



# National Judicial Education Program

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**E**stablished in 1980, the National Judicial Education Program to Promote Equality for Women and Men in the Courts (NJEP) is a unique, award-winning project of Legal Momentum in cooperation with the National Association of Women Judges.

NJEP educates judges, attorneys, and justice system professionals about the myriad ways in which gender bias and myths and misconceptions about the social and economic realities of women’s and men’s lives can undermine fairness across the spectrum of criminal, civil, family and juvenile law. NJEP has also designed and presented programs for judicial colleges and organizations, bar associations, and law schools across the country. In addition to developing and presenting model curricula, NJEP creates DVDs and web courses and publishes frequently in publications such as *Judicature* and *The Judge’s Journal*.

## State and Federal Task Forces on Gender Bias in the Courts:

NJEP’s judicial education programs prompted state supreme courts and federal circuit councils nationwide to establish task forces to examine gender bias in their own jurisdictions and recommend reforms. The first was appointed in 1982. In 1988 the Conference of Chief Justices resolved that every Chief Justice should establish such a task force. Over a twenty year period forty-three states and seven federal circuit courts appointed task forces, to which NJEP provided technical assistance.

## Judicial Education About Sexual Assault and Co-Perpetrated Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence:

A particular focus of NJEP’s work is adult victim sexual assault and the intersection of sexual assault and domestic violence. Since its inception, the program has worked with state, federal, and tribal courts to promote the fair adjudication of these cases. NJEP creates and presents an extensive array of materials for in-person, DVD and web-based judicial education about adult victim sexual assault and co-perpetrated sexual assault and domestic violence. The curricula include multidisciplinary research from law, medicine, and the social sciences. These curricula employ interactive teaching techniques and are meant to be adapted for local jurisdictions.

## Technical Assistance for Judges, Judicial Educators and Court Personnel:

NJEP also provides technical assistance for courts, judicial educators, and other professionals interested in designing education programs about gender bias in the courts, sexual assault, the intersection of domestic violence and sexual assault, and judges’ role in these complex cases. In addition, NJEP assists jurisdictions in developing relevant local materials, summarizing key case law, and tailoring our materials to fit the jurisdiction’s specific needs. NJEP’s expert faculty also presents at judicial education programs across the country.

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