

## Domestic Violence Beyond the Physical Abuse: Love Bombing, Gas Lighting, and Trauma Bonding

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3:15 – 4:30 PM



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This session will address the complicated dynamics of domestic violence. Panelists will educate attendees on the less visible aspects such as love bombing, gas lighting, trauma bonding, and financial dependence. The panel will discuss how pervasive domestic violence is on the family and community, and how specialty courts and DV organizations are addressing the problem.

At the end of the session, participants will come away with:

1. Understanding what is included in the term “domestic violence”.
2. Educating on the importance of recognizing the signs of domestic violence.
3. Understanding how emotional and mental abuse manifests.
4. Identifying methods of intervention and prevention.

### Speakers:

#### Jeffrie Cape, H.E.A.L., Charron Services LLC



Jeffrie K. Cape LMSW ACSW CAADC is the director of Charron Services LLC. In 2002 she started HEAL (Helping Explore Accountable Lifestyles) a 52 session battering intervention program and WEAVE (Women Exploring Accountably Violent Encounters) in Oakland County, Michigan. She facilitates, supervises, develops and refines curriculum for those programs. She is one half of the partnership, Cape & Garvin Innovations LLC a training and consulting company specializing in battering intervention.

Jeffrie has extensive clinical experience and has a private practice with varied clientele. She was appointed to the [Michigan Domestic Violence and Prevention and Treatment Board](#) by Governor Snyder in 2011. She helped develop local standards for battering intervention programs and was a member of the governor’s task force to develop state standards for Michigan. She was active in the development and formation of BISC-MI in 1995. She continues to serve on the board and was chair in 2001-2002. She chaired the [Batterer Intervention Provider Standards Compliance Council](#) (BIPSCC) for several years. She is one of the originators of [AQUILA](#).

Jeffrie serves on multiple High Risk Response Teams (HRRT) and the Wayne County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

Jeffrie has provided training, curriculum development and support for community and prison based intervention programs. She participates in a variety of state and local task forces as well as providing local and national training and supervision for agencies and individuals who work with individuals involved in domestic violence.

**Hon. Charlene Elder, Judge, Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan**



Judge Charlene M. Elder was appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in December 2005 to serve as a judge for the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court. She currently sits in the Family Division of the Court, handling a variety of domestic relations cases involving divorce, paternity, custody, parenting time, property division, and personal protection orders. Prior to her appointment, Judge Elder served as a judicial magistrate in Dearborn’s 19th District Court. Early in her career, Judge Elder worked as a solo practitioner, specializing in consumer protection, commercial transactions, and general litigation. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of

Michigan, and her *juris doctor* degree from the Detroit College of Law. She has been a member of many boards and organizations, and currently serves on the board of ACCESS. Judge Elder is the first Arab-American female judge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court.

**Melissa Sinclair, Coordinated Community Response Coordinator, New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence**



Melissa Sinclair is the Coordinated Community Response Coordinator at the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV). She collaborates with law enforcement, court personnel, and other systems to increase capacity and improve outcomes for survivors of intimate partner violence within the justice system.

As a leader in her community and an expert on intimate partner violence and sexual assault, Melissa serves as a key provider of training on partner abuse and sexual violence, a board member for the Battering Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan, and a former co-chair and founder of several interdisciplinary community response teams.

Before her work at the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Melissa spent seven years at a local domestic violence and sexual assault organization as the Director of Social Action, First Response Court Advocate, and Crisis and Support Line Specialist, and three years as a Sexual Assault Peer Advocate at Central Michigan University providing survivor-centered Title IX advocacy and training around intimate partner violence and bystander intervention.

Melissa is a Master of Social Work candidate from Wayne State University. She is a passionate advocate who has dedicated her life to eradicating intimate partner violence and engaging the community to keep survivors safe and hold offenders accountable.

**Alexandria Casperson, Assistant Attorney General, State of Michigan (Moderator)**



Alexandria Casperson is an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan. She was a prosecuting attorney for the first seven years of her career - handling a wide range of cases including domestic violence, police misconduct, and sexual assault. She currently serves in the Civil Rights and Elections Division working on mostly on innocence claims. Alexandria is active in the legal community, currently serving on the State Bar Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee and is a Past President of the Wayne County Region of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan.