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### **Domestic Violence Summit Strives to Fill in the Blanks for Kentucky Attorneys**

*Covington, KY* (October 7, 2015)—Kentucky House Bill 8, adopted during the last legislative session, will extend civil protections to sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking victims starting January 1, 2016. On October 15, Legal Aid of the Bluegrass will host *The Summit of Interpersonal and Domestic Violence Orders*, a **free** all day event that seeks to answer some of the questions expected to come from the expanded domestic violence laws.

Currently, in Kentucky, couples who do not live together, do not have a child together, and who are unmarried are not protected under the current emergency protection order process. Those who fall into this dating relationship category can file criminal charges against their perpetrators but have no immediate relief from the courts. The new expansion allows victims to petition for interpersonal protective orders regardless of marital status or living situation. “House Bill 8 is a significant development in the field of domestic violence and protective orders. It’s essential that advocates and attorneys alike know the new law in order to protect this vulnerable population,” says Joshua Crabtree, Executive Director of Legal Aid of the Bluegrass.

Just in time for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, participants will hear the interpretation of the amended law from local judges, first responders and other reputable guests. Legal Aid of the Bluegrass is pleased to begin the discussion of the implementation of Kentucky House Bill 8.

**Date:** Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Place:** NKU Mets Center (3861 Olympic Blvd, Erlanger, KY 41018)

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by October 9<sup>th</sup> to [dvsummit2015@lablaw.org](mailto:dvsummit2015@lablaw.org)

This summit features several esteemed speakers including Carol Jordan, Executive Director of the Office for Policy Studies on Violence Against Woman at the University of Kentucky, and Mary Savage, Esq., counsel for the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Participants will view [Private Violence](#), a documentary which explores brutality in the home and have a chance to ask specific questions in regards to their practice.

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