Domestic Violence / Coercive Control Expert Witness Consultation

Melissa Scaia, MPA

Domestic violence / coercive control assessments, testimony, and forensic consultations list

Melissa Scaia, MPA, has conducted a domestic violence/coercive control assessment, testified as an expert witness, and/or has been hired as a forensic consultant for over 20 years. Her first case was in criminal court in Stearns County, MN in 2006.

This list is representative of expert domestic violence/coercive control assessments, testimony, and/or forensic consultations but may not be a complete list. This list does not include the extensive number of criminal cases in Minnesota that she has been subpoenaed for as an expert witness on domestic violence but the case is resolved in a plea bargain. Some cases listed are described as "confidential" because of a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) or to prioritize the safety of the client. If a case is listed as "confidential" with no NDA, this list will be updated once the case is resolved. This list was developed by Melissa Scaia as of October 23, 2026.

Expert Witness List for Domestic Violence & Coercive Control for Melissa Scaia, includes but is not limited to:

Date[1]	Client	Petitioner	Defendant / Respondent	Case type	Case number	Type of testimony / Consultant
October 23, 2026	Meggie Rosvold Shehada represented by attorney Frederick J. Goetz	State of MN (St. Louis County Attorney's Office)	Meggie Rosvold Shehada	Criminal Defense	_	Set to be expert witness for the defense in a criminal jury trial
October 22, 2026	Wadena County	State of MN	Jason Cherry	Criminal Prosecution	80-CR-26-512	Expert witness in criminal jury trial
July 16, 2026	Joint Expert for Kelly King,	Kelly King, PA	Paul Grignon	Civil divorce and custody	2026-DR-030026	Domestic violence expert evaluation and assessment;

[1] The date represents either the date I committed to being an expert witness or the date of court hearing.

	PA and Paul Grignon					includes secondary expert Jennifer Rose
July 15, 2026	Confidential through Attorney Amy Springer	Confidential	Confidential	Civil divorce	To be disclosed once the case is resolved	Forensic consultation to attorney and client
June 24, 2026	Dr. Courtney Paisley	Phillip Treely	Dr. Courtney Paisley	Civil divorce and custody	25-DR-31076	Domestic violence expert evaluation and assessment; includes secondary expert Jennifer Rose
June 15, 2026	Meeker County Attorney's Office	Meeker County	Derek Doren Kuchenmeister	Criminal prosecution	47-CR-25-479	Forensic consultation to the prosecutor
June 15, 2026	Carlton County Attorney's Office	Carlton County	N/A	Criminal prosecution	N/A	Forensic consultation to the prosecutor
June 9, 2026	Hennepin County Attorney's Office	Hennepin County	Devin Terrell Hoskins	Criminal prosecution	27-CR-25-6530	Expert witness testimony in a jury trial
June 3, 2026	Mille Lacs County Attorney's Office	Mille Lacs County	Jesse Latterell	Criminal prosecution	48-CR-26-451	Preparation with prosecutor for trial / Trial set for week of July 6, 2026
June 2, 2026	Dr. Lonnie Loutzenhiser	N/A	N/A	Civil Case – Divorce and Custody	N/A	Forensic consultation to client only
May 28, 2026	City Attorney's Office – Duluth, MN	State of Minnesota	John Nicholas Wagner	Criminal prosecution	CR-25-2770	Forensic consultation to the prosecutor
May 20, 2026	Matt Sidran	Nathalie Caplan	Matt Sidran	Civil Case – Divorce and Custody	25 DR 31552	Forensic consultation to Matt Sidran, J.D. and Amy Springer, J.D.
May 2, 2026	Bartholomew Steigelman	Lisa Marie Steigelman	Bartholomew Steigelman	Civil Case – Divorce and Custody	2023 DR 30566 - Division 3	Expert Witness Rebuttal Report; included secondary expert Jennifer Rose

