

## Judicial Training on Domestic Violence: A 50-State Survey

	Mandatory DV training	Has DV training been developed	Material included in training	Misc. Information
<b>Alabama</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There 6 hours of mandated <a href="#">judicial training</a> (given the choice of topics)</li> <li>DV training is NOT mandatory</li> <li>But, DV is <a href="#">explicitly listed</a> in the Rule as a topic for which judges will be given credit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges has given the training</li> <li>Trainings have been hosted at the YWCA</li> </ul>	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DV resource prosecutor which trains prosecutors, law enforcement and shelters on DV laws and acts as a victim advocate</li> </ul>
<b>Alaska</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is mandatory to offer DV training to all judges but not mandatory for all judges to attend</li> <li>However, continuing DV training is mandated for those in contact with parties involved in DV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2017, the State of Alaska <a href="#">Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault developed a four-year plan (STOP)</a></li> <li>The plan includes studying the judicial system and integration of judicial training</li> <li>Goal 2 of STOP is "Judicial Education" which maps out the Council's plan to integrate their training</li> </ul>	Training must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>nature, extent, and causes of DV;</li> <li>procedures to promote victim safety;</li> <li>resources for the parties;</li> <li>lethality of DV</li> </ul>	
<b>Arizona</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of the state's mandated judicial training, there is specialized training for judges dealing with protection orders they shall attend training on such orders on a regular basis (<a href="#">Section 1-302 (h)(3)</a>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judicial trainings are conducted by the <a href="#">Committee on Judicial Education and Training (COJET)</a></li> <li>COJET assists the Arizona Supreme Court</li> </ul>	No information found	
<b>Arkansas</b>	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child abuse/rape/DV commission and child abuse/rape/DV section of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences give the</li> </ul>	No information found	

		<p>Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences the authority and responsibility to educate on the issues, interventions, and other matters of DV (<a href="#">Arkansas Code Annotated section 20-82-206 (3)</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We found no information on whether training is taking place</li> </ul>		
<b>California</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">All courts have mandated judicial training</a>, however, each court further lays out what specific training pertains to its practice area</li> <li>For judges, referees, commissioners, mediators, and others as deemed appropriate <a href="#">performing duties in DV matters</a>, all orientation sessions will have one session on DV</li> <li>There are mandated annual DV trainings to ensure updated information is available to judges</li> <li>DV training is required for officers hearing: criminal, family, juvenile delinquency, juvenile, and probate matters</li> </ul>	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All aspects of DV</li> </ul>	
<b>Colorado</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Connecticut</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandated to <a href="#">establish ongoing training</a> program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training is to be <a href="#">created by the judicial department</a> of the state</li> </ul>	<p>Training should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>family violence intervention;</li> <li>use of restraining orders;</li> <li>uniqueness of DV crimes</li> </ul>	
<b>Delaware</b>	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The state was encouraged by</li> </ul>	No information found	

