.edu/FinalDocuments/usvpros.asp.

Direct Examination Of The Victim In A Nonstranger Rape Case runs two hours in total length per cassette. Each cassette presents a different aspect of Direct Examination. For more information on this video e-mail njep@nowldef.org, call (212) 925-6635, or visit our website, www.njep.org.

Cassette 1: Interviewing and Preparing the Nonstranger Rape Victim

1. *Preparing to Meet the Nonstranger Rape Victim*
2. *Initial Meeting with the Victim*
3. *Eliciting Troubling Details from the Victim*
4. *Rape Victim Advocate and Counselor Roundtable*
5. *Psychology Expert's Tips on Interviewing and Trial Preparation*

Cassette 2: Direct Examination of the Victim in the Courtroom

1. *Introduction to Classic Direct Examination*
2. *Introducing the Victim to the Jury*
3. *Victim's Uninterrupted Account for the Jury*
4. *Double Direct Examination using Sketch, Drawing, or Video*
5. *Triple Direct Examination using Sensory Details*
6. *Following the Rape Victim's Trauma*
7. *Anticipating the Cross-Examination of the Victim*

The prosecutors who appear in this videotape:

- Leemie Kahng
Former Deputy Chief, Sex Crimes Unit
New York County District Attorney's Office, NY
- Donald Linton
Chief Deputy County Attorney
Cache County, Utah
- Anne Munch
Former Chief Deputy District Attorney
7th Judicial District of Colorado
- Teresa Scalzo
Director, Violence Against Women Program,
American Prosecutor's Research Institute,
National District Attorney's Association;
Former Chief, Sexual Assault Unit, Northampton, PA
- Irene Wakabayashi
Assistant Head Deputy, Sex Crimes Division
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, CA

The victim witness rape trauma experts who appear in this videotape:

- Jane Foley
Co-Director, Sensitive Crimes Unit,
Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, WI
- Jean McAllister
Therapist and Victim Advocate
Former Chair, Colorado State Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Boulder, Colorado
- David Lisak
Associate Professor of Psychology, University of Massachusetts

Additional copies of this brochure and more information are available at:

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