



# AEQUITAS



## Advocate Expert Witness Testimony Training

Wednesday May 1, 2024

- 7:30-8:30AM**      **Check-in and Breakfast**
- 8:30-9:00 AM**      **Introductions and training overview**
- 9:00-9:45 AM**      **Understanding and Explaining Victim Behavior**  
This presentation will describe common victim behaviors and sexual assault dynamics as well as their impact on factfinders' assessments of victim credibility.
- 9:45-10:45 AM**      **Practical Prosecution Problems**  
9:00-9:20      Round A  
9:20-9:40      Round B  
9:40-10:00      Round C
- 10:45-11:00 AM**      **Break**
- 11:00-11:30 AM**      **Admissibility of Expert Testimony**  
This presentation will summarize the laws and rules of evidence related to the introduction of expert testimony to explain victim behavior.
- 11:30-12:15 PM**      **Using Expert Witnesses**  
This presentation will identify experts who are qualified to testify on this issue, and it will identify ways to work with experts to prepare a case for trial, even if the testimony will not be introduced. This presentation will provide an overview of the parameters of such testimony.
- 12:15–1:00 PM**      **Lunch**
- 1:00-1:45 PM**      **Mock Testimony Preparation**  
Attorneys and experts will be diverted to assigned breakout rooms and work in pairs to prepare for their direct and redirect testimony. The attorneys should prep their expert for anticipated cross-examination issues.
- 1:45-3:30 PM**      **Mock Testimony Exercises**  
Each breakout room will consist of 10 people per room with 5 attorney/expert pairs practicing. Each room will have one faculty facilitator. Each attorney/ expert pair will have up to 15 minutes for expert qualification and direct testimony. There will then be 5 minutes for feedback.
- 3:30-3:45 PM**      **Break**
- 3:45-4:30 PM**      **Model Testimony Presentation**
- 4:30-4:55 PM**      **Q&A with Model Testimony Expert and Faculty Facilitators**
- 4:55-5:00 PM**      **Wrap-up and Adjourn**