



# Justice for Survivors of Domestic Violence

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## FEATURED PANELIST

### **Shoran Williams**

General Counsel &  
Chief Regulatory Counsel, Fluresh LLC  
Former Senior Counsel, Miller Johnson

Shoran Williams has spent several years as an adjunct law professor and small business owner, in addition to her almost three decades of broad litigation experience which notably includes family law where she has witnessed first-hand the challenges that survivors face when navigating the court system.

For survivors without the financial means to hire an experienced attorney, often, they find themselves forced to choose – represent themselves in a confusing landscape or accept their abuser's legal demands to avoid facing off in a courtroom. Understanding this, Shoran championed Miller Johnson's year-long partnership with the YWCA. The initiative, Project Give Back, connected survivors to a cohort of the firm's attorneys. In total, attorneys donated 1200 hours of pro bono services and meaningfully contributed to survivors' safety and ability to move forward.

Shoran authored “Waking the Sleeping Demon: 26 Hours of Terror in Atlanta,” an account of the courthouse escape and killing spree by Brian Nichols who was on trial for the rape and kidnapping of his ex-girlfriend. The book was selected as a Freshmen Reading Experience by Tiffin University and was later made into a MSNBC documentary.

Shoran is a member of the American Bar Association, state bars of Michigan and Georgia, and the Grand Rapids Bar Association. She earned her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. While there, she participated in the St. Anne's College of Law Program at Oxford University and was on the National Moot Court Team. Shoran is on the Leadership Council for the Legal Diversity Fellows Program and is a member of the Women's Resource Center's Advisory Board, Inforum, as well as the boards of Cherry Health and Mercantile Bank.

