

Renee Beeker, Conference Presenter

Renee Beeker is the Creator and Director of the National Family Court Watch Project. Renee was appointed for a second time as Chair of the National NOW Family Law Advisory Ad Hoc Committee. Renee is President of Michigan National Organization for Women and the Michigan National Organization for Women Foundation. She is also Chair of the Michigan NOW Child Custody Family Law Task Force. Renee is active in several other national organizations and serves on various committees. Renee holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Communications from Eastern Michigan University.

An advocate for reform of the judicial system since 1996, Renee is a respected contributing member to many grassroots and professional organizations. She works with grassroots leaders nationally, and has been an invited speaker at numerous conferences around the United States. Renee's article, "The Illusion of Protection Uncovered: review of the Special Journal Issue on Child Custody and Domestic Violence", was recently published in the February/March 2006 issue of the Domestic Violence Report.

Renee has designed a comprehensive Court Watch observational Tool that has been used in a pilot National Family Court Watch Project. She will be sharing some of the Raw Data collected using this tool in family courts in 5 different states.