

Trauma-Informed Lawyering Lunch & Learn

Legal Network for Gender Equity Webinar

June 27, 2023 at 12:00 pm ET

Speaker List and Biographies



Bridgette Stumpf (she/her) is the Executive Director of Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC), a position she has held since co-founding the organization in May 2012. As part of this role, Bridgette developed the Legal Services and Pro Bono Programs at NVRDC, which includes: civil legal assistance to survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking in DC Superior Court; representation to college campus survivors through administrative judicial hearings, appeals, and formal complaints to the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights for Title IX violations; and the assertion of crime victims' rights throughout the criminal legal process.

For over a decade, Bridgette has spent her legal career advocating to ensure those impacted by crime are afforded meaningful rights and access to supportive services to mitigate the negative effects of trauma post-victimization. As one of the few victims' rights experts in the country, Bridgette is frequently called to participate in local and national policy conversations around victims' issues—providing expertise to members of the U.S. Congress to increase the transparency of sexual assault prosecutions, and to the DC Council on how to enhance the rights of crime victims through multiple pieces of local legislation.

Bridgette became a certified police instructor in 2009 and is currently part-time faculty at George Washington University, where she teaches Victims, Victimization & the System. She was honored in 2014 by the Women's Information Network (WIN) Young Women Achievement Award (YWA) for her efforts in non-profit advocacy and in 2019 by the Center for Nonprofit Advancement with the Excellence in Chief Executive Leadership (EXCEL) Award, which recognizes innovation, motivation, community building, ethical integrity, and strategic leadership.



Lindsey Silverberg (she/her) is the Deputy Director NVRDC. She oversees the day-to-day operations of the advocacy and case management program. Lindsey directs the Sexual Assault Crisis Response Project, trains and supervises program staff, and manages the data collection and reporting for the organization.

Lindsey has worked as a victim advocate for almost 10 years providing hospital accompaniment for sexual assault survivors, attending court, and offering direct advocacy support to survivors of crime. Prior to joining NVRDC, Lindsey worked as an Associate Project Director at Danya International where she managed several federal public health research grants, developed educational content, and designed and implemented research evaluations. Lindsey also worked as the Manager of Outreach and Student Services at the University of Maryland's Office of the Victim

Advocate. She received her B.A. from the University of Maryland and her M.A. from the University of North Carolina Wilmington.