

## Training Institute

**MON., DECEMBER 14, 2009**

Palm Beach County Vista Center  
2300 Jog Rd  
First Floor, Room W47  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411

**TUES., DECEMBER 15, 2009**

University of Central Florida  
Health and Public Affairs I  
Room 112  
4000 Central Florida Blvd  
Orlando, FL 32816

### Presenters:

Jeff Dion  
John Leighton  
Ray Bodiford  
Kevin Cannon  
Diana Santa Maria  
Michael Dolce

#### Comments from previous attendees of "Civil Justice for Victims of Crime":

*"Really enjoyed the presenter. He kept my attention the entire time. He was very compassionate and excited about helping victims."*

*"It is important for every player to know the rules of the game and these presenters were great coaches!"*

*"Presentation was great. Explained material without too much lawyer jargon."*

*"Very helpful; as a mental health therapist I feel that I don't have a lot of opportunities to even understand the basics of litigation and court process and it is better to support my clients when I'm educated. Very comprehensive."*

*"I learned a lot to help victims and myself. Out of my 25 years of attending law enforcement classes, this was the best class I have ever attended."*

## **CIVIL JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME IN FLORIDA**

If you can't answer these questions, how can a victim?

- What do victims gain through civil actions?
- What civil options are available?
- Where can victims find a lawyer?
- What is the appropriate role of a victim service provider?

Civil justice provides victims with an important affirmation of the harm they suffered and offers them a level of participation and control that may not be available or appropriate in a criminal prosecution. Civil actions also offer victims indemnification for the damages they have suffered and the resources to rebuild their lives. Unfortunately, many victims, service providers, and other professionals are not fully aware of the availability and potential of civil legal remedies for crime victims. This seminar will examine civil remedies for victims of homicide, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child sexual abuse, drunk driving, theft and other crimes

#### Who should attend?

- Victim advocates working in government agencies and community based organizations;
- Mental health service providers;
- Law enforcement officers;
- Social Workers;
- Sexual Assault and Forensic Nurse Examiners;
- Prosecutors; and
- Probation and Parole Officers.

The training seminars are **free**, but space is limited.

Register now on-line! Go to [www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org) and click on "Conferences and Trainings."

Each seminar runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
For more information, call The National Center for  
Victims of Crime at **202-467-8700**.

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