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Charge 1 Recommendations	1.1: The Administrative Council of the Judicial Branch should designate a standing branch Domestic Violence Committee to recommend ongoing improvements to the branch's response to domestic violence cases, as set forth above, and make public reports, similar to the Language Access Committee.	1.2: The Circuit Court, through its existing protocol working group, should continue its review and revision of the domestic violence protocols, including its practice of seeking meaningful feedback from a range of stakeholders from outside the Judicial Branch.	1.3: Court staff should continue to refer all who file a petition for a domestic violence order of protection to the applicable crisis center for safety planning.	1.4: An information sheet or brochure should be created by legal services agencies and/or crisis centers about their services, including safety planning, to help plaintiffs understand the measures that can be taken to enhance their safety before and after the defendant has been served with the protective order. The sheet should include the contact information for the local crisis center and could include the contact information for other community resources helpful to survivors.	1.5: NHJB should seek additional state funding for training judicial and non-judicial staff at all court levels on DV issues and traumainformed practices and ensure that reg. training opportunities are provided. Requests may include funding for add 'I staff positions to ensure sufficient staff are available to process emergency filings while reg., ongoing professional development takes place. All CC judges should have the opportunity to attend the NJIDV Enhancing Judicial Skills program.	1.6: Because some courthouses lack private conference rooms available for parties to meet with their attorneys or advocates, the Judicial Branch should continue exploring the possibility of setting up locations for those without home computers or with travel or other restrictions to access remote hearings and/or meet with their attorneys remotely.	Key Code:	Internal External Hybrid	

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Charge 2	2.1:	2.2: The	2.3: The	2.4 : A			Internal	
Recommendations	Representatives	Judicial	Judicial	stakeholder				
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	establish a	additional	additional	the area of			TT1	
	working group	funding to	funding such	domestic			Hybrid	
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	defense	Office of	opportunities	existing New				
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	county	and	and judicial	statutes				
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	attorneys	and the	caseloads are	domestic				
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	protection	partnership	allow for	whether any				
	order cases to	with the	additional	of the areas of				
	discuss how	Battered	time to be	review, set				
	best to	Women's	devoted to	forth above,				
	streamline a	Justice	education.	should be				
	criminal case and a civil	Project, to		advanced				
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Charge 3	3.1: Non-				Internal	
Charge 3 Recommendations	precedential					
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	DV and civil				LACCINAI	
	stalking cases should be				Hybrid	
	published on				Hybrid	
	the Supreme					
	Court website					
	without info.					
	that would compromise					
	confidentiality					
	mandated by					
	the VAWA.					

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Charge 4	Stakeholders	forms should	order of	Superior			Internal	
Recommendations	should create a	be more	protection	Court should				
	flowchart that	easily	should clearly	notify the			External	
	helps plaintiffs	accessible on	and visibly	defendant, at				
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	to file a petition	Branch's	deadline for	arraignment,			119 01 14	
	for a domestic	website.	filing a motion	of the				
	violence	Currently, a	to extend the	consequences				
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	stalking	what court a	about	criminal				
	protective	petition	renewing	conviction in				
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	materials to	to find a form.	should be	and				
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	appropriate, leave them at		website, brochures,					
	court locations.		and videos to					
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Charge 5 Recommendations

5.1.1: The Judicial Branch should publicize the availability of "NH Law About" guides prepared by the whether it is New Hampshire feasible to Law Library regarding domestic violence protective orders. The guides are available on the help **Judicial** Branch's website and at the law library.

5.1.2: Legal **5.1.3**: 603 services Legal Aid organizations should and law explore schools whether should projects similar to explore DOVE could be created to create on enable volunteer creating a program in attorneys help which law survivors students. draft domestic supervised by violence attornevs. petitions and to represent survivors them on complete appeal. domestic Perhaps, the violence North Country pilot program petitions. Perhaps there to provide is a way for unbundled legal law students to work with assistance to domestic survivors at crisis centers, violence with phone survivors

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5.1.4: The **Judicial** Branch should explore the impact and feasibility of regularly allowing volunteer attorneys in domestic violence order of protection cases to appear remotely.

5.1.5: The Access to **Iustice** Commission should continue its efforts to increase the pro bono participation of the private bar. particularly in domestic violence, stalking. restraining order cases. and related appeals.

