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Today, the National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) announced the formation of its national Advisory Council. The Council was formed as part of NCVLI's strategic plan as it begins its fifteenth year as the only national organization focused on protecting, enforcing and advancing crime victims' legal rights. The Council consists of experts from across the country each of whom has diverse professional and personal backgrounds, including law enforcement, the judiciary, criminal justice lawyers, mental health professionals, researchers, academics, campus violence experts, and survivors. The Council's role will be to develop policy proposals to inform and guide the work of NCVLI.

"The formation of the Advisory Council is an exciting step for NCVLI," said Helene Davis, President of NCVLI's Board of Directors. "Input from these amazing individuals will ensure that NCVLI remains on the cutting-edge of advocacy for victims. We are so grateful for their commitment to advancing victims' rights."

The Advisory Council met for the first time in mid-November and identified a myriad of proposals to advance NCVLI's mission of promoting balance and fairness in the justice system.

"To ensure the efficacy of our work, we must constantly be listening; listening to survivors and to the diverse group of persons and organizations who serve them," said Meg Garvin, Executive Director of NCVLI. "We could not have a better group of individuals helping to shape the future. Each of us at NCVLI and the victims we serve will absolutely benefit from the talents, insights, passions, and experience of the individuals on this Advisory Council."

On the Council are twenty experts:

Valenda Applegarth, J.D. Senior Attorney, Greater Boston Legal Services	Jennifer A. Brobst, J.D., L.L.M. Assistant Professor & Director of the Center for Health Law and Policy, Southern Illinois University School of Law
Sarah Buel, J.D. Clinical Professor of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University	Rebecca Campbell, Ph.D. Professor of Psychology, Michigan State University
Shelbi Day, J.D. Bouneff & Chally	Anne P. DePrince, Ph.D. Professor of Psychology, University of Denver
Gen. Richard Harding, J.D. Lieutenant General, United States Air Force (Ret'd)	M. Claire Harwell, J.D. Project Director, Community Justice for Survivors of Sexual Violence Project
Carrie Hull Detective, Ashland Police Dept.; Executive Director & Program Manager, You Have Options Program	Steve Kelly, J.D. Silverman Thompson Slutkin White LLC

Donna Maddux, J.D. US Attorney's Office - District of Oregon	Joan Meier, J.D. Professor of Clinical Law and Legal Director DV LEAP, George Washington University Law School
Rachel Monaco-Wilcox, J.D. Chair and Assistant Professor, Justice Department Coordinator, LOTUS legal clinic (Legal Options for Trafficked and Underserved Survivors), Mount Mary University	Kathleen Morris, J.D. Anti-Trafficking Program Manager, International Rescue Committee Seattle
Hon. Ronald Reinstein, J.D. Judicial Consultant, Judge Superior Court of Arizona (Ret'd) Arizona Supreme Court	Cari Simon, J.D. Bode & Fierberg's School Violence Law Practice
Cynthia Stinston Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Willamette University	Randall Udelman, J.D. DeFusco & Udelman, P.L.C.
Nicole Wilkes, M.A. Research Associate, Crime Victims' Institute (CVI), Sam Houston State University	Chris Wyrstek, J.D. Multnomah County District Attorney's Office

The Council will meet three times each year to investigate and discuss emerging issues in victim law and to provide recommendations for how NCVLI can best serve the community.

Founded in 2000, the [National Crime Victim Law Institute](#) is a national resource for crime victim lawyers and advocates to support the assertion and enforcement of victims' rights in criminal and civil processes. NCVLI continues to be the only national organization whose mission is focused on enforcement of victims' rights in the courts.