		executive order to require the <a href="#">development of DV training for executive branch</a>		
<b>District of Columbia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required <a href="#">development of an ongoing training program for family law</a> and related matters</li> <li>But, the training would only be for <a href="#">family law judges</a></li> </ul>	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family dynamics (including DV)</li> </ul>	
<b>Florida</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working to establish <a href="#">standards of instruction on DV matters</a> which are on a regular, timely basis</li> <li>Instruction would be for circuit and county judges dealing with DV cases</li> </ul>	No information found	No information found	
<b>Georgia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Fulton County</a> mandates family judges have training in DV</li> <li>Four hours</li> </ul>	No information found	No information found	
<b>Hawaii</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Idaho</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each district court <a href="#">may create DV court</a></li> <li>The court will follow policies and procedures established by the Idaho Supreme Court's committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A committee created under § <a href="#">32-1409</a> and <a href="#">1403</a> provides training and recommends funding for the counties' DV courts to operate effectively</li> </ul>	<p>Training topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>judicial eligibility;</li> <li>identification and screening;</li> <li>assessment;</li> <li>treatment and treatment providers;</li> <li>case management and supervision;</li> <li>judicial monitoring;</li> <li>supervision of progress;</li> <li>evaluation</li> </ul>	
<b>Illinois</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a judge is hearing custody cases, <a href="#">training or experience in DV</a> is mandated</li> <li>Winnebago County has the 17th Judicial Circuit DV Coordinated Court</li> <li>This specialized court focuses on victim safety and hears both criminal and civil cases</li> </ul>	No information found	No information found	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant funding has been used to help remedy a range of safety and accountability concerns, such as: "<a href="#">intensive training to judicial and court staff</a>" in DV; sexual assault; dating violence; and stalking</li> </ul>			
<b>Indiana</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Iowa</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Kansas</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Kentucky</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least once every two years there must be a <a href="#">DV component</a> in the training provided to judges</li> </ul>	No information found	Training <a href="#">must include</a> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dynamics of DV;</li> <li>effects of DV (on adults and children);</li> <li>legal remedies;</li> <li>protection;</li> <li>lethality and risks;</li> <li>protocols for addressing DV;</li> <li>community resources;</li> <li>reporting requirements</li> </ul>	
<b>Louisiana</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Maine</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Maryland</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Massachusetts</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Michigan</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Minnesota</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The state's judicial education program must include <a href="#">ongoing training on DV</a></li> <li>DV training is in the state's mandated new judge orientation</li> <li>DV, child sexual abuse and stalking training is mandated in the ongoing training for district judges</li> <li>The courts have a <a href="#">Domestic Abuse/Harassment Resource Sheet</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <a href="#">National Judicial Education Program</a> has an Web Course/resource (<i>Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: Adjudicating this hidden dimension of domestic violence cases</i>) that Minnesota customized</li> </ul>	Training must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>needs of victims;</li> <li>education on the causes of sexual abuse and family violence;</li> <li>education on culturally responsive approaches to serve victims;</li> <li>impacts of DV on children;</li> <li>impacts when making parenting time choices;</li> <li>reports on DV;</li> <li>the need of coordination of courts and legal</li> </ul>	

			<p>victim advocacy services;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>education on sexual/domestic abuse programs and policies within law enforcement agencies, prosecuting authorities, and the court system</li> </ul>	
<b>Mississippi</b>	No information found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding has been established to train judges in DV matters (<a href="#">DV Training Fund</a>)</li> <li>The state's <a href="#">Attorney General DV Unit</a> provides funding for expert instruction on DV issues at judges' conferences</li> <li>In 2014, DV Unite received a three year \$900,000 Violence Against Women Act grant from the Department of Justice for training for judges, law enforcement, etc.</li> </ul>	No information found	"More than 6,300 judges, clerks and prosecutors on various aspects of state law related to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, strangulation and human trafficking" <a href="#">through the Mississippi AG's DV Unit trainings</a>
<b>Missouri</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Montana</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Nebraska</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Nevada</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>New Hampshire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"[A]ll staff shall be fully trained to handle DV cases" <a href="#">NH DV Protocol 5-1</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protocols are mandatory to follow and are produced by the state's judicial branch to ensure best practices</li> </ul>	No information found	
<b>New Jersey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandated <a href="#">DV training within 90 days</a> of judicial appointment or transfer and at annual in-service training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Training tapes</a> are being developed by the Family Practice Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Division of Criminal Justice, and the New Jersey Coalition for</li> </ul>	<p>Training must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>societal impact of DV;</li> <li>dynamics of DV;</li> <li>statutory and case law concerning DV;</li> <li>necessary elements of a</li> </ul>	

		Battered Women to meet N.J.S.A. 2C:25-20 required DV training within 90 days for new judges	<p>protection order (PO);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policy and procedure;</li> <li>• community resources;</li> <li>• sanction and treatment options</li> </ul>	
<b>New Mexico</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandated for: metropolitan, district, and appellate judges</li> <li>• Mandated DV training also includes training for DV special commissioners and DR hearing officers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Judicial Education Center offers <a href="#">DV training for Frontline Court Staff</a> online and is comprised of three modules</li> <li>• National Judicial Institute of Domestic Violence hosted "<a href="#">Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases Workshop</a>" in Santa Fe, NM Dec. 2-5, 2018 for "all state and tribal court judges and judicial officers"</li> </ul>	No information found	
<b>New York</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandated for judges sitting in criminal or family court and Supreme Court justices to <a href="#">attend training and/or programing relating to DV</a> every two years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since 2016, the <a href="#">Annual Statewide Judicial Symposium on Domestic Violence</a> held various sessions on a range of DV issues</li> <li>• The Family Violence Task Force holds annual trainings</li> <li>• There is a program called "Firearms and Domestic Violence"</li> <li>• Regional meetings are held for various judicial districts.</li> <li>• Programing is approved by the Chief Administrator of the Courts &amp; The Office of the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence Cases</li> </ul>	No information found	

