

TAMPA

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

CHESTER H. FERGUSON LAW CENTER

1610 N. TAMPA ST

TAMPA, FL 33602

Presenters

Jeff Dion, Esq.
Chelsie Lamie, Esq.
Todd Michaels, Esq.
Paul Rebein, Esq.
Joe Saunders, Esq.

ORLANDO

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Orlando Country Club

1601 Country Club Drive

Orlando, FL 32804

Presenters

Jeff Dion, Esq.
Richard Newsome, Esq.
Michael Quinn, Esq.

MIAMI

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

St. Thomas Law School

16401 NW 37th Ave.

Miami Gardens, FL 33054

Presenters

Jeff Dion, Esq.
Phil Gerson, Esq.
Mike Haggard, Esq.
John Leighton, Esq.

Palm Beach

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

The Lake Pavilion

101 South Flagler Drive

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Presenters

Jeff Dion, Esq.
Brad Edwards, Esq.
Jeff Herman, Esq.
Susan Ramsey, Esq.

CIVIL JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME IN FLORIDA

If you can't answer these questions, how can a victim?

- What do victims gain through civil actions?
- What civil options are available to victims?
- How can civil actions help victims of homicide, stalking, rape, child sex abuse, domestic violence, drunk driving, fraud, elder abuse and identity theft?
- Where can victims find a lawyer?
- What is the appropriate role of a victim service provider?

Who should attend?

- Victim advocates working in government agencies and community based organizations;
- Mental health service providers;
- Law enforcement officers;
- Social Workers;
- Sexual Assault and Forensic Nurse Examiners;
- Prosecutors
- Policy Makers
- Probation and Parole Officers; and
- Victims of Crime.

The training seminars are **free**, but space is limited. Register now on-line! Go to

www.victimsofcrime.org/training

The information on these seminars will be tailored to Florida law. Register no later than November 23rd, 2015. For more information, call The National Center for Victims of Crime at **202-467-8700**.

Co-sponsored by:

- Florida Sheriffs Association
- The Florida Council Against Sexual Violence
- The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Florida Police Chiefs Association
- MADD
- St. Thomas University School of Law

The National Center for Victims of Crime is the nation's leading resource and advocacy organization dedicated to helping victims of crime rebuild their lives.

About the Presenters

Jeffrey Dion

Jeff Dion has championed crime victims' rights for more than two decades. Jeff began advocating for victims in 1982, when his twenty-three year old sister, Paulette, was murdered by a serial killer. In honor of his sister's memory, Jeff lobbied the Virginia General Assembly, resulting in 13 victims' rights bills being enacted into law. In 1998, Jeff joined the staff of the National Center for Victims of Crime, where he currently serves as the Director of the National Crime Victim Bar Association

Brad Edwards

Mr. Edwards practices in the fields of Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, and Commercial Litigation, with a primary focus on representing crime victims and their families. The bulk of his practice is devoted to Negligent Security / Premises Liability and Sexual Abuse cases.

Phil Gerson

Mr. Gerson is a Charter member and past President of the Advisory Board of the National Crime Victims Bar Association. He is a frequent lecturer and author on subjects relevant to his specialties. His practice is limited to plaintiffs' personal injury and wrongful death cases with a focus on crime victims and third party liability for criminal acts, medical malpractice, defective products, brain injury and other complex litigation.

Mike Haggard

Is a compassionate, empathetic and a fervent advocate for victims of crime, dedicating his career to the pursuit of justice on behalf of his clients in the courtroom securing unprecedented awards and as an activist who continuously lobbies for permanent solutions and change through local, statewide and federal legislation.

Jeff Herman

Is a nationally-recognized trial lawyer and advocate for survivors of rape, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. He is a trailblazer in the representation of victims of sexual abuse, devoting 100% of his practice to the cause. Over his career he has represented hundreds of brave men, women and children.

Chelsie Lamie

Chelsie has won numerous awards related to trial advocacy. She focuses her practice on car accidents, motorcycle accidents, wrongful death and negligent security cases. As part of her negligent security practice, Chelsie routinely brings claims against nightclubs for inadequate security that results in patron injury or death. Chelsie is also a certified rape crisis counselor and has represented many women, children and men who have been the victims of rape or molestations at hotels, spas, schools and churches.

John Leighton

Mr. Leighton represents victims of sexual assault and sex abuse, including those who are victimized by institutional and corporate cover ups. Because many institutions in this country turn a blind eye to abuse committed by their employees or volunteers, sexual abuse and sexual assault continues to traumatize generation after generation

Todd Michaels

In 2002, Todd received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1999 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. Todd handles a wide array of the firm's cases involving wrongful death and catastrophic personal injury, representing clients who were injured through the negligence of others. His practice involves negligent security and other injury cases.

Richard Newsome

Rich Newsome is the senior partner of the Newsome Melton law firm and represents families and individuals who have experienced catastrophic injuries caused by defective products. Rich is passionate about helping his clients and ultimately making products safer as the result of product liability litigation. After graduating from the University of Florida College Of Law, Rich worked as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern and Middle districts of Florida.

Michael Quinn

Michael Quinn has always thrived in a competitive environment. It's this sense of competition that led Michael to a career in law. Today, Michael champions for clients who have been victims of crime or have experienced loss due to defective products or negligent security. His leadership and strategic forethought have resulted in positive resolutions for some of the most complex cases in this arena

Susan Ramsey

Ms. Ramsey's professional experience began as a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Yale New Haven Hospital. While pursuing her Bachelor's Degree, she was a counselor with the New Haven Rape Crisis Program. During her time with the Program, Ms. Ramsey counseled sexual assault survivors and performed seminars for local police departments, universities, and high schools. During her time working as a registered nurse, Ms. Ramsey decided to attend law school.

Paul Rebein

Paul Rebein has a passion for helping victims of crime. His 23 years of experience and deep understanding of the law empower him to fight for justice for his clients. Paul has won and favorably settled thousands of cases, ranging from personal injury and auto accident litigation to high-profile civil rights lawsuits. Paul routinely brings claims against nightclubs for inadequate security that results in patron injury or death.

Joseph Saunders

Founded the firm in 1987 after serving six years as counsel for Pinellas County Florida. Attorney Saunders is admitted to practice law in California and Florida. Saunders is among fewer than 1% of attorneys in Florida who are Board Certified as a Civil Trial Lawyer by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and the Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization. Saunders & Walker represents seriously injured or abused persons and the families of victims of crime whose lives have been adversely affected by the negligence of others.