



**Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition  
Meeting Agenda  
July 19, 2019**

**Mission:** The Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition is committed to improving our community's response to domestic violence issues through communication and coordination of services.

- I. Introductions (5 minutes)**  
Brief introductions around the room: name, organization, and reason for being part of the Coalition
- II. Guest Speaker Presentation (25-30 minutes)**  
Guest Speaker: Catherine Stafford, Judge, Monroe County Circuit Court, Division IV  
Topic: A Judge's Perspective
- III. Staff Update (2 minutes)**  
Stats Booklet
- IV. Information Sharing (10 minutes)**

**Next Meetings:**

**12 p.m., August 16, 2019, McCloskey Room, City Hall**

Guest Speaker: Julia Dotson, Centerstone  
Topic: Seeking Safety

**12 p.m., September 20, 2019, McCloskey Room, City Hall**

Guest Speaker: Jean Capler  
Topic: Domestic Violence and Brain Injuries

**12 p.m., October 18, 2019, McCloskey Room, City Hall**

Guest Speaker: TBD

Catherine Stafford is the Monroe County Circuit Court Judge Seat 3 (Division VI) where she puts her mediation skills to use as a civil court judge focused on civil disputes and divorces. Prior to becoming judge in January 2019, she was a certified family law specialist. Certified by the Family Law Certification Board and registered domestic relations mediator, she has more than twenty years of legal experience. She is the founder of Stafford Law Office, LLC, and serves as an adjunct faculty member at the IU Maurer School of Law where she teaches mediation and modern small firm practice. Raised in Monroe County, she has devoted significant volunteer hours to community efforts including Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), District 10 Pro Bono Project, Monroe County Women's Commission, Navigators of Monroe County, Inc., United Way of Monroe County, and the League of Women Voters. Stafford holds a B.A. in English from Indiana University and a J.D. from the University of Minnesota.



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