<p><b>North Carolina</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Via <a href="#">executive order</a>, since 1999, the state has had a duty to develop DV training for all law enforcement and judicial personnel providing DV treatment or services</li> <li>• Mecklenburg County mandates DV training for those assigned to DV Courts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">Domestic Violence Commission</a> has the authority and duty to develop training programs</li> <li>• It seems as though this has happened and training is happening (at least in some counties)</li> </ul>	<p>No information found</p>	
<p><b>North Dakota</b></p>	<p>No information found</p>	<p>No information found</p>	<p>No information found</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">CAWS North Dakota</a> gives community DV training to groups including: law enforcement, prosecution, and social service providers</li> <li>• CAWS even provides support in court to victims</li> <li>• However, nowhere do they mention training for court staff or judges</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ohio</b></p>	<p>No information found</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Ohio Domestic Violence Network</a> offers many trainings throughout the year, but none targeted specifically to judges</li> </ul>	<p>No information found</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The state has a <a href="#">Domestic Violence Program</a> which provides technical assistance and specialized resources about DV, stalking and sexual assault to the courts</li> <li>• “The Program disseminates information, monitors trends, offers education, and recommends forms, rules,</li> </ul>

				and standards that promote effective response to these cases.”
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DV is <a href="#">included in the list of training topics</a> offered to judges, associate judges, special judges, and referees who have juvenile docket responsibility as training topics to complete their mandated 12 hours</li> <li>The state has a specialized DV court, but, the statute does not require specialized trainings for Judges appointed to the specialized court</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The state’s supreme court and the Administrative Director of the Courts are charged with developing and administering the judicial training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juvenile docket judges, associate judges, special judges, and referees must complete 12 hours of training per year in any of the following: foster care, DV, child abuse and neglect, etc.</li> </ul>	
<b>Oregon</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	The <a href="#">Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence</a> puts on community based DV training with the Oregon Department of Justice
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Judges governed by Family Court</a> rules must do specified training, including courses in DV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training programs are developed or approved by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts</li> <li>The <a href="#">Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence</a> (PCADV) conducts trainings and webinars for judges and court staff (among other groups) Example: <i>Witness Intimidation- The Witness Who Recants: How Domestic Violence Plays a Role</i></li> <li>Benchbooks:</li> </ul>	No information found	



		PCADV publishes the <a href="#">"Court of Common Pleas Domestic Violence Benchbook"</a> -- the newest edition is 2018-- in addition to several other <a href="#">bench cards related to DV</a> (bail, lethality factors, firearms, etc.)		
<b>Rhode Island</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unclear</li> <li>There is a <a href="#">DV training and monitoring unit</a>.</li> <li>However, it is more related to investigation and police work</li> </ul>	No information found	For all judicial training, the state's " <a href="#">Education Office</a> administers all judicial education programs for state court judges and magistrates"	
<b>South Carolina</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Mandated</a> for magistrates and municipal court judges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trainings are <a href="#">offered throughout the year</a>, in various counties, and are sponsored by several groups</li> <li><a href="#">Example:</a> From July 2017- June 2018 DV courses for judges and magistrates were offered five times in various counties throughout the state</li> </ul>	The <a href="#">frequency is determined</a> by the "South Carolina Court Administration at the direction of the Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court"	There is a <a href="#">specialized court</a> in Lexington County
<b>South Dakota</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	
<b>Tennessee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandated that continuing DV training is provided to all judges and court personnel dealing in DV</li> <li>DV magistrates are required to fulfill <a href="#">two of their twelve hours</a> of continuing education with DV or child abuse training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tennessee <a href="#">Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization</a> is tasked with setting continuing education minimums</li> </ul>	No information found	
<b>Texas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandated to offer DV training</li> <li><a href="#">Four of a judge's first twelve hours</a> of mandated training must cover trafficking and child abuse/neglect, as well as, two topics from a list including gender</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Court of Criminal Appeals</a> administers judicial education</li> <li>The state's Judicial Branch's <a href="#">webpage</a> links to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (an</li> </ul>	<a href="#">family violence includes</a> violence against: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>family/household members;</li> <li>child of the family/household member;</li> </ul>	

