

# Cultural Responsiveness in Domestic Violence Services

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023 | 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

DEAN ALEXANDER MOOT COURT ROOM | ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

This free event will be livestreamed on Zoom.

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, learn how survivors and victims of domestic violence experience abuse in culturally specific ways and how to practice cultural responsiveness in domestic violence services.

## PRESENTERS:

### Prof. Jaya Connors

Albany Law School

### Somaia Sharif Zada

Unified Court System's Judges for Career Opportunities for Refugees

### Demekia Santana

Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties

### Anna Breitegger '24

Women's Law Caucus at Albany Law School

### Hon. Lisa M. Fisher (moderator)

Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department

### Elizabeth Cronin

NYS Office for Victim Services

### Lindsey Crusan-Muse

St. Peter's Crime Victim Services for St. Peter's Health Partners

### Remla Parthasarathy

Empire Justice Center, Crime Victims Legal Network

### William Rivera (moderator)

Opportunities for Otsego Violence Intervention Program

### Keri Boedigheimer

Rensselaer County Domestic Violence Courts

### Hon. Esther M. Morgenstern

Supreme Court, Kings County, Brooklyn Integrated Domestic Violence Court

### Hon. Brian D. Burns

Supreme Court, Otsego County Integrated Domestic Violence Court

### Hon. Rebecca A. Slezak '96 (moderator)

Supreme Court, Montgomery County Integrated Domestic Violence Court

## SCHEDULE:

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Program

12:00 p.m. Lunch

Refreshments provided courtesy of Vella Carbone & Vinson, LLP, and Copps DiPaola Silverman, PLLC.

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