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## City Attorney Produces Domestic Violence Documentary

*Program intended to provide education, information, and inspiration for victims will premiere this Saturday*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—One in four people will suffer domestic violence in their lifetime. But only 27 percent of women and 13.5 percent of men who are physically assaulted by an intimate partner report their assault to law enforcement, according to a study cited by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Those statistics and others—such as a study that indicates it takes five to seven incidents before victims seek help—compelled City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. to produce a documentary on domestic violence.

**“Domestic violence is a complex issue and may not always be the easiest topic of conversation,”** said City Attorney Richard C. Pfeiffer, Jr. **“We hope to show that Columbus is fairly unique in having such a strong network of people and organizations working together to help victims.”**

The documentary highlights the wide variety of assistance available to victims as the Columbus City Attorney’s Domestic Violence and Stalking Unit, led by Director Anne Murray, works closely with a host of government agencies and community partners. Some of the individuals and organizations featured in the program include:

- Karen Days, President of the Center for Family Safety and Healing
- Municipal Court Judges Ted Barrows, James O’Grady, Andrea Peeples, and Anne Taylor
- Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O’Brien
- Franklin County Sheriff Zach Scott
- Columbus Police Chief Kim Jacobs
- CHOICES
- Capital University Law School Family Advocacy Clinic
- Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO)

Also featured is Katalina Ferguson, a former victim who wanted to tell her story in hopes of inspiring others to overcome their fears and the barriers that often prevent them from seeking help.

**“The Domestic Violence and Stalking Unit has a staff of hardworking advocates and prosecutors whose goal is victim safety and offender accountability,”** said Anne Murray. **“Our team realizes that victim safety extends well beyond the case at hand and we work closely with our partner agencies to offer victims help and options to go forward.”**

The documentary, which is part of City Attorney Pfeiffer's *Just the Facts* series, is scheduled to air on CTV (Channel 3 on Insight and Time Warner and Channel 99 on WOW and AT&T U-Verse) several times in the next week, starting on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

The program also can be viewed [online](#). DVD copies also are available upon request.

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