



# Victor Vieth

## Director, Education and Research



Victor Vieth, JD, MA, is the Director of Education and Research for Zero Abuse Project. In this role, he develops long-term strategy for expanding Zero Abuse Project and its programs nationally and internationally. He also teaches, publishes, creates programs and works on public policy issues related to child protection.

Victor is in demand as a nationally recognized expert in the field of interpersonal violence. He has trained thousands of child protection professionals from all 50 states, two U.S. Territories and 17 countries on numerous topics pertaining to child abuse investigation, prosecution and prevention. Victor has been instrumental in implementing 22 state and international forensic interview training programs and dozens of undergraduate and graduate programs on child maltreatment.

Victor gained national recognition for his work addressing child abuse in small communities as a prosecutor in rural Minnesota. He has been named to the President's Honor Roll of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. The Young Lawyers Division of the

American Bar Association also named him one of the "21 Young Lawyers Leading Us Into the 21st Century." Victor is regularly asked to consult with legislators around the country regarding policy and reform and has testified in front of the United States Senate. Numerous foreign countries, including Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Columbia, have sought his expertise to guide them as they create and implement ground breaking child protection policies.

Victor has published countless articles related to the investigation, prosecution and prevention of child abuse and neglect. He is author of "Unto the Third Generation," a bold initiative that outlines the necessary steps we must all take to eliminate child abuse in America in three generations.

Victor graduated magna cum laude from Winona State University and earned his juris doctor from Hamline University School of Law (HUSL). While studying at HUSL, he received the American Jurisprudence Award for achievement in the study of constitutional law and served as editor-in-chief of the "Law Review."

### OUTSTANDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

"Victor Vieth's presentations are a MUST for professionals working child abuse cases."

"Victor Vieth hits a homerun every time he steps up to the plate. You leave anxious to come back and hear him again."

"A powerful presenter. He obviously loves what he does."

"Engaging, inspirational and entertaining – thoroughly enjoyed the workshop."

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## Presentation Topics

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### Keynote

- Unto the third generation: A call to end child abuse in three generations

#### Child abuse

- Investigation and/or prosecution of child abuse and neglect
- Recantation in cases of child abuse
- Preparing children for court
- Assessing allegations in pre- or non-verbal children
- Memory and suggestibility/defending the investigative interview
- Juvenile sex offenders
- When words hurt: Investigating and prosecuting cases of emotional abuse
- Corroborating evidence
- When a child freezes in court
- Child neglect: When indifference is abuse
- Best practices in MDT responses to cases of juveniles who commit sexual offenses
- Understanding the impact of trauma on children

### Expert witness

- Preparing for and testifying as an expert witness
- Cross-examination of the expert witness
- Cross-examination of the defense expert's attack on a forensic interview

### Trial advocacy

- Ethical issues for civil child protection attorneys
- Preparing for and testifying in court
- Trial strategies in civil child protection cases
- A children's courtroom bill of rights
- Making your case in opening statement and closing argument

### Faith-based education

- A call for collaboration between the faith and child protective communities
- Understanding, recognizing and responding to the physical, emotional and spiritual impact of child maltreatment
- The role of chaplains on multi-disciplinary teams
- Effective child abuse policies for faith communities
- Volunteer screening
- Clergy/therapist collaborations
- Corporal punishment, the law and the faith community

### General topics:

- Developing effective multi-disciplinary teams
- Cultural diversity in the forensic interview process
- Table talk: A conversation about the future of children's advocacy centers in the U.S.
- In my neighbor's house: A multi-disciplinary success story
- Setting course: A proposal for a multi-tiered credentialing process for forensic interviewers
- In the shadow of defensive counsel: Conducting peer review in an age of discovery
- Peer review with an eye toward corroboration
- It seemed like a good idea at the time: Ethics and the forensic interview process