5.1.6: Victim witness advocates should direct survivors in criminal domestic violence cases to the local crisis center for safety planning with a confidential advocate and to 603 Legal Aid for assessment regarding their civil legal needs.

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5.1.7: NH **5.1.8:** New Hampshire Assistance, in Legal consultation Assistance. with other with help from stakeholders, other including the stakeholders. NHJB, should should seek create a increased "What You appropriations Need To from the state Know" Fact for legal Sheet for services to be survivors of embedded DV that within crisis informs them centers. of the burden of proof

5.2.1: The staffing levels and volunteer base for crisis centers should be increased so that there is an advocate trained to provide courtaccompaniment available at each Circuit Court location. Even if an advocate could not be at a courthouse fulltime, courts and crisis centers should endeavor to identify ways to maximize availability, perhaps by allowing plaintiffs to have remote. direct access to crisis center advocates while at the courthouses.

5.2.2: Local **5.2.3:** Crisis center departments brochures should be made available in court locations around the and to apply state as appropriate. grant money

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Charge 6 Recommendations	6.1: The Governor's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence should be reconvened, a chairperson should be appointed, and funding should be identified to support a coordinator for the Commission.	6.2: A reconvened Governor's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence should rekindle the work of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee and expand its purview to include reviewing near-death cases. If the Commission is not reconvened, the Office of Attorney General should consider this expansion.	6.3: The Domestic Violence Program Manager should continue to convene the quarterly meetings, which recently resumed, between the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and the courts' administrative judges.	6.4: The Statewide Domestic Violence Advisory Council should continue to share concerns with the Judicial Branch and should consider whether a representative from the Judicial Branch, such as the Domestic Violence Program Manager, could be invited to attend the council's meetings or a part thereof.	6.5: Crisis center advocates should continue to share "realtime" issues that arise in specific cases with the Domestic Violence Program Manager.	6.6: The Judicial Branch should seek additional funding so that the Domestic Violence Program Manager has increased administrative support to enhance the work of the proposed Judicial Branch Domestic Violence Committee and related multidisciplinary efforts.	Relationships between crisis centers and courts in their service areas would be strengthened by regular meetings of court staff, judges, crisis center personnel, prosecutors, New Hampshire Legal Assistance, 603 Legal Aid, and victim witness advocates. The Domestic Violence Program Manager could coordinate these meetings.	6.8: Discussions and outreach among the various agencies working in the domestic violence arena should continue on an ongoing basis to strengthen and coordinate efforts to support survivors.	6.9: If feasible, regional centers, akin to the Strafford County Family Justice Center, should be created.		Internal External Hybrid
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Charge 7 Recommendations

- **7.A1:** The Judicial Branch should enhance transparency & accountability by:
- Identifying & implementing means of soliciting more immediate feedback from branch "consumers," in addition to the periodic judicial performance surveys
- Charging the Judicial
 Performance Advisory
 Committee with reviewing the
 current judicial performance
 review process to determine
 how best to obtain more
 meaningful data, consistent
 with the requirements of RSA
 490:32 and Supreme Court
 Rule 56
- Seeking additional appropriations to enhance its ability to collect further data on civil order of protection cases
- Consistent with confidentiality and privacy requirements and applicable collective bargaining provisions, providing meaningful responses to complaints about judicial and non-judicial staff
- Creating a decision tree so that advocates and others know whom to contact when an issue arises at court
- Asking the NHJB Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee to include in its strategic plan exploring and addressing implicit gender bias and bias against survivors of, or defendants in, domestic violence cases

7.B1: There should be standardized training and guidance for law enforcement regarding the relinguishmen t of weapons and the completion of the return of service form in domestic violence cases. 7.B2: Regional multi-agency task forces should be created to ensure effective enforcement of DV firearm prohibitions. The members of each regional task force should include staff from the local prosecutor's office, the county attornev's office, the sheriff's office. and the police department. One way to accomplish

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7.B3: The Office of the Attorney General should explore the barriers to, and develop best practices for, obtaining a search warrant in a domestic violence case pursuant to RSA 173-B:4, II.

7.C1: Stakeholders should approach the legislature about amending the wiretapping statute to allow a domestic violence survivor to record the abuser without his or her consent and to allow the recording to be admitted into evidence.

7.D1: The Batterer's Accountability Committee of the Governor's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence should reconvene to discuss how best to move forward with regard to securing funding to update the 2002 standards and identifying an agency to certify and monitor programs.

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