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District Court Hosts “Helping Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Seek Justice”

Chicago, Ill. – On June 12, 2019, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois hosted “Helping Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Seek Justice,” a seminar for attorneys on assisting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The seminar also aimed to connect attorneys with pro bono and volunteer opportunities with organizations assisting survivors.

“Our court is pleased to host this seminar on sexual assault and domestic violence, critical issues of our time. I commend attorneys who generously volunteer their time and talents to assist individuals in need of representation as they navigate these critical, life-changing matters,” said Chief Judge Rubén Castillo, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

“Though our federal court hears few cases related to sexual assault and domestic violence, those that do come up tend to be among the court’s most sensitive and are often in the context of international child custody disputes and post-conviction matters,” Judge Castillo added.

Seminar speakers included Honorable Rubén Castillo, Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; Cheryl DeMichele Price, Director of Volunteer Services, Domestic Violence Legal Clinic; Margaret Duval, Executive Director, Domestic Violence Legal Clinic; and Rachel Johnson, Senior Staff Attorney, Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation.

The seminar was sponsored by the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic (DVLC), the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE), Chicago Bar Foundation, and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Attorneys interested in volunteering with these organizations, should email the individuals listed below:

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