

## **NEW BOOK: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ABUSE AND CHILD CUSTODY**

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Maureen Hannah and I will soon submit our manuscript for a new book to our publisher Civic Research Institute. More than 25 of the leading experts in the U.S. and Canada have contributed chapters to this book. These experts include judges, lawyers, psychiatrists, psychologists, sociologists, journalists and domestic violence advocates. We have brought together the most up-to-date research and information about domestic violence, child abuse and custody. We are hopeful this information can be used to change the outcomes we are seeing in all too many domestic violence custody cases.

The material is suitable for training students in law, psychiatry, psychology, social work, education, journalism, sociology and other fields. It would be particularly useful to train judges, law guardians, GALs, evaluators, therapists, child protective caseworkers and other professionals in the custody court system. Lawyers for protective mothers will be able to use the information to prepare their expert witnesses and challenge the unqualified professionals often relied on by the court. Many good ways to discredit evaluators are contained in the book. The information can also be cited in motion papers and for appeals.

We are excited that this is a book that could change the broken system. We are hoping the book will be available early next year. I will provide more information, as we get closer to publication.