

NATIONAL JUDICIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

TO PROMOTE EQUALITY FOR WOMEN AND MEN IN THE COURTS*

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Gender, Justice & Law: From Asylum to Zygotes— Issues and Resources for Judicial, Legal and Continuing Legal Education

Most people connect the phrase “gender-related issues in the courts” to a few topics such as custody and rape. But gender bias and gender fairness are concerns across the spectrum of civil, criminal, family law and juvenile law and in the practice and teaching of law itself. These issues must be addressed in contexts as disparate as bankruptcy, evidence, immigration, sentencing, taxation, law and psychiatry and the right to die, to name just a few. A generous grant from The Atlantic Philanthropies enables the National Judicial Education Program (NJEP) to bring you a new resource that addresses the full range of these concerns, *Gender, Justice & Law: From Asylum to Zygotes—Issues and Resources for Judicial, Legal and Continuing Legal Education*. The authors are NJEP Director Lynn Hecht Schafran and Elizabeth J. Vrato.

Securing gender fairness in our legal institutions is a permanent challenge that requires ongoing attention and education. *Gender, Justice & Law* is intended for the following uses and audiences:

- Judicial branch education;
- Education for court and court-related personnel;
- Continuing legal education;
- Law school education;
- Judges;
- Court and court-related personnel;
- Lawyers;
- Law professors;
- Law students; and
- Others involved in the justice system who want to deepen their personal knowledge of gender fairness issues.

Gender, Justice & Law covers 62 areas of substantive and procedural law as well as issues related to law practice and law teaching and highlights the particular concerns for women in each of these areas. For the full table of contents go to:

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Gender, Justice & Law summarizes the issues in each area addressed and provides an annotated list of resources useful for learning about these issues, teaching about them, and integrating them throughout the judicial, legal and continuing legal education curriculum. These resources include:

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- articles
- books and book chapters
- empirical studies
- model curricula
- reports of the state supreme court task forces on gender bias in the courts
- videos
- websites

How to Use *Gender, Justice & Law*

Gender, Justice & Law: From Asylum to Zygotes is intended to suggest subject matter for a wide variety of education programs and research. It is presented in a 3-ring binder so that sections can easily be copied and distributed and new resources can be added to the sections. Sections can be given to relevant committees, organizations and individuals involved in judicial branch education, education for court and court-related personnel, continuing legal education or law school education. *Gender, Justice & Law* is also intended for individual judges, court personnel, lawyers, law professors, law students and others involved in the justice system who want to expand and deepen their personal knowledge of gender fairness issues.

Resources Update Website

Resources relevant to the material presented in *Gender, Justice & Law* are continuously being published. NJEP will post updated resources on the website www.njep.org/genderjustice as they become available. We welcome your suggestions for additions. Please send them to us at njep@legalmomentum.org ; Subject: Gender, Justice and Law.

Our grant from The Atlantic Philanthropies allows us to distribute a significant number of copies of *Gender, Justice and Law* for **FREE**. There is only a \$10 cost of shipping and handling within the United States. If you would like more information, are interested in receiving this publication or know others who would be interested, please email the National Judicial Education Program at njep@legalmomentum.org, Subject: Gender, Justice & Law. Please include in the email your name, shipping address, telephone number and how many copies you would like. Checks for shipping and handling should be made payable to Legal Momentum and mailed to the Legal Momentum/National Judicial Education Program, 395 Hudson Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10014. If you wish to pay by credit card please call NJEP at (212) 925-6635.