April 23, 2026	Mike Matthews	Kelly Matthews	Michael Matthews	Civil Case - Divorce	25DR30319	Expert Witness Rebuttal Report
February 25, 2026	Aaron Petak	Leeann Petak	Aaron Petak	Civil Case – Divorce and Custody	2025DR1273	Forensic consultation and domestic violence evaluation assessment
February 14, 2026	Dr. Andrew Fedorowicz	Christine Fedorowicz	Dr. Andrew Fedorowicz	Civil case – Divorce and Custody	25DR31626	Expert Witness Rebuttal Report to PRE and Domestic Violence Expert Report
February 13, 2026	Defense attorney Brian Liefeld	State of Minnesota (Sherburne County)	Melissa Vagle	Criminal Case	71-CR-24-853	Forensic consultation to the defense attorney
February 9, 2026	Will Wong	Lindsay Renee Fix	Will Wong	Civil Case – Divorce and Custody	25DR30664	Expert Witness Rebuttal Report and Testimony
January 19, 2026	Clarice Kelly	Dillon Ragsdale	Clarice Kelly	Civil Case – Divorce and Custody	2024DR30311	Expert Witness Rebuttal Report
January 9, 2026	Rahim Rahman	Elizabeth Brogan	Rahim Rahman	Civil Case – Divorce and Custody	25DR30191	Expert Witness Rebuttal Report
January 7, 2026	Stephen Hamilton Glover	Stephen Hamilton Glover	Hanna Katherine Banks	Civil case – Divorce and Custody	2024DR30455	Expert witness consultant and domestic violence evaluation in family court
April 11, 2025	Prosecution for Nobles County	Nobles County	Tevin Saysirisahn	Criminal Prosecution	53-CR-24-743	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
February 18, 2025	Prosecution for Hennepin County	Hennepin County	Johnny Leroy Brown	Criminal Prosecution	27-CR-23-27119	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
January 31, 2025	Prosecution for Mille Lacs County	Mille Lacs County	Ryan Sutherland	Criminal Prosecution	48-CR-24-1569	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
January 8, 2025	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County	Miguel Amigon	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-24-7078	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
October 30, 2024	Prosecution for Winona County	Winona County	Adam Fravel	Criminal Prosecution	85-CR-23-937	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution

October 15, 2024	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County	Mohamed Hassan Mohamed	Criminal Prosecution		Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
September 4, 2024	Prosecution for Winona County	Winona County	Adam Fravel	Criminal Prosecution	85-CR-23-937	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
August 21, 2024	Prosecution Mille Lacs	Mille Lacs County	Terence Maurstad	Criminal	48-CR-24-1004	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
June 18, 2024	Defense Teuta Jonuzi	State of Wisconsin	Sarah Crawford	Criminal Prosecution	2021CF002939	Criminal trial expert witness for defense
June 5, 2024	Prosecution for Stearns County	Anoka County	Johnson Kenny Sirleaf	Criminal Prosecution	02-CR-23-1557	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
May 2024	Rajesh Kukreja – Civil Attorney	Confidential civil case - Colorado	Confidential civil case	Civil case – divorce	N/A	Coercive control expert consultant for civil case / co-authored report with expert Scott Miller
February 6, 2024	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Romaine Reid	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-23-1368	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
January – February 2024	Asst. Prosecutor Ashley Nelson	Beltrami County, MN	Aaron Louis Thompson	Criminal Prosecution	04-CR-23-1196	Consultant to prosecutor
January 11, 2024	Prosecution for Mille Lacs County	Mille Lacs County, MN	Mervel Jones	Criminal Prosecution	48-CR-22-211	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
December 12, 2023	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Caleb Saunby	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-22-7490	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
November 15, 2023	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Abdullahi Gure	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-22-8790	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
October 25, 2023	Prosecution for Mille Lacs County	Mille Lacs County, MN	Shane Blassick	Criminal Prosecution	48-CR-22-995	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
September 28, 2023	Prosecution for Winona County	Winona County, MN	Adam Fravel	Criminal Prosecution	N/A	Grand Jury expert witness testimony for prosecution
June 2023	Private Attorney Shawn Reinke / Bre	Confidential	Confidential	Civil Order for Protection (OFP)	N/A	Consultant to attorney

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April 10, 2023	Prosecution for Anoka County	Anoka County, MN	Scott Antonio Christian Smith	Criminal Prosecution	02-CR-22-4024	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
January 30, 2023	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Tyler Opatz	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-21-1034	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
December 28, 2022	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County	Zachery King	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-21-8196	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
November 14, 2022	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Traid Mason	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-20-7885	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
September 27, 2022	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Richard Ball	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-22-5410	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
July 26, 2022	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Winlaw Bramley	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-21-6265	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
November 23, 2021	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Robin Tabatt	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-20-146	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
November 16, 2021	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Tom Morton	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-21-3874	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
December 1, 2021	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Scott Schaefer-Bonovsky	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-21-2370	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
October 13, 2021	Defense Attorney Eric Doolittle	Hennepin County	Stephanie Clark	Criminal Prosecution	27-CR-20-6206	Criminal trial expert witness for the defense
July 13, 2021	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Ashai Hunt	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-20-730	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
June 30, 2021	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Hassan Abdi	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-20-5040	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
June 30, 2021	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Gary Murray	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-20-1076	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution
February 17, 2021	Wisconsin Public Defender's Office	Barron County, WI	Melanie Kuula	Criminal Prosecution	19 CF 256	Criminal trial expert witness for the defense

January 9, 2019	Prosecution for Stearns County	Stearns County, MN	Jaimael Sharp	Criminal Prosecution	73-CR-18-6408	Criminal trial expert witness for prosecution