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Enclosed you will find the CD entitled **Minnesota Legal Advocacy Manual – A Guide for Sexual Assault Advocates**. This is the second edition of the Manual, replacing the manual from April of 2006. It includes statutory and other policy changes since the first edition was created. We intend this to be a comprehensive guide for anyone working with victims of sexual assault who are navigating the criminal justice system, or for those who simply want it as a reference tool.

This guide contains a chronological discussion of the components of the “system” that the victim of sexual assault may experience regarding the criminal aspect of sexual assault. It should not replace, but rather should supplement any manual or materials addressing the emotional and trauma reactions to sexual violence. This is a very lengthy document in print – we suggest using your local copy store if you intend to print or copy the whole thing.

We have also enclosed a **feedback form** which we would ask that you definitely return to us via fax or mail. This manual was created for you, the sexual assault advocate in Minnesota – so please tell us what works and what doesn’t!

The legislature changes the statutes every year, so we expect that each year we will continue to update and send out a new version of this manual. **We would suggest that you keep each version of the CD on hand, as victims who were assaulted in a given year may not reach your office until later, and the law in place at the time of the assault is the relevant law for that client.** Programs are wise to create a specific procedure for storing and maintaining each year’s Manual on CD.

What you should see on this CD:

- Minnesota Legal Advocacy Manual – A Victim Advocate’s Guide with seven sections comprising the text of the manual.
- Appendices – A through D with fact sheets, statutes, checklists, and sample documents

Please complete the feedback form and fax it to SVJI at 651-209-0899.

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