



**GERI REDDEN
IS AN EXPERT
IN DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AND
CHILDHOOD ABUSE.**

*Qualified as an expert witness
and has testified in court.*

- BA, Sociology, Webster University
- M.Ed., Counseling, University of Missouri at St. Louis
- Founding member of both local and statewide Coalitions Against Domestic Violence
- Member National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA)
- Testified at passage of the first Adult Abuse Remedies Law in Missouri
- Founder & Executive Director of Redevelopment Opportunities for Women (ROW)
- Founder & Executive Director of National Center for Violence Prevention (NCVP)
- Developed (5) Family Violence Councils in Missouri (Funded by the CDC)
- Has published more than 40 commentaries and articles.
- Educated professionals at workshops throughout the country from 1989 to 1998.
- Appeared on radio and TV shows across the nation.
- Speaker at the First World Conference on Family Violence, Singapore, 1998.
- Represented family violence on the boards of the following organizations:
 - ALIVE (Alternatives to Living in Violence Environments)
 - Missouri Injury Control Committee
 - Governor's Alliance for the Prevention of Disabilities
 - Governor's Task Force for the Department of Mental Health
 - Missouri Department of Health Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Committee
 - Missouri Statewide Child Fatality Review Panel
 - National Johnston Institute Foundation

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75%
of domestic
violence murders
are committed
when the woman
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“Why does a women stay in a violent relationship?”

“BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO STAY ALIVE.”

Domestic Violence and Divorce

Anyone who is the victim of a violent relationship is at risk of severe abuse or even death when they try to leave the abusive partner. The divorce attorney can be of tremendous help to clients if he or she understands how to safeguard clients from further harm.

It is the rare client who tells his or her attorney about the violence in their marriage. Most often, the abused client will say something like “I don’t want anything at all from him (or her.) I just want out of the relationship.”

Too many clients walk away with no assets from a marriage because they are afraid of their partners. The attorney who knows how to help can go a long way toward safeguarding both the client and her or his fair share of assets from the marriage.

Ms. Redden has learned how to speak about violence. After years of educating professionals from every field across the country, Ms. Redden knows how to convince others to her point of view about this confusing issue. She has the expertise to identify and explain the real aspects of domestic violence in a way judges can understand.

Family Violence, Child Abuse and Custody

As a specialist in family violence, Ms. Redden can interpret the effects of violence on a child’s mental and emotional development. She can convince judges of the harm which happens to a child raised by an abusive parent or in a household where another person is being abused.

It is common for abusers to batter both their partner and the children. A child who sees his or her mother abused is left with the same emotional trauma as if he or she had been the direct recipient of the abuse. Likewise children who have been physically or emotionally abused should never be left in the home with the abusing person. Unfortunately, often the battered spouse is in no position to fight for herself and her children.

Ms. Redden can be the advocate for those unable to defend their rights.

*“During my career,
I lost three clients
to murder before
I could get them a
divorce.”*

– Retired

*Divorce Attorney,
Kansas City, MO*

The rate at which women separated from their spouses suffered violent victimization was 128 per 1,000 – or over 12 times that of never-married women.

(Dept. of Justice, 1997)

5.3 million women are abused each year; 1,232 are killed each year by an intimate partner.

(American Institute on Domestic Violence, 2003)

14% of women in romantic relationships reported some physical abuse by their current partner; over 70% of women surveyed did not report the domestic violence to law enforcement.

(University of Tennessee, 2003)

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