Anne Munch, JD

Anne Munch is an attorney with twenty seven years of experience as a career prosecutor and advocate for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. As a subject matter expert for the United States Air Force, the United States Army and the United States Navy, Anne has worked extensively on the development of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response programs in the military.

Ms. Munch attended the University of Denver for her undergraduate and graduate studies and received a BA in psychology and sociology, and then her law degree.

Following law school Ms. Munch spent seven years as a prosecutor for the Denver District Attorney’s office including a rotation in the felony domestic violence and sexual assault unit. She also spent two years as the Chief Deputy District Attorney for the 7th Judicial District in Telluride, Colorado, and two years as the supervisor of the fast track domestic violence unit in the Jefferson County DA’s office in Golden, Colorado.

In addition to her work as a prosecutor, Ms. Munch was the director of the San Miguel Resource Center, a domestic violence and sexual assault program in Telluride, Colorado. She also directed the Ending Violence Against Women Project, a statewide multi-disciplinary training and technical assistance project in Colorado for nine years.

Currently, Ms. Munch is the owner of Anne Munch Consulting, Inc. and works full time providing speaking, training and consulting in the area of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. She provides her services to local, national and military organizations all across the United States, Europe, and also in Asia. She is on the teaching faculty for the National Judicial Education Program and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

**TRAINING SESSION OVERVIEW:**

**Sexual Assault: Naming the Unnamed Conspirator**

The influence of societal attitude ranks high among the many challenges we face in sexual assault cases. Commonly held beliefs about victims, offenders and the meaning of consent all play important roles in how sexual assault cases are understood and handled in our culture. This interactive and high spirited session will examine the influences at work on children, jurors and members of our communities as they consider the question of rape and what it means. Specific examples of sexual assault and “consent” laws, criminal cases and jury decisions will be highlighted. Emphasis will be placed on dynamics at play in non-stranger sexual assault that require specialized methods and strategies for jury selection.

**Meeting the Consent Defense and the Trauma Informed Response**

“Consent” is the most common and most successfully utilized defense in non-stranger sexual assault cases. Traditional practices of investigating and prosecuting sexual assault cases often overlook evidence and strategies that are critical to succeeding. This session will examine how trauma impacts victims in the way they perceive and recall traumatic events with an emphasis on how to document this “psycho-physiological” evidence and how to present it in court. This workshop will examine how to conduct a successful victim interview and how to document and corroborate the lack of consent. The course will be interactive and innovative, includes a combination of lecture, exercises and power point and will provide participants with strategies they can use in their work.