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YWCA AND LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN TEAM UP TO EDUCATE THE LEGAL COMMUNITY ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Second Annual Legal Challenge Offers Free CLE's to Local Attorneys

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The YWCA of Nashville & Middle Tennessee is partnering with the Marion Griffin Chapter of the Lawyers' Association for Women (LAW) to engage the broader legal community in Nashville to become more aware of the epidemic of violence against women.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Legal Challenge is available throughout the month and until the end of this calendar year. The initiative seeks to engage attorneys who are not normally on the front-lines of domestic violence issues to learn more and become involved in solving the problem.

“LAW is committed to educating our members on issues of domestic violence to enable lawyers to address this epidemic,” said Laura Baker, shareholder in the Law Offices of John Day and president of the local LAW chapter. “Domestic violence does not discriminate. Regardless of their area of practice, an attorney may encounter a victim and can make a difference by helping her locate resources to leave an abusive relationship. Knowledge is important to identifying and assisting victims of domestic violence.”

The Legal Challenge is an on-line CLE course that can be taken by members of LAW or any attorney licensed in Tennessee. After reviewing the materials, the attorney will be prompted to take a short quiz. Upon the successful completion, the attorney will earn one free CLE credit hour. The Legal Challenge curriculum covers several areas, including the cost and dynamics of domestic violence, safety planning, and how attorneys can help survivors.

“Recent high-profile cases are reminders that there are still too many people suffering at the hands of an abusive spouse or partner,” said Davidson County District Attorney General and YWCA Board Member Glenn Funk. “Being able to understand the complexities of domestic violence situations is the first step any attorney can take toward assisting the victims.”

Last spring, the YWCA recognized the law offices with the greatest individual participation in the Legal Challenge at the annual [Spring Breakfast](#).

To learn more or to take the Legal Challenge, visit www.ywcalegalchallenge.com.

For more than 115 years, the YWCA has helped women, girls, and families in Nashville and Middle Tennessee move from safety to self-sufficiency. We operate the largest domestic violence shelter in Tennessee along with a 24-hour a day, seven-day a week crisis and information line. The YWCA offers a Family Literacy Center with free GED and HiSET prep classes and mentors elementary and middle school girls through Girls Inc. The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. For more information, visit www.ywcanaashville.com.

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