

*COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION*  
Family Violence Program  
Legal Representation for Domestic Violence Survivors Committee  
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Major issues to discuss:

- Definitions for DV vary – The child custody definition narrowly defines DV as physical assault.
- Victim advocates and others understand the issue of “coercive control” (as talked about by Evan Stark) – however, that is not part of the child custody determinations – if it was, what would that mean? Would victims get caught in the net of being labeled perpetrators? How does the court determine and then develop parenting time and decision-making around issues of coercive control?
- What is the role of CFI’s – if the statutes are limited – are the determinations of CFI’s similarly limited?
- Coercive control (if that were the standard) – how would that be proved and what would be appropriate court interventions? (Much of what a perp does is not criminal – and in healthy relationships may be OK – how does one determine.)
- Conflicting orders- who has jurisdiction when