

GENERAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 19-072

TO: ALL DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

FROM:  JOSEPH P. ESPOSITO
Chief Deputy District Attorney

SUBJECT: ADVANCED VIP TRAINING: OVERCOMING GENDER BIAS IN
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEX CASES – AUGUST 14, 2019

DATE: JUNE 28, 2019

The Training Division is pleased to announce a one-day Advanced Victim Impact Program (VIP) Training to be offered on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (registration begins at 8:00 a.m.) It will be held at:

LADA Training Center – Hall of Records
320 West Temple Street, Room 1140
Los Angeles, CA 90012

This advanced training will cover how to overcome gender bias in domestic violence and sex crimes cases. Speakers include Mieko Failey, Esq, Director of LGBTQ Legal Services at the LGBTQ Center Long Beach and Janis Johnson, VIP DIC Long Beach Branch. They will cover biases that can occur throughout the investigation and prosecution, including identifying and combating community and juror biases. The program will qualify for 6 hours of elimination of bias MCLE credit.

Special Directive (SD) 08-02 (Policy & Procedural Changes Resulting from the Harris Report) requires each deputy district attorney assigned to a VIP team to complete one Advanced VIP Training annually. DDAs must have completed the required VIP 3-Day Comprehensive Course to attend the advanced-level VIP training course.

To register, obtain approval from your Head Deputy & VIP DIC and notify Susan Powers in the Training Division by email at spowers@da.lacounty.gov by Friday, August 9, 2019. DDAs requesting parking in Lot 12 next to the Hall of Justice must include in the enrollment email the year, make, model, color and license plate of the car to be parked. Requests for parking must be made more than 48 hours before the training. The Internal Services Department (ISD) processes parking requests. Depending on parking availability, approval for parking cannot be guaranteed.

If you cannot attend this advanced VIP training, we plan to offer another advanced VIP topic on September 27, 2019. The next VIP 3-Day Comprehensive Course is scheduled for October 16, 17 & 18, 2019. Look for the announcements in future GOMs.

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