

# Technology-Facilitated Abuse: Recent Developments in the Law and Guidance for Supporting Survivors

## OUR SPEAKERS



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Dr. Mary Anne Franks is the Eugene L. and Barbara A. Bernard Professor in Intellectual Property, Technology, and Civil Rights Law at George Washington Law School. Her areas of expertise include First Amendment law, Second Amendment law, law and technology, criminal law, and family law. Dr. Franks also serves as the President and Legislative & Tech Policy Director of the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative, the leading U.S.-based nonprofit organization focused on image-based sexual abuse.

Her model legislation on the nonconsensual distribution of intimate images (NDII, sometimes referred to as “revenge porn”) has served as the template for multiple state and federal laws, and she is a frequent advisor to the federal government, state and federal lawmakers, and tech companies on privacy, free expression, and safety issues. Dr. Franks is the author of the award-winning book, *The Cult of the Constitution* (Stanford Press, 2019); her second book, *Fearless Speech* (Bold Type Books) was published in October 2024.

She holds a JD from Harvard Law School and a DPhil from Oxford University, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar. She is an Affiliate Fellow of the Yale Law School Information Society Project and a member of the District of Columbia bar.

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Annie Seifullah, Esq. is the Founder and Owner of Incendii Law, PLLC, a woman-owned, woman-led law firm in New York City that specializes in fighting powerful predators including serial abusers, banks and lenders, and prisons. Annie specializes in representing survivors looking to recover money damages from those harmed them -- or the organizations that aided or enabled the abuse that they suffered. Annie's proudest legal achievements include six- and seven- figure payouts to victims of child abuse and sexual assault, a 7-figure settlement against a police force for wrongful imprisonment, and countless final orders of protection for individuals escaping physically, emotionally, and technologically abusive relationships.

Annie's ability to deeply connect to her clients and fiercely advocate for them is an outcome of being a survivor of intimate partner violence and image based sexual abuse (formerly known as "revenge porn"). Relying upon her own experiences and advocacy work, Annie authored the book *Scarlet Hashtag: Transform Your Public Shame into Your Power* to help others who are working to overcome the same. Annie is also the co-chair of the New York Cyber Abuse Task Force, a coalition of agencies, attorneys, and advocates working to end technology-facilitated abuse.

Annie received her Bachelor of Arts from University of Utah in 2001, an M.A. in Secondary English Education from CUNY City College of New York in 2005, and a Juris Doctor from CUNY School of Law in 2018. She lives in Queens with her partner Sam and her son, Khalil, who is the center of her world.



**LINDSEY M. SONG (she/her)**  
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Lindsey M. Song, Esq. is the current Associate Program Director of the Family Law Project, Queens Family Justice Center (QFJC) at Sanctuary for Families. As Associate Program Director, Lindsey supervises the Sanctuary Family Law team at the QFJC in providing consultations, screenings, and representation to intimate partner violence survivors in Queens. Prior to joining Sanctuary in 2015, Lindsey received a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 2014.

Since 2016, Lindsey has lead the New York Cyber Abuse Task Force (NYCATF) as Co-Chair. The NYCATF is a collaboration of agencies, attorneys, and advocates working to end technology-facilitated intimate partner abuse in all its forms, which includes but is not limited to the non-consensual dissemination, or threat of dissemination, of sexual images, including deep fake images (cyber sexual abuse/nonconsensual pornography), hacking, stalking, spoofing, harassment, identity theft, impersonation, and more.

In her time as Co-Chair of the Task Force, Lindsey has become a nationally recognized expert in the area of technology-facilitated abuse and gender-based violence, presenting at White House Roundtables on the issue in 2023 and 2024, and featured in the Atlantic, New York Times, CBS, BuzzFeed News, The New York Post, and other publications for her knowledge and expertise. She has presented at over 150 trainings including technology-facilitated abuse, ethics, evidence, and other related topics to educational, governmental, and nonprofit agencies as well as corporations including the New York City Family Justice Centers, the NYS Unified Court System Family Violence Task Force, NYS Integrated Domestic Violence Courts, several District Attorney's Offices, Bar Associations, the Practicing Law Institute; state, local, and national nonprofits; medical schools; dozens of law firms and local area law schools, and others. Lindsey has also organized dozens of conferences and trainings addressing the intersection of tech abuse and intimate partner violence, including presentations with international representation and advocates from criminal, civil, and related areas of law and policy.