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NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM LAW INSTITUTE

PROTECTING, ENFORCING & ADVANCING VICTIMS' RIGHTS

December 2014

Throughout the year we asked the community to join us in the fight for victims so that we could become *A Million Rising for Victims' Rights*. Wonderfully, you heeded the call! Together we accomplished so much! More victims had attorneys standing by their side, more courts heard from victims, more attorneys and advocates received training on victims' rights, and more people demanded system change so that victims' voices could be heard.

Despite our amazing success educating about, advocating for, and mobilizing around victims' rights, there is still so much more to do. NCVLI provides crucial services for victims nationwide, including referrals for direct legal representation; training attorneys and advocates; substantive technical assistance in the form of intense legal research, writing, and strategic advice in cases and public policy debates; and participation as amicus curiae in trial and appellate courts.

This work changes lives. When victims have an attorney standing by their side fighting for their rights the justice system is strengthened, everyone impacted by crime has access to justice, and victims can begin to move toward surviving.

But we cannot do it without you. We need everyone in the community to invest in justice. Your investment helps to create a more just and fair system, a system that can help every victim become a survivor. During this holiday season, I hope you will choose to support victims by investing in NCVLI.

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From all of us at NCVLI, we wish you and your family a peaceful and joyous end of 2014.

With gratitude,

Meg Garvin,
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The Utah Supreme Court affirmed that victims (and their lawyers) can file court papers (i.e., pleadings) in support of restitution.

The Arizona Supreme Court protected a child-victim by ensuring that her mom did not have to undergo an interview just because the child-victim reached the age of majority during the case.

For the 1st time the U.S. Supreme Court heard from a victim's attorney on equal footing with the prosecution and defense in a criminal case.

A military court denied a pretrial discovery request for the privileged psychotherapy records of a military victim of sexual assault.

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