

MEDIA ADVISORY Tuesday, October 29, 2019 Contact: Meredith Tucker, 614.965.0203 Email: <u>mctucker@columbus.gov</u>

Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein Formally Launches Intimate Partner Homicide Prevention Project

After securing highly competitive federal grant through the Firearms Technical Assistance Project, Columbus kicks off new program with two-day collaborative training session

COLUMBUS—On Tuesday, October 29, 2019, Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein was joined by dozens of community partners and stakeholders to formally launch a federal grant-assisted program that is designed to help communities identify and overcome challenges in implementing domestic violence-related gun laws. The Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Firearms Technical Assistance Project—which is administered through the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women—was <u>awarded</u> to Columbus earlier this year.

The grant program helps design and implement community-specific strategies to disarm abusers by providing access to expert consultants and DOJ staff, intensive training, technical assistance, and a framework for enhanced inter-agency collaboration and cooperation.

Project partners include: The Columbus City Attorney's Office; Franklin County Prosecutor's Office; Columbus Division of Police; Franklin County Sheriff's Office; Franklin County Municipal Court - Pretrial and Probation Services; Capital University Law School Family Advocacy Clinic; Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs; CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence; Lutheran Social Services; Center for Family Safety and Healing; and Columbus Public Health's Council of Minority Health.

WHO: Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein; Department of Justice, Office onViolence Against Women Liaison Brenda Auterman; NCJFCJ Project Site Coordinator Nancy Hart; dozens of community partners and stakeholders

WHAT: Firearms Technical Assistance Project Launch Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

*Media can set up at 8:30 a.m. Please note that due to federal requirements via the Office on Violence Against Women, video is prohibited for the rest of the agenda following the introduction and overview of the project launch.

WHERE: 369 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 – First Floor Meeting Room 3