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Paul G. Cassell received a B.A. degree (1981) and a J.D. degree (1984) from Stanford University, where he graduated Order of the Coif and was President of the Stanford Law Review. He clerked for then-Judge Antonin Scalia while he was on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (1984-85), and then for the Chief Justice of the United States, Warren Burger (1985-86). Professor Cassell then served as an Associate Deputy Attorney General with the U.S. Justice Department (1986-88), and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia (1988 to 1991). Professor Cassell joined the faculty at the College of Law in 1992, where he taught full time until he was sworn in as a U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Utah on July 2, 2002. In November 2007, he resigned his judgeship to return full time to the College of Law, to teach, write, and litigate on issues relating to crime victims' rights and criminal justice reform. Professor Cassell teaches criminal procedure, crime victims' rights, criminal law, and related classes.

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Meg Garvin, M.A., J.D., is the executive director of the National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) and a clinical professor of law at Lewis & Clark Law School. Ms. Garvin is recognized as a leading expert on victims' rights. She regularly presents on victims' rights and participates in national forums to develop policy on victims' rights. She has testified before Congress and the Oregon Legislature on the current state of victim law. She serves on the Legislative & Public Policy Committee of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, and co-chairs the Oregon Attorney General's Crime Victims' Rights Task Force. She served as co-chair of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section Victims Committee from 2005-2010, and has served as a member of the board of directors for the National Organization of Victim Assistance. Prior to joining NCVLI, Ms. Garvin practiced law in a private firm in Minneapolis, Minnesota and clerked for the Honorable Donald P. Lay of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Puget Sound, her Master of Arts degree in communication studies from the University of Iowa, and her juris doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

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