



Founded in 1994, the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence is the only national organization that focuses exclusively on improving the legal response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Commission addresses the acute need to increase the number of well-trained and supported attorneys providing representation to victims by:

- (1) providing in-person, web-based, and telephonic technical assistance and continuing legal education opportunities for attorneys, law students, and allied legal advocates;
- (2) advocating for full-funding for the Violence Against Women Act and other federal legislation increasing and improving services and support for victims of domestic violence;
- (3) collaborating with other ABA entities and national organizations to improve the systemic legal response to domestic violence.

To learn more about the Commission and its activities, please visit our website at www.abanet.org/domviol.

**Chief Counsel/Director
Washington, DC**

The American Bar Association seeks a Chief Counsel to oversee and manage its multidisciplinary Commission on Domestic Violence, based in Washington DC.

Responsibilities: The Chief Counsel, working closely with the Commission leadership, is responsible for formulating and implementing Commission activities. This covers a wide array of substantive initiatives designed to assist lawyers representing victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Among these activities, the Chief Counsel participates in and oversees the design and conduct of continuing legal education programs; provision of legal technical assistance; publication of legal manuals, treatise and texts; development of policy positions for ABA consideration; and the collaboration with other national domestic violence organizations and programs on special projects, including state and federal legislation. The position also entails substantial managerial responsibilities, including staff supervision; budget management and oversight; fund raising (primarily through grants); and liaising with other entities, both within and outside the ABA including donors, partners and collaborators.

Qualification: Qualified applicants must have a law degree and bar admission in at least one U.S. jurisdiction; a commitment to ending domestic violence; and at least eight years of legal experience in the domestic violence field. Experience representing victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking in contested civil litigation is preferred. Candidates must have substantial management, legal writing, public speaking, policy development, and fund raising experience and skills. Experience working on national policy and legislative issues, staffing boards or commissions, and interacting with other national domestic violence organizations and with the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, is highly desirable. Some travel is required.

Organization: The American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership in the world. With more than 400,000 members, the Association, through the Commission on Domestic Violence, is uniquely situated to advance law reform and to improve legal representation. As such, the Chief Counsel, if not already, will become a national recognized domestic violence legal expert

Application: Interested candidates should visit <http://new.abanet.org/hr/default.aspx> and search for “domestic violence” to submit an application. The American Bar Association is an Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F/D/V.