

POWER ACT

2025 Webinar & Presentation

Tuesday, September 16 at 2:00 PM

**Hosted by U.S. District Court, James M. Fitzgerald Courthouse, Anchorage,
Courtroom 3**

1.5 General CLE and 1.0 Ethics Credits approved by the Alaska Bar Association

2:00-3:30 Webinar viewing

3:30-3:45 Refreshment break

3:45-4:45 Presentation by Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual
Assault (ANDVSA)

The POWER Act requires the Chief Judge of each Judicial District to hold at least one annual event “in partnership with a State, local, tribal or territorial domestic violence service provider or coalition and a State or local volunteer lawyer project, promoting pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and engage citizens in assisting those survivors.”

The webinar will feature three experts to discuss topics related to domestic violence, historic trauma, and issues of access to justice:

- Meredith Drent, Chief Justice, Osage Nation Supreme Court and Chief Judge, Tulalip Tribal Court
- Bree R. Black Horse, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Eastern District of Washington
- Keely Linton, Executive Director at Strong Hearted Native Women’s Coalition, Inc.

The ANDVSA Presentation will feature two speakers to discuss topics related to domestic violence in Alaska and opportunities for pro bono work.

- Christine Pate, Legal Program Director
- Katy Soden-Ruff our Senior Attorney

The deadline for registration for the webinar only is Friday, September 5, 2025. Register here:
[2025 Ninth Circuit POWER Act Webinar.](#)

There is no deadline or registration necessary to attend the webinar viewing and ANDVSA presentation being held in-person at the U.S. District Court.

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