



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Here is your list of activities and events happening this month!

[Check out our website to learn more about Domestic Violence Awareness Month and find our most updated list of events and activities.](#)

Visit our Website



Events / Activities marked with our logo are directly connected to Ascend Justice.

ALL MONTH LONG

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Participate in Trivia Night

Provide support to 6 survivors of gender-based violence and help the Young Professionals Board raise \$7,500 at their always popular Trivia Night on Tuesday, November 7 hosted at Kirkland & Ellis. Teams of 6 compete in rounds of trivia all vying for a victory. This event has sold out! Sponsorship opportunities are available. Register or make a donation.



Follow us on social media

Leading to the Young Professionals Board Trivia Night event, we will be posting trivia questions throughout the month to test your knowledge on topics that we hope will be educational, eye-opening, and actionable. We will also post reminders for the items below as well as any NEW opportunities that become available!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 10:00AM

Survivor Crisis Fund Applications Opens

online application

Audience: survivors who reside in the City of Chicago

The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence established the Survivor Crisis Fund during the pandemic to address critical gaps in the safety net for survivors of gender-based violence and human trafficking.

The Network is accepting applications only for survivors who reside within the City of Chicago starting at 10AM on October 1st and will close when all funding has been distributed.

This one-time funding will be available for survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, and/or trafficking who reside in Chicago as a \$1,000 payment.

Learn all the requirements needed to qualify for this life-changing funding [here](#).

The application can found [here](#).

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Drafting Petitions for Orders of Protection

Zoom

Audience: members of the legal community

Join SHALVA and Ascend Justice for our annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Continuing Legal Education program. Danielle Parisi Ruffatto, Managing Director, Family Law and Protective Orders Division at Ascend Justice, will be discussing the key elements and strategies behind drafting an effective petition for orders of protection. You will be a better advocate for your client's safety after attending this program.

Registration required.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 12:00PM

Annual Ribbon Tying

Swedish Hospital, Galter Medical Pavilion Main Lobby, 5140 N California, Chicago

Audience: general public

Members of Swedish Hospital Community, Swedish Hospital Community Partners, and the General Public are invited to attend and tie a purple ribbon to the tree in the main lobby at Galter Medical Pavilion. These purple ribbons will remain on the tree throughout October to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month and honor those who have been impacted by domestic violence. There will be a short program after the ribbons have been tied to the tree. Those in attendance are invited to wear purple and participate in a group photo.

See flyer for details.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Constitutional Law and Contact in Counterman v. Colorado

Northwestern University, Strawn Hall (MC 195), Chicago

Audience: general public

Domestic violence remains a persistent and serious problem in our society. Join us for a discussion about domestic violence and constitutional issues in Counterman v. Colorado.

Panelists include: Professor Genevieve Lakier, University of Chicago Law School; Latreece Sanders, Family Rescue; Professor Deborah Tuerkheimer, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law; Emily Werth, ACLU of Illinois.

See flyer.

Registration required.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

#PurpleThursday

Audience: general public

Spread awareness about Domestic Violence Awareness Month on #PurpleThursday by wearing purple! Take a photo of yourself (and your family and friends) wearing purple, post it on social media, and use the hashtags: #AJDVAM #PurpleThursday. Be sure tag us too! @AscendJustice



MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Story Slam

Revolution Brewing, 2323 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago

Audience: members of the legal community

*Get to know your fellow justice-minded colleagues in the legal community and enjoy listening to stories of justice shared by volunteers from the audience. Interested in telling a story? Come prepared with a five-minute story related to the theme (justice). Storytellers and listeners alike are encouraged to attend!
This event is complimentary and open to all members of the legal community.
Registration required.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

30th Annual Pro Bono & Community Service Fair

McDermott Will & Emery, 444 W Lake St, Chicago

Audience: members of the legal community

*Ascend Justice will be in attendance at the Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section and the Chicago Bar Foundation's 30th Annual Pro Bono and Community Service Fair. Meet with representatives from Chicago's legal aid, pro bono, community service, and mentoring organizations to find a pro bono or volunteer opportunity that fits your schedule, interests, and goals. Lawyers, law students, and other legal professionals from all backgrounds are welcome.
This event is complimentary and open to all individuals in the legal community.
Registration required.*



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

CommUNITY Resource Fair

YWCA Evanston/North Shore, 1215 Church St, Evanston

Audience: general public

*The YWCA Evanston/NorthShore invited the community to come together to share information and discover support resources.
See flyer for more details*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7:00PM - 9:00PM

FILM SCREENING: What's Love Got to Do with It

Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Ln, Northbrook

Audience: general public

*1993 * Rated R * 118 minutes * In partnership with SHALVA
Based on the life of the legendary soul singer, Tina Turner. Tina moves to St. Louis to pursue a career, and there she meets the charismatic Ike Turner, who rechristens her Tina and offers to help her succeed. As a musical team, Ike and Tina take the charts by storm. But as his physical abuse worsens, Tina has to make the tough decision to leave Ike and set out on her own.
This program will be held live in-person in the auditorium.
Registration requested.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 9:00AM - 4:15PM

Voices United: Brain Injury in Intimate Partner Violence - An Undiagnosed Threat

Swedish Hospital, Anderson Pavilion Auditorium, 2751 W Winona St, Chicago

Audience: general public

*Swedish Hospital's Pathways Program invites you to join them for this important event where they will highlight the lesser known prevalence and health risks presented by brain injury and strangulation in intimate partner violence. Together we will uncover a multidisciplinary approach to caring for survivors and maximizing health outcomes.
See flyer for more details.
Registration required.*

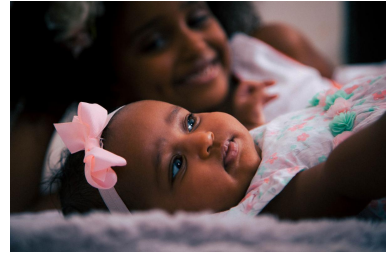
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