

## A CLE sponsored by the Monroe County Public Defender's Office

*in coordination with the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services, Appellate Defender Council*

### The DVSJA in Trial Court & Post-Conviction

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. [Teams (NEW!) Access begins at 11:45 a.m.]

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting [you do not need a Teams account to access this CLE]

Description: *For trial and appellate counsel, and other members of the defense team, including social workers, investigators, and other non-lawyer advocates.\** This CLE will provide an overview of how to seek reduced sentences under the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act, at initial sentencing and post-conviction. Attendees will learn the difference between retroactive and prospective sentencing relief, and why DVSJA claims arising after August 2019 must be raised in trial court. The program will offer practical tips for client interviewing and investigation, working with experts, and how to utilize the DVSJA during plea negotiations. Using illustrative cases, it will also cover current “hot topics” in DVSJA litigation, including how to establish a temporal nexus between abuse and offense and whether the DVSJA hearing can be waived as part of a plea bargain.

CLE Credit: Areas of Professional Practice – 1; Skills - 1  
Appropriate for newly admitted and experienced attorneys

*\*CLE Credit is only available for attorneys. Other defense team members may register and view the program but will not receive any type of credit.*

Cost: FREE

#### Presenter:

**Elizabeth L. Isaacs, Esq.** is a Supervising Appellate Attorney at the Statewide Appellate Support Center at the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services, where she provides technical assistance and training to defense teams, focusing on supporting advocacy under the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act. Elizabeth co-chairs the Statewide DVSJA Defender Task Force and is an Advisory Group member with the Survivors Justice Project. Before joining ILS, Elizabeth co-taught the Criminal Defense and Advocacy Clinic at Brooklyn Law School, working with criminalized survivors on DVSJA resentencing applications and other decarceration advocacy. Prior to teaching, she was a Supervising Attorney at the Criminal Appeals Bureau of the Legal Aid Society of New York City and clerked for Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman of the New York Court of Appeals. Elizabeth obtained her J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and B.A. from Wesleyan University.

*This continuing legal education course has been approved in accordance with the requirements of the Continuing Legal Education Board for a maximum of 1 hour in Professional Practice and 1 hour in Skills credits.*

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