

On August 29, 2019 in Washington DC, the main defendant of our class action complaint, Office on Violence against Women (“OVW”), was served with a copy of our complaint. OVW provides financial incentives and administrative support to local VAWA enforcers nationwide. OVW is a federal agency of the United States and is to file its response by September 20.

Tens of thousands of “VAWA Coordinators” are paid by OVW nationwide to administratively oversee prosecutions of men accused of domestic violence or sexual assaults to make sure men are convicted. As a representative defendant of VAWA Coordinators nationwide, Defendant Stephanie Hamilton, a civilian working for VAWA, is to file her response by September 19.

Defendant Delaware Family Court is paid by OVW to hear domestic violence cases and to find men of committing domestic violence without a trial by jury. As a representative defendant of family courts, Judge Joelle Hitch failed to file her response by the deadline imposed under the rule and is therefore subject to default judgment.

Defendants Community Legal Aid Society Inc. (“CLASI”) and Delaware Volunteer Legal Services (“DVLS”) are paid by OVW to prosecute men accused of domestic violence or sexual assaults in the Family Court without a trial by jury. Similar organizations operate nationwide. CLASI and DVLS have until October 26 and October 11 to file their responses.

We are working on a short claim form for class members to opt in their claims. The form will have details on specific damages class members typically suffered because of the discriminative enforcement of an unlawful federal law by the defendants nationwide.

To inform the public Plaintiffs Steve Chang and Gordon Smith will attend a Long Island, New York event hosted by Americans For Legal Reform on September 3, 2019. The event will be on Facebook Live hosted by Americans For Legal Reform.