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PROTECTING, ENFORCING & ADVANCING VICTIMS' RIGHTS



MESSAGE FROM NCVLI'S LEADERSHIP

As victims' rights attorneys and advocates, we work to open choices and to facilitate opportunities so that victims may regain control over their lives and futures in the aftermath of crimes. We fight to help people journey from victim, to survivor, to thriver. We work for victim empowerment because we know that when victims are empowered, justice is enhanced.

This year was an amazing year during which we expanded our reach, increased our partnerships, and deepened our impact. We could not do this work alone. Every success was a result of teamwork. A team composed of an amazing board of directors guiding our work, dedicated staff working diligently every day, generous donors ensuring we are here for victims, and talented partners and committed volunteers amplifying our work. Thank you for a successful year in which we empowered victims. We look forward to continuing with you on this path to enhanced justice.

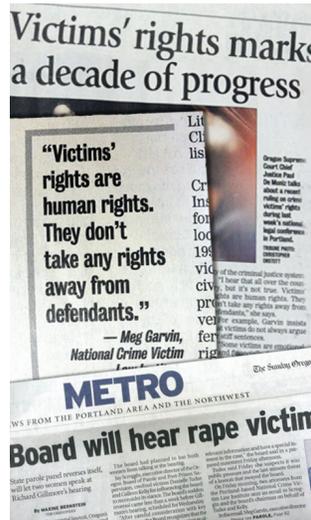
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FROM TOP LEFT, CLOCKWISE:
NCVLI staff attorney Amy Liu and pro bono attorney Fumi Owoso celebrate at the Crime Victim Law Conference; partner Dr. Chris Wilson trains law students; articles featuring NCVLI's work; Gloria Davis, former NCVLI Board Chair Carl Davis, and current NCVLI Board Chair Helene Davis at the Crime Victims' Rights Reception; Child-Victims' Rights training at Lewis & Clark Law School.

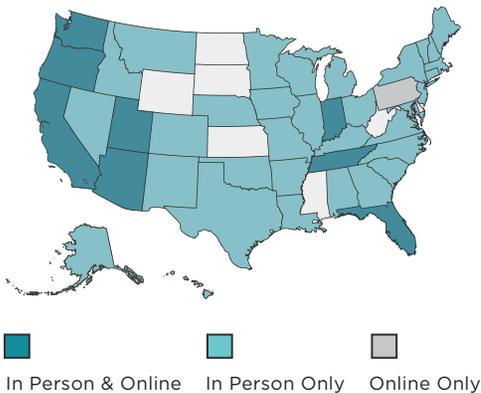
OUR REACH

Crime has no borders and neither does our advocacy. This year we trained 1600 individuals. Our training included 6 webinars that reached 170 people on emerging topics ranging from cutting edge litigation strategies to protect rape victims, to best practices in serving elder victims, to confronting the unique hurdles faced by those victimized online. We also provided intensive learning opportunities through one- and two-day practical skills trainings to teach the “how to” of representing victims. To secure the future of victims’ rights, we hosted interns from 3 law schools; helped to launch the first victims’ rights student group at Lewis & Clark Law School; and spotlighted 3 emerging victims’ rights student scholars at our national conference. Our advocacy did not stop at the borders of the United States; we worked in Romania and Israel, while planning for efforts in Australia and beyond.

“Fighting for victims’ rights in a small country such as Israel is a challenge, and we often feel isolated from the legal community. . . [NCVLI’s] visit to Israel served to introduce the U.S. fight for victims to a larger audience, including victims’ rights professionals as well as academic scholars. On a personal level, the ties with NCVLI make us feel like a part of an international community, striving to promote the cause of victims everywhere.”

Dr. Dana Pugach
Head of the Noga Center for Rights of Victims of Crime, Ono Academic College, Israel

TRAININGS BY STATE



THIS YEAR WE TRAINED:

1600
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
PROFESSIONALS
INCLUDING
OVER **100**
STUDENTS

OUR PARTNERS



NCVLI Attorneys Amy Liu and Meg Garvin with partners from the McGeorge School of Law’s Victims of Crime Resource Center.

Together with partners we are advancing justice. This year we partnered with 7 law schools for training events and co-trained with individuals hailing from the legal, medical, and mental health professions. We also joined forces with more than 50 co-amici in cases nationwide. More than 30 individuals volunteered time to assist victims and 14 amazing lawyers served as local counsel in our amicus curiae efforts in courts from Alaska to Pennsylvania to Tennessee.

