

Seminar to Law Professionals on combating violence against women and girls in Cyprus

Seminar Program

30 March, 2015

Hotel Altius, Nicosia



The Seminar is co-organized by the Office of the Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights and the Cyprus Bar Association



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Monday, March 30th, 2015

➤ **08:30 - Registration–Welcome Coffee**

Coordinator (Facilitator): Laris Vrahimis, *Member of the Board of the Cyprus Bar Association*

➤ **09:00 - Welcome notes from the Organizers**

- **Eliza Savvidou**, *Commissioner of Administration and Human Rights (Ombudsman)*
- **Doros Ioannides**, *President of the Cyprus Bar Association*

Presentation: Louiza Christodoulidou-Zannetou, *Attorney of the Republic*
“Legislative framework of combating violence against women in Cyprus”

➤ **09:30 - Session 1**

- *The dynamics of DV, its impacts and the culture that sustains it.*
- *Coercive control.*
- *Rape and sexual abuse in a domestic violence context.*
- *VAW peculiar to ethnic minorities.*
- *Issues about getting and sustaining complaints.*
- *Private family law issues.*

Presentation and Discussion: Vera Baird QC, *Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria*

➤ **10:45 - Coffee break**

➤ **11:00 - Session 2**

- Key differences between Cyprus law and UK law.
- Deriving and considering best practice for court hearings, including sentencing, for all forms of domestic abuse, sexual abuse and also VAW peculiar to ethnic minorities.
- Lessons from recent court observations in UK.

Presentation and Discussion: Vera Baird QC, Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria

➤ **12:30 - Coffee break**

➤ **12:45 - Session 3**

- Wider VAWG
 - Stalking
 - Trafficking
 - Prostitution
 - Sexual exploitation as a serious organized crime

Presentation and Discussion: Vera Baird QC, Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria

➤ **14:00 - End of the seminar - followed by lunch**

Objective of the Seminar

The General Objective of the Seminar is to inform and educate Law Professionals in Cyprus on legal issues related to violence against women and girls, and to assist them in their efforts on combating the phenomenon of gender violence

Persons responsible for the organization of the Seminar

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Venue of the Seminar

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