



**The Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
&
The Taney County Prosecuting Attorney's Office**

present

**Determining the Dominant
Aggressor
In Domestic Violence Cases**

July 29, 2010
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Taney County Judicial Center Jury Room
Forsyth, MO 65653**

This course includes more on the dynamic of family violence, exploring creative ways to make a determination of the dominant aggressor in a domestic violence case, as well as offering investigation & documentation strategies for optimal success in the resolution of these difficult cases. The course further outlines Missouri law in determining valid claims of self defense & primary aggressor.

The course is certified for 2 hours of POST Continuing Education Legal credits & 2 hours Interpersonal Credit by the Missouri Department of Public Safety POST program or 4 hours of CLE by the Missouri Bar.

Space & materials are limited, please fill out the attached registration form and return it **on or before July 23, 2010**. Attendance is limited to law enforcement, prosecutors and allied professionals.

Please call the Family Violence Resource Prosecutor, Catherine Vannier at (573) 644-2409, or email her at catherine.vannier@ago.mo.gov with questions or concerns.

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Agenda

HOOR 1: Power & Control Tactics

Understanding the history of mandatory arrest & scene manipulation

HOOR 2: When Both Parties Report Violence

The definition of mutual combat, dual v. single arrests & following the Decision Tree

HOOR 3: The Law of Self Defense & 455.085

The definition of probable cause, the requirements of Section 455.085 & what is self defense?

HOOR 4: Tactics in Truth

Questions to ask, forensic injuries to document & ways to look beyond the obvious to protect & serve

About the Presenter

Catherine Vannier

Catherine Vannier has been the Family Violence Resource Prosecutor for the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS) for over 3 years. Catherine's program was created when she started in 2006. The program has expanded over the years to provide resource materials, support and training to prosecutors, law enforcement and allied professionals on the issues surrounding family and sexual violence prosecution. Prior to coming to MOPS, Catherine had accumulated 11 years of experience prosecuting criminal cases. She exclusively handled family violence cases for 6 years. She was instrumental in creating a specialized domestic violence unit in her jurisdiction. During her tenure as an active prosecutor, she learned the importance of coordinating the community's response to violence, sitting as a board member on the local family violence council, as well other police and community task forces and committees. She has given multiple trainings on the investigation & prosecution of family violence cases and continually adapts and improves her work to reflect current law & practices. As part of her presentations, she uses examples from her closed cases as well as other examples she has learned about from her trainings, travel and experience in the field.

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