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DISCUSSING

LITIGATION ABUSE: A MECHANISM OF POST- SEPARATION COERCIVE CONTROL IN INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE



After separation, domestic abusers often present themselves as concerned, loving parents seeking legal remedies while actually using the court system to continue harassing and controlling their ex-partners.

Domestic abuse does not end with separation. It frequently shifts into new forms, including false or exaggerated allegations made to courts, police, and child protective agencies to discredit survivors and create judicial bias.

When such litigation abuse is mislabeled as mere “high conflict,” courts are less likely to impose orders that stop abusive legal tactics.



**Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Lisa Fontes, Ph.D**

Learning Objectives

- Define litigation abuse and identify common patterns and red flags.
- Explain harms litigation abuse causes to survivors, children, and the justice system.
- Differentiate litigation abuse from high-conflict cases to guide appropriate judicial responses.
- Describe remedies and interventions that limit abusive use of courts and protect survivors.
- Summarize the Domestic Violence Program for Men, including curriculum, goals, and benefits.

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