

Steadier Clients, Better Outcomes

CPD Workshops for Family Law Teams

He reacts to provocation, presents poorly, spirals after setbacks and doesn't follow advice.

This isn't obstruction. It's what coercive control does to people and there are ways to work with these men.



Stand Again

Supporting male victims of family violence
through high-conflict matters
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When Clients **Undermine** Their Own Cases

You want the best possible outcome for your client. You build a sound legal strategy, prepare them for what's ahead, and give clear advice.

But some male clients in high-conflict matters struggle to hold the line. They:

- Fail to recognise and **articulate the coercive control** they have experienced.
- **React to provocation** and send the message that hands the other side ammunition.
- **Present poorly in mediation or court** - shut down, defensive, or visibly distressed.
- **Make impulsive decisions** that contradict your advice.
- **Spiral instead of regrouping** after setbacks.

Without understanding what's driving their behaviour, even good legal strategy can be undone by a client who can't hold steady.



How This **Affects Outcomes**

When a client can't regulate through proceedings, everyone pays the price.

- The client **damages his own credibility** and negotiating position.
- Matters take longer because **he can't engage constructively** with settlement.
- Your **team spends time on emotional support** that isn't billable and isn't your expertise.
- **The outcome suffers** - and often, so do the children caught in the middle.

That's where Stand Again comes in.

EQUIP YOUR TEAM with Practical Tools

FOUNDATIONAL INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

Working with Male Victims of Coercive Control

2 hours | 2 CPD units (Substantive Law & Professional Skills)

Up to 15 attendees

This workshop equips your team to recognise what you're seeing in male clients, draw out what you need for their case, and keep them aligned with legal strategy when their nervous system is working against them.

What we cover:

- **Recognising coercive control** in male clients - a framework for spotting the signs others miss
- Drawing out **information from men who are shut down** - questions that open him up vs questions that close him off
- **Engaging without pushing him away** - what keeps him open vs what makes him withdraw
- **Likely areas of dysregulation** that may damage cases – and how to address the underlying driver
- **Keeping him steady** through proceedings - what to say and what not to say when he's dysregulated
- **Recovering after a misstep** – how to debrief and regroup with him so he's realigned to the strategy

Learning outcomes:

Participants completing this workshop will be able to:

- Recognise coercive control presentation in male clients
- Draw out information from clients without triggering withdrawal
- Deliver advice and frame strategy in ways that maintain trust
- Explain provocation and reactive abuse in terms clients can act on
- Pre-brief clients for high-stress moments
- Recover the relationship and realign strategy after missteps

DEEP DIVE WORKSHOPS

These shorter interactive sessions build on the foundational workshop, going deeper on specific challenges your team encounters.

WHY HE DOESN'T TRUST YOU YET

60 minutes | 1 CPD unit (Professional Skills) | Up to 8 attendees

He's not following advice. He's protecting her. He's minimising what happened. This isn't obstruction — it's conditioned behaviour. This session unpacks what's driving his resistance and how to work with it.

Covers: Trauma bonding. Why he defends her. How advice-giving can mirror her control. Building trust with someone whose trust has been weaponised.

THE COERCIVE CONTROL LANDSCAPE

90 minutes | 1.5 CPD units (Substantive Law) | Up to 8 attendees

A deeper look at tactics, domains, and patterns. Builds your team's ability to identify, name, and articulate what your client experienced in ways that translate to court.

Covers: The nine domains of control. How tactics compound. Pattern recognition versus incident focus. Building coherent narratives. Language that aims to resonate with judges and evaluators.

WHEN SHE LEFT VS WHEN HE'S LEAVING

60 minutes | 1 CPD unit (Professional Skills) | Up to 10 attendees

Two clients, two presentations. When she initiated, he's confused, defending her, hoping for reconciliation. When he's leaving, he's further along, possibly activated and ready to fight.

Covers: How recognition differs. What each means for engagement. The client who doesn't see himself as a victim versus the one ready to fight.

DEFENDING THE CLIENT WHO FOUGHT BACK

60 minutes | 1 CPD unit (Substantive Law) | Up to 8 attendees

He shouted. He shoved. He sent messages he regrets. Now it's evidence against him. Courts see the reaction, not the coercion that preceded it.

Covers: What reactive abuse is. Provocation as tactic. Presenting context to courts. Helping him understand his own reactions.



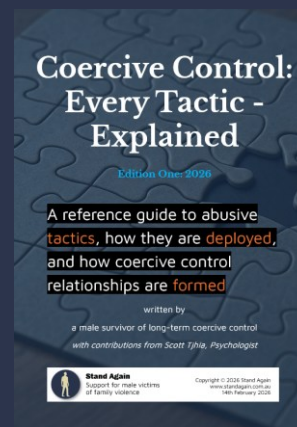
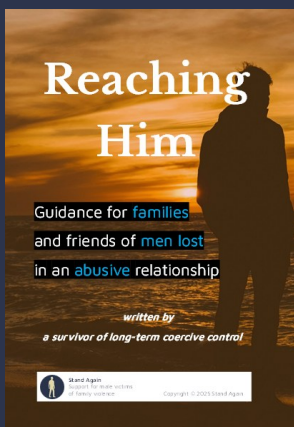
About Stand Again

Stand Again is a lived experience platform for male victims of family violence.

Founded in 2025, the platform provides education, resources, and direct coaching support for men navigating separation from abusive relationships.

- Meets requirements for CPD units
- Certified trauma-informed coach (ICAHP recognised)
- Professional indemnity insurance
- Founder has 20+ years strategy & transformation consulting (Big 4, inc. Harvard Business School Exec Ed.)

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