

DOMESTIC ABUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR FAMILY LAW SECTION

Description of the DA Committee

The Domestic Abuse (DA) Committee is a standing committee of the Family Law Section. Any member of the Section may participate as a member of the DA Committee, although notices of meetings will go out to only those Section members who indicate to the Committee Chair that they are interested in participating and in receiving notices of meetings.

The DA committee's mission is to assess and provide commentary (to the section and others) on the effect of any proposed policy or law on victims or perpetrators of domestic violence and their children. The committee seeks to determine what family lawyers in Minnesota can do to prevent domestic violence by engaging in best practices no matter whether they are representing the victims or representing perpetrators of domestic violence.

Responsibilities of the Chair

The Chair of the Domestic Abuse Committee shall:

- (1) Lead and facilitate the work of the DA Committee and facilitate its work towards the goals of the DA Committee
- (2) Convene meetings ensuring that advance notice to committee members is provided, whether by mail or email, in a timely manner. Chairs should aspire to provide at least 2 weeks notice and to schedule meetings at the same times each month in order to facilitate the participation of all members, including those from Greater Minnesota. Meetings should be held at least once every two months.
- (3) Ensure that minutes of the meetings are taken and distributed
- (4) Serve as representative of the DA Committee and advocating for its views and positions in all appropriate settings, including Family Law Section meetings.

(5) Facilitate the full and timely examination of proposed or existing policy and laws to determine how they affect perpetrators or victims and their children and convey those findings to such other committees as the Legislative Committee, the Executive Committee, as well as the Section membership.

(6) Keep abreast of developments in the family law and domestic violence law field so as to promote best practices for practitioners statewide.