	<p>bias, eliminating trauma, dynamics and effects of being a victim, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After a judge's first year, five hours of the specialized training listed above is required each year</li> <li>• If a judge does not comply with required family violence training the overseeing body (criminal appeals) must report the judge to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct</li> </ul>	<p>organization working towards DV training and awareness)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCJFCJ is also listed as a preapproved organization from which to obtain education credits</li> <li>• "<a href="#">Sponsoring organization for any training</a> on issues related to child abuse and neglect must have at least three years' experience in training professionals on child abuse and neglect issues or have personnel or planning committee members who have at least five years' experience in working directly in the field of child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dating violence</li> </ul>	
<b>Utah</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the <a href="#">2018 calendar</a> year, there was 1 (September 13, 12 p.m.- 1 p.m.) CLE offering for DV training for attorneys or judges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "state court administrator is <a href="#">responsible for providing education and training</a> opportunities to judicial branch personnel"</li> <li>• The <a href="#">Judicial Branch Education Committee</a> is responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating comprehensive and continuing education programs for judges</li> </ul>	No information found	
<b>Vermont</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not mandated</li> <li>• Judges <a href="#">can attend national programing</a> with organizations, such</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">funding</a> to attend these national programs</li> </ul>	No information found	

	<p>as National Judicial College to become "informed on important topics such as domestic violence, computer forensics, substance abuse, and human trafficking"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Judicial Branch Education posts links to places like the <a href="#">National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges</a> who host DV workshops and continuing education programs in DV and are committed to DV training work</li> </ul>	<p>come from grants and scholarships</p>		
<b>Virginia</b>	<p>No information found</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Educational Services Department of the Office of the Executive Secretary provides <a href="#">yearly continuing education opportunities and training</a> for all Virginia court system employees. Many statewide and some regional educational conferences are sponsored by the Department for judges, clerks, magistrates, hearing officers, and substitute judges"</li> </ul>	<p>No information found</p>	
<b>Washington</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family court judges are mandated to complete an initial training which includes DV</li> <li><a href="#">Thurston County's</a> initial judicial training includes training in: DV, child development, cultural awareness, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>No information found</p>	<p>No information found</p>	<p><a href="#">Washington State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Summary of Recommendations, 2000 – 2010 Family Law</a> gives several recommendations to the courts which include continuing judicial education that would involve collaboration with DV organizations to</p>

				address a range of DV-related issues
<b>West Virginia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family court judges and magistrates are mandated to complete a <a href="#">minimum of three hours of DV training</a> annually</li> <li>Circuit court judges may also attend but are not mandated</li> <li>Trainings must be done in collaboration under <a href="#">Systemic Change for a Safer State of Family</a></li> <li>This is a collaborative initiative with the WV Supreme Court and other organizations <a href="#">working to</a> prevent DV, support victims, and provide training</li> <li>Cross-trainings are also mandated for judges, court personnel, child welfare workers, attorneys, domestic violence advocates and community service providers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training is developed and is varied, collaborative, and cross-disciplinary</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2017 <a href="#">Annual CIP Cross-Training: Moving Forward Together</a> conference.</li> <li>2017's training was called "Representing the Parent Experiencing Domestic Violence"</li> </ul>	<p>Training <a href="#">must include</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the psychology of DV;</li> <li>battered wife/child syndrome;</li> <li>courtroom treatment of victims;</li> <li>available resources</li> <li>etc.</li> </ul>	
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received federal <a href="#">STOP</a> (Service, training, officers and prosecutors) funds to support DV training, create resources, and create judicial benchcards for judges and court staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal STOP funding/grants are <a href="#">used to</a> develop strategies to "address violent crimes against women"-- including advocacy in court cases</li> </ul>	No information found	<a href="#">Mediators</a> in family court are required to have "training on the dynamics of domestic violence" and its effects on the victim and the children involved
<b>Wyoming</b>	No information found	No information found	No information found	