

allowed to examine the counselor regarding the information which the court has determined may be subject to disclosure. The court may accept other evidence at that time.

- d. At the conclusion of a hearing under paragraph "c", the court shall determine which information, if any, shall be disclosed and may enter an order describing the evidence which may be introduced by the moving party and prescribing the line of questioning which may be permitted. The moving party may then offer evidence pursuant to the court order. However, no victim counselor is subject to exclusion under Iowa rule of evidence 615.

9. This section does not relate to the admission of evidence of the victim's past sexual behavior which is strictly subject to Iowa rule of evidence 412. 98 Acts, ch 1090, §16, 84

Rule 37.4 Domestic violence and sexual assault victim counselors.

37.4(1) In all proceedings under Iowa Code chapter 236, a victim counselor, as defined in Iowa Code section 915.20A(1)(d), who is affiliated with a member domestic violence program of the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence or a member of the sexual assault program of the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and whose program has registered with the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence or the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault as providing services under this rule, shall be allowed to do the following:

- a. To distribute the pro SE forms prescribed by the department of justice pursuant to Iowa Code section 236.3A and to assist victims of domestic violence in the preparation of such forms.
- b. To describe to victims the proceedings under chapter 236 and to assist them in their role as witnesses.
- c. To accompany victims throughout all stages of proceedings under Iowa Code chapter 236.
- d. To attend all court proceedings, including sitting in chambers and at counsel table, to confer with the plaintiffs, and, at the judge's discretion, to address the court; however, domestic violence and sexual assault victim counselors shall not examine witnesses, make arguments to the court, or otherwise act in a representative capacity for victims of domestic violence. 37.4(2) The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault shall provide to the state court administrator, on an annual basis and more frequently as necessary, an updated list of its member programs which perform the services provided under this rule.

37.4.3) When they assist victims of domestic violence as specified in this rule, domestic violence and sexual assault victim counselors are not engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. [Court Order October 18, 1993, effective January 3, 1994; November 9, 2001, effective February 15, 2002; June 14, 2002, effective July 1, 2002] 37