

Draft Post-Trial Written Summation

Sanctuary's Family Law Project has been working with Ms. M for a few years, first by helping her obtain an order of protection and a custody order, and later by helping her extend the order of protection for an additional two years. Recently, Sanctuary represented Ms. M. in a visitation trial that occurred after she filed a violation petition due to on-going visitation issues with the father/abuser, who used visitation as a way to exert his power and control over Ms. M without concern for how it was negatively affecting their daughter. The trial on the visitation violation petition occurred before Judge Dawson in the Manhattan Integrated Domestic Violence Court. Sanctuary now needs to submit a thorough and compelling post-trial written summation by November 5, and we are seeking a pro bono attorney to review the transcripts and admitted evidence and draft the written summation. The transcripts contain testimony from several fact witnesses, but no expert witnesses.