



**Resources on Sexual Assault and the Intersection of
Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence www.njep.org**

***Understanding Sexual Violence: The Judicial Response to Stranger
and Nonstranger Rape and Sexual Assault***

A Model Curriculum for In-Person Judicial Education

A multi-module, interactive, one- or two-day model curriculum that covers victim impact including the neurobiology of trauma, offenders and sentencing, evidence, jury selection and decision-making, judicial leadership and more. Invites judges to consider how this information relates to their responsibilities in the pre-trial, trial, and sentencing phases of sexual assault trials, and as leaders in the criminal justice system and the community. Suggests ways judges can minimize retraumatization of victims without undermining defendants' rights. Presentations are tailored to the jurisdiction's law and practice.

**Self-Contained Curricula on Multiple Aspects of Sexual Assault Cases
Accessible Online from the NJEP Website**

With support from the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and the State Justice Institute, NJEP developed a series of self-contained, online curricula on many aspects of cases involving adult victim sexual assault and the intersection of sexual assault and domestic violence. All can be accessed for free at <http://www.legalmomentum.org/node/572>.

- [*The Challenges of Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases: Materials for New Judges*](#)
- [*Elder Victims of Sexual Abuse*](#)
- [*Interpreters in Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases*](#)
- [*Jury Selection and Decision Making in Adult Victim Sexual Assault Cases*](#)
- [*Medical Forensic Sexual Examinations: What Are They and What Can They Tell the Courts?*](#)
- [*Raped or "Seduced"? How Language Helps Shape Our Response to Sexual Violence*](#)
- [*Women in Drug Treatment Courts: Sexual Assault as the Underlying Trauma*](#)

Web Course – *Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: Adjudicating This Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence Cases*

- Flyer explaining NJEP’s web course, *Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: Adjudicating This Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence Cases*, its modules and interactive exercises.
<https://www.legalmomentum.org/sites/default/files/reports/IPSA%20Flyer.pdf>
- The complete web course is available free at <https://www.njep-ipsacourse.org/>.
- Online curricula of different durations for civil, criminal, and family court judges based on the web course.
<https://www.legalmomentum.org/library/intimatepartner-sexual-abuse-adjudicating-hidden-dimension-domestic-violence-cases>

Related Publications Accessible Online from the National Judicial Education Program Website

- *Judges Tell: What I Wish I Had Known Before I Presided in an Adult Victim Sexual Assault Case*, the National Judicial Education Program at Legal Momentum (2017). <https://www.legalmomentum.org/library/judges-tellwhat-i-wish-i-had-known-i-presided-adult-victim-sexual-assault-case>
- “Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: Who Are the Victims, What Are the Risks? Adults, Teens, and Children,” Lynn Hecht Schafran, *The Judges’ Journal*, Spring 2021 at 25. <https://www.legalmomentum.org/library/intimate-partner-sexual-abuse-who-are-victims-what-are-risks-adults-teens-and-children>
- “Risk Assessment and Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: The Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence,” Lynn Hecht Schafran, *Judicature*, January-February 2010, at 161. <https://www.legalmomentum.org/library/risk-assessment-and-intimatepartner-sexual-abuse-hidden-dimension-domestic-violence>
- “Medical Forensic Sexual Assault Examinations: What Are They and What Can They Tell the Courts?,” Lynn Hecht Schafran, *The Judges’ Journal*, Summer 2015, at 16. <https://www.legalmomentum.org/library/medical-forensic-sexualassault-examinations-what-are-they-and-what-can-they-tell-courts>

- “Domestic Violence, Developing Brains, and the Lifespan: New Knowledge from Neuroscience,” Lynn Hecht Schafran, *The Judges’ Journal*, Summer 2014, at 32. <https://www.legalmomentum.org/library/domestic-violence-developing-brainsand-lifespan-new-knowledge-neuroscience>
- “Evaluating the Evaluators: Problems with ‘Outside Neutrals,’” Lynn Hecht Schafran, *The Judges’ Journal*, Winter 2003, at 10. <https://www.legalmomentum.org/library/evaluating-evaluators-problems-outside-neutrals>

Webinar Archived Online

- “Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: The Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence.” Available for free viewing at <https://www.legalmomentum.org/library/intimatepartner-sexual-abuse-hidden-dimension-domestic-violence-webinar>

DVDs Available for Purchase

- *Understanding Sexual Violence: The Judge’s Role in Stranger and Nonstranger Rape and Sexual Assault Cases*, a 4-hour DVD curriculum based on NJEP’s two day, in-person curriculum of the same name. Includes courtroom vignettes, expert commentary, and a panel of judges discussing how they have used these experts’ information in their own courtrooms. Available for purchase at <https://www.legalmomentum.org/library/understanding-sexual-violence-judgesrole-stranger-and-nonstranger-rape-and-sexual-assault>
- “The Undetected Rapist,” a 7-minute DVD excerpted from the *Understanding Sexual Violence* DVD described above. In this excerpt, Dr. David Lisak re-enacts an interview he conducted with a serial “undetected rapist” from a major university. Purchase of the DVD also includes a discussion guide. Available for purchase at <https://www.legalmomentum.org/store/undetected-rapist-dvd>.
- “A Response to ‘The Undetected Rapist’” DVD. This 23-minute DVD was produced by Impact Personal Safety. Part 1 is NJEP’s video, “The Undetected Rapist.” Part 2 is discussions by men and women of various ages and backgrounds as they respond to the material presented in “The Undetected Rapist.” Purchase of the DVD includes a discussion guide. Available for purchase at <https://www.legalmomentum.org/store/response-undetected-rapist-dvd>.