

Since the creation of the position during the 1997 Nevada Legislative session, the Domestic Violence Ombudsman acts as a state-level coordinator of system-wide improvements in domestic violence prevention and intervention that will enhance victim safety and increase offender accountability. The Ombudsman participates in various projects and committees in an effort to encourage greater consistency among law enforcement, prosecution, judiciary, and victim services particularly in the areas of service provision, protocol development, domestic violence training, and data gathering. The Ombudsman also participates in efforts to facilitate improvements in interagency coordination that will enhance victim safety and offender accountability. The Ombudsman attends meetings and prepares budgets for the Nevada Committee on Domestic Violence, a new committee that effective July 1, 2017 combined the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, the Vine Sub-Committee and the Fatality Review Team. The roles for each council/committee were not eliminated, they were simply combined into one. Also, due to the connection between domestic violence and human trafficking, this role now includes and expansion for education and awareness on human trafficking and sexual assault.

[NRS 228.440](#) places the position of Domestic Violence Ombudsman within the Office of the Attorney General, and its duties are set forth at [NRS 228.450](#) and [228.460](#). Pursuant to [NRS 228.450-460](#), the Domestic Violence Ombudsman:

1. Provides information, referrals, and other necessary assistance to victims, to the criminal justice system and to the general public and is available to respond to and address complaints and concerns;
2. Provides education and technical assistance to various systems and the general public concerning domestic violence, including available assistance to victims, and available treatment to persons who commit domestic violence; and
3. Administer the court assessment account for programs related to domestic violence ([NRS 228.450](#)).

The Office of the Attorney General frequently receives calls from members of the public requesting information and the opportunity to communicate their concerns at the state level. The domestic violence ombudsman allows the Office of the Attorney General to act as an important source of accurate information, referral, and support in the area of domestic violence. The Ombudsman participates in the following:

- Attorney General's Sexual Assault Kit Working Group
- Nevada Committee on Domestic Violence
- Nevada Arrest & Protection Advocacy Project Working Group Meeting
- Legislative Committee of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence

- The Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Commercial and Sexual Exploitation of Children (C-SEC)
- Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force