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LEADING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AUTHOR BARRY GOLDSTEIN JOINS THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REGISTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

National – July 20, 2011- The National Domestic Violence Registry (NDVR) announced today Barry Goldstein, speaker, author, former attorney and activist for battered women, as their newest board member. Barry worked as an attorney for thirty years and frequently represented domestic violence survivors.

“Barry, much like me, has risked it all to help others who have suffered with domestic violence and have been further victimized by the court system,” said Myra Spearman, the Executive Director of NDVR, “If you see injustice and do nothing you become a part of the problem. Barry has risked it all to be a part of the solution; this is what I admire most about him. We are honored to have Barry as a board member of the NDVR.”

“I highly respect Barry’s work and he is a true activist for helping to reform the judicial system,” said NDVR’s Deputy Director Lyn Twyman.

“Current scientific research cannot end all domestic violence, but it can realistically give us the tools to dramatically reduce domestic violence crime. I am excited to serve on the board because I believe a national dv registry is an important part of a plan to free most women from domestic violence crimes,” said Barry Goldstein.

Barry is a full time advocate working on domestic violence issues. He speaks around the country providing workshops, trainings, consultation and serves as an expert witness. He is also the co-editor of his most recent work with Dr. Maureen Hannah entitled *Domestic Violence Abuse and Child Custody* which was published by Civic Research Institute in April of 2010. This work puts together in a comprehensive text all the current research by the leading experts in the United States and Canada about domestic violence and custody issues. It has become the leading book for addressing the crisis in the custody court system that has resulted in over 58,000 children being sent to live with dangerous abusers every year.

Barry is also the author of *Scared to Leave Afraid to Stay: Paths From Family Violence to Safety* which tells the story of ten women as they left their abusers seeking a better life, a book that received critical acclaim in the domestic violence field. This work reveals how in each case the courts handled legal issues such as orders of protection, custody, visitation, support, marital property and criminal prosecutions. It also provides resources that are available for women seeking to leave their abuser.

Barry’s work has been endorsed and highly regarded by leading organizations such as the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, New York National Organization for Women, Battered Mothers Custody Conference, National Organization of Men Against Sexism, Stop Family Violence and many others.

About the National Domestic Violence Registry

Founded in 2007, [The National Domestic Violence Registry, Inc.](http://www.domesticviolencedatabase.org) (NDVR) is the first national database model for domestic violence convictions available to the public. The National Domestic Violence Registry provides the conviction records of offenders, both men and women, who have been found guilty of domestic violence and domestic violence related offenses such as physical battering, stalking, criminal confinement, intimidation, and strangulation, etc. Their mission is to be an on-line, national resource that will aid in the awareness and prevention of domestic and family violence by posting the convictions of domestic abuse perpetrators and those offenders who have long term criminal orders of protections placed against them, and to provide comprehensive education about technology based programs, prevention, safety, and intervention models relating to domestic violence. To learn more about NDVR, please visit their website which is www.domesticviolencedatabase.org.

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