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# CDV Newsletter

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## Luncheon Honors Pro Bono Attorneys



Attorney General McMaster held a luncheon on June 12, 2007, to honor his criminal domestic violence pro bono attorneys.

The luncheon, sponsored by Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough and the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, honored sixty-three (63) attorneys who have prosecuted cases or are new to the program.



Currently, the Pro Bono program has trained well over one hundred (100) private attorneys, fifty (50) of which are currently active in the program.

The Pro Bono program was an original concept of Attorney General McMaster. Without this program, women and law enforcement officers were often left to prosecute criminal domestic violence cases in summary court. This original concept is helping

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victims throughout the state, giving them proper representation in court.

Through this program, over 2,300 cases have been prosecuted, with an average conviction rate of 70%.

The program regularly works in the counties of Kershaw, Lee, Sumter,

and Pickens and the municipalities of Columbia, Elgin, Orangeburg, West Columbia, and Winnsboro.

 If you are interested in learning more about the program, please visit our website or call Frazier Wilson at 803-734-3745.

**Frazier J. Wilson**  
Program Coordinator  
S.T.O.P. Violence  
Against Women  
Program

# Mark Your Calendars

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



October 1, 2007:

Silent Witness Ceremony

A ceremony to commemorate the lives of the men and women who lost their lives in a domestic violence homicide in 2006. If you would like to help volunteer with this event or learn more, please contact Frazier Wilson at 803.734.3745.

October 25, 2007:

Domestic Violence- It Is Your Business

A Summit for business leaders around the state. If you are a business leader or a human resource director and would like to learn more, please contact Frazier Wilson at 803.734.3745 or Emily Brady at 803.734.4080

## There are only two more trainings left this year.....

July 19, 2007– Orangeburg, South Carolina

November 1, 2007– Conway, South Carolina

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