

2010 Victim Rights Event

A New Era, New Partnerships, Creative Collaborations:

Looking Ahead in the Victim Rights Movement

Keynote Speaker

Bruce Shapiro, Executive Director, Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma
Mr. Shapiro is Executive Director of the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma, based at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in New York City. The Dart Center is a global resource center and think tank for journalists covering violence, conflict and tragedy, linking news professionals with clinicians, researchers, and victim advocates. As a journalist Bruce Shapiro has reported widely on human rights, criminal justice, civil liberties and politics, and since the mid-1990s has written extensively on crime victims and American society. He is a contributing editor at *The Nation* and has also written for *New York Times Magazine*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Guardian* and many other publications. He has also been featured as a commentator on BBC, CNN, Fox News and NPR, and contributes a weekly report on American politics and culture to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Radio National. Since 1994 he has taught investigative journalism at Yale University. Mr. Shapiro is the author of *Shaking the Foundations: 200 Years of Investigative Journalism in America*, and is co-author of *Legal Lynching: The Death Penalty and America's Future* with Reverend Jesse Jackson and Representative Jesse Jackson Jr.

Harassment Prevention Order Speakers

Stephanie DeCandia (BARCC) Stephanie is the Manager of System Advocacy and Policy Development at the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC). She oversees the Legal Advocacy/Case Management Program and collaborates with community and government agencies. Stephanie is also a BARCC trainer for legal sexual assault issues and a part-time lecturer at Northeastern University where she teaches a course on Sexual Assault Counseling and Education. She brings her 10+ years of working directly with survivors of sexual violence to her work on the system and policy levels. Stephanie brought her expertise and remarkable leadership to the team of attorneys and others who helped bring the 2010 landmark Massachusetts Harassment Prevention Order legislation to fruition.

Sue Finegan (Mintz-Levin) Sue is a member in the firm's Boston office, practicing in the Litigation Section. She currently serves as the Chair of the Pro Bono Committee and focuses exclusively on managing the firm's pro bono efforts. Sue manages the firm's multifaceted pro bono program, consisting of 400 varied cases throughout Mintz Levin's eight offices. Her pro bono experience has primarily focused in the last decade on sexual assault and domestic violence. In addition to representing hundreds of individual domestic violence and sexual assault victims, she led a team of Mintz Levin lawyers who successfully worked to pass the groundbreaking Harassment and Prevention Order legislation this year. From 2004-2007, Sue served as Legal Director of the Victim Rights Law Center, overseeing civil legal services to sexual assault survivors in Massachusetts, and providing training and technical assistance to federally funded legal services programs nationwide. In addition to her role as Legal Director, she served as the Center's Interim Executive Director in 2005. Sue is also active with the Boston Bar Association and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Bar Foundation. In addition Sue was appointed as a member of the Governor's Judicial Nomination Commission. In 2006, she was appointed to the Massachusetts Trial Court's Gender Equality Advisory Board, and in 2009 received the Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly "Women of Justice" Award.

Emerging Leadership Workshop Panelists

Nancy Scannell - Director of Policy and Planning (Moderator)
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC)

Heidi Gosule—Assistant District Attorney
Middlesex District Attorney's Office

Tom King—Executive Director
Massachusetts Children's Alliance

Paula Gomez-Stordy — Program Director
Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC)

Joanne Timmons—Domestic Violence Program Coordinator
Boston Medical Center