VOLUNTEER WORK:

1,906 HOURS DONATED BY INTERNS, STUDENTS, LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AND OTHERS / **\$55,217** IN VALUE / **INCREASING FIFTY TWO PERCENT** FROM LAST YEAR

WHAT OUR PARTNERS ARE SAYING:

Thanks so much for all of your quick and brilliant research. It is impossible to express how much I appreciate it. I get so bogged down with endless cases it was amazing to have the information you provided.

- Scott Bennett
Chief Deputy County Attorney, Graham County Attorney’s Office, Arizona

NCVLI’s expertise has been invaluable . . . When we need research on any criminal justice or victim rights issue, they are there and willing to help.

- Christine Herrman
Executive Director, Oregon Attorney General’s Sexual Assault Task Force

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NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF VICTIMS’ RIGHTS ATTORNEYS & ADVOCATES
MEMBERSHIP HAS GROWN TO OVER **1,000 MEMBERS** Hailing from **46 States & 3 Countries**

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER:

A True Story of Empowered Victims & Enhanced Justice

SPRING 2011

NCVLI presents two sessions at the Texas Victim Services Association’s statewide conference. In the opening plenary, through a presentation titled, “Enforcing Victims’ Rights”, NCVLI challenges the Texas victim services community to think about empowering victims with enforceable rights. We then participate in a panel discussion to identify concrete ways to move forward.

SUMMER 2011

Working with leaders of the Texas victims’ rights movement, a call for a statewide workgroup on victims’ rights issues. NCVLI joins the workgroup.

FALL & WINTER 2011/2012

NCVLI participates in regular meetings of the workgroup, sharing ideas, model practices, and serving as a resource.

SPRING 2012

A victim advocate in the workgroup is concerned that a victim and his family are about to be excluded from trial. NCVLI quickly provides a legal memorandum analyzing the law. Armed with NCVLI’s legal research, the advocate presents the idea of fighting for the victims’ right to an initially skeptical prosecutor. This talented and victim-centric prosecutor agrees to fight for the right, and files a brief based on NCVLI’s research.

OUR IMPACT

We work to empower individual victims and for system change. This year we filed 16 amicus briefs in 12 jurisdictions, including the United States Supreme Court. We responded to more than 100 legal technical assistance requests so that no attorney or advocate had to stand alone in the fight for victims' rights.

We worked on topics ranging from privacy for victims in the high-profile Sandusky case, to fighting for a non-English speaking victim's right to a court-appointed interpreter so she could meaningfully participate, to helping a victim of sex trafficking protect and enforce her rights during the prosecution of her offender.

IMPACTING FUTURE LAWYERS:



Learning about victims' rights law was incredibly engaging. It was amazing to be immersed in a field that is relatively new and actively developing. I truly felt that the work I did was important and useful to individual victims, NCVLI as an organization, and victims' rights law as a whole.

Bridgett Shephard Law Student & NCVLI Intern

LATE SPRING 2012

The court grants the motion! In the words of the advocate "The family stayed in the courtroom the entire time, after having traveled from Pennsylvania. . . I'm thrilled that we fought for their right to be in the court, I can't imagine having to leave them sitting in the hallway while we talk about what happened to their child...[They] were treated with compassion and respect. . . SUCCESS!!!!"

IMMIGRANTS CHILDREN
 DUI/DWI ENVIRONMENTAL
 MEN ELDERLY OF A FIREARM DOMESTIC
 HOMICIDE VIOLENCE
 SEXUAL FRAUD
 ASSAULT VANDALISM
 CHILD ABUSE FELON IN POSSESSION KIDNAPPING
 IMAGES TRAFFICKING
 ASSAULT BATTERY WOMEN
 BRIBERY STALKING IDENTITY THEFT

30 STATES
 100+ LEGAL MATTERS
 16 AMICUS BRIEFS

I have learned that victims' rights are important because in the sweep of litigation, especially in the prosecution of an offender, the victim is often overlooked.

Christian Eickelberg Law Student & NCVLI Intern

Victims' rights are crucial to instilling a deeper sense of satisfaction with the legal system. We need to respect and understand the experience of victims in order to improve the legal processes for everyone!

Taylor Duty Law Student & NCVLI Intern

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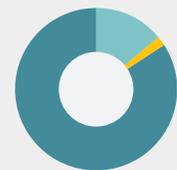
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