

Spotlight on the YLC

Young Lawyers Aid in the Fight Against Domestic Violence

The Virginia State Bar Young Lawyer's Conference has joined in the fight against domestic violence. Under the leadership of Maya Eckstein, the chair of the Pro Bono Committee and Subcommittee Chair Marie Diveley, the Young Lawyer's Conference organized and implemented the Domestic Violence Safety Project. The Domestic Violence Safety Project is a joint effort with The Virginia Bar Association and domestic abuse prevention organizations. The Domestic Violence Safety Project is patterned after the American Bar Association's campaign, "Domestic Violence: It's Everybody's Business." It is composed of victim outreach efforts and lawyer education in Virginia.

Victim Outreach Efforts

To provide instruction to domestic violence victims, the Young Lawyer's Conference published a safety brochure and legal pamphlet. The safety brochure provides basic information to victims on how to protect themselves and their children. It tells how victims can remain safe while at work. The legal pamphlet features information on protective orders, divorce and separation, and related issues. The Domestic Violence Safety Project's safety brochures and legal pamphlets were distributed throughout the Commonwealth by domestic abuse prevention organizations, police stations and corporations. A statewide network of lawyers distributed the publications across the Commonwealth.

Lawyer Education Efforts

Lawyers were instructed on how to provide *pro bono* services to Virginian victims of domestic violence through continuing legal education courses, coordinated by the Young Lawyers Conference.

Addressing Domestic Violence Within the Workplace

In addition to receiving support from The Virginia Bar Association and various domestic abuse prevention

organizations, the Young Lawyer's Conference received corporate support from Philip Morris. Maya Eckstein and Savalle Sims spoke at the corporation's annual conference on domestic violence. They outlined the pamphlet's legal advice, and discussed domestic violence issues related to custody, child and spousal support.

If you are interested in assisting in the Young Lawyers Conference's Domestic Violence Safety Project please contact Maya Eckstein at Hunton & Williams in Richmond or Marie Diveley also at Hunton & Williams in Richmond. [↗](#)



Under Julie McClellan's leadership as YLC president, pamphlets that outlined the legal rights of victims of domestic violence were distributed throughout the state.