In 2013 a group of researchers, clinicians, law enforcement professionals, and advocates gathered to review the evidence about the risks associated with mental health and gun violence. The result was a consensus about the need to focus on dangerous behaviors, not mental health diagnoses, in gun violence prevention efforts. One recommendation from the group was to advance Gun Violence Restraining Order or Extreme Risk Protection Order laws at the state-level. In 2014, California became the first state to pass such a law. At the close of 2018, 10 additional states had Extreme Risk Protection Order laws in place. During this seminar we will review this legislative history, discuss the available evidence about these kinds of laws, and consider implementation in a few key states.

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