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## **Pamela Paziotopoulos, Special Policy Advisor**

### **Pam Paziotopoulos is a nationally recognized authority on Intimate Partner Violence & Stalking Prevention.**

Forest Financial Group is privileged to have Pam as part of our organization since 2010. As Special Policy Adviser, Pam assists our clients with educational activities and by providing guidance on enterprise policy development.

Pam launched her career in 1990 as a prosecutor for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Her expertise quickly focused in on the area of domestic violence. In 1996, Pam joined the American Prosecutor's Research Institute's Criminal Prosecution Division as a Senior Attorney, conducting training and presentations on domestic violence nationally across 38 states. In 1997, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office recruited Pam to create and supervise their Domestic Violence Division. In this position, Pam monitored the prosecution of more than 100,000 domestic violence cases originating each year from the city of Chicago and surrounding areas.

Below are some additional highlights of Pam's respected credentials and nationally recognized work:

- Creating the Career Resource Center to assist domestic violence victims to transition from welfare to work; establishing an "Adopt a Shelter Program" to partner Cook County agencies with various domestic violence shelters; and, helping to secure more than \$900,000 in federal, state, and private money to supplement these initiatives.
- Chairing and serving as a member of various domestic violence committees throughout Cook County and the State of Illinois; becoming part of the State's Attorney's executive staff, and serving as the Director of Public Affairs for that office.
- Forming her own consulting group in 2002 to serve both the public and private sectors, Pam's extensive client list includes the law firm of Sidley & Austin, Caterpillar, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, and the Department of Justice. She has been a consultant for the FBI's Violence in the Workplace Symposium, ASIS Workplace Violence Guidelines, the ABA Workplace Violence book, and the new 2011 SHRM workplace violence standards.
- Pam has developed and presented numerous training sessions to corporations, security directors, human resource professionals, doctors, nurses, employee assistance providers, prosecutors, advocates, judges, law enforcement agencies, psychologists, shelter personnel, and court watchers.
- She is a frequent keynote speaker on domestic violence, also appearing on CNN, CNBC, the Oprah Winfrey show, and numerous national radio and TV news stations.
- Pam has authored numerous articles, and her article, "Violence Against Women Act: Federal Relief for State Prosecutors," has been cited by Federal Courts of Appeal as decisive in defending the landmark legislation VAWA. Pam remains involved with the Department of Justice and is an active member of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, and the American Society of Industrial Security.
- She is licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois as well as in Federal Court, having received her Juris Doctorate degree from the IIT Chicago Kent College of Law, and Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois. Pam is an Adjunct Professor of law at Kent College of Law.