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VICTIM LAW INSTITUTE**

Celebrating 20 years of victims' rights enforcement



Thursday, June 18, 2020

Opening Statements

10:30am (PST)

Meg Garvin, Executive Director, NCVLI

Land Acknowledgement

Carma Corcoran, Ph.D, Director -- Indian Law Program at the Lewis & Clark Law School

Victims' Rights in Jeopardy: Securing Victims' Rights During and Beyond COVID-19

10:45-11:30am (PST)

In this panel, three victims' rights attorneys hailing from Michigan, Ohio and Washington DC, will spotlight cases that reveal the unique steps they took to preserve their victim-clients' rights in the face of COVID-19. Looking forward, they will then share what hurdles they see on the horizon beyond COVID-19 and how they are preparing now.

Panelists:

Elinor Jordan, Senior Program Manager, Survivor Law Clinic at [MCEDSV](#)

Matthew S. Ornstein, Co-Director of Legal Programs, [Network for Victim Recovery of DC](#)

Elizabeth Well, Legal Director, [Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center](#)

Re-thinking the Digital Divide in the COVID-19 Era: Spotlight on Victim Access

11:45am-12:30pm (PST)

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, millions of people have shifted to working, learning and staying in touch virtually. At the same time, closures of workplaces, schools and libraries

have brought to light new inequities in who has the means and ability to access online information and services. For victims, this "digital divide" can impact how readily they can obtain vital legal assistance or support, or interface with remote services offered by courts. Join us for this conversation to explore digital divide trends, implications for victims, and how advocates can build digital inclusion into their online practices and services moving forward.

Panelists:

Liz Keith, Program Director, [Pro Bono Net](#)

Jane Ribadeneyra, Program Analyst, [Legal Services Corporation](#)

Thinking Outside the Box: Innovative Practices During COVID-19 Litigation

12:45-1:30pm (PST)

In this panel, three practitioners will share the innovative practices they have adopted to advance policy and practice on victims' rights during COVID-19. The conversation will then turn to the national audience to share their most innovative work.

Panelists:

Alonzo Robertson, Statewide Coordinator, [Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.](#)

Amy Durrence, Director of Law and Policy, [FreeFrom](#)

Rose Mukhar, Executive Director and Principal Attorney, [Justice at Last](#)

Friday, June 19, 2020

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What's New? Not as much as you think. Protecting Privacy in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond.

10:45-11:30am (PST)

In this panel, privacy expert Alicia Aiken will discuss privacy in the age of COVID-19 and beyond. The session will discuss key principles that have always been central to client-centered advocacy work and which can continue to guide analysis and practice moving forward.

Panelist:

Alicia Aiken, Principal, Danu Center for Strategic Advocacy; Director, [Confidentiality Institute](#)

Working With Human Trafficking Survivors: Reflecting on Representation During COVID-19 and Discussing a Path Forward

11:45am-12:30pm (PST)

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored preexisting systemic hurdles faced by survivors of human trafficking. However, the pandemic has also provided an opportunity for reflection, collaboration, and innovation as advocates fight for space for their clients to have more time and

resources to move forward with their cases and lives in an empowered and supported way. This panel focuses on innovations and surprises in the past three months, especially in the areas of immigration and criminal justice as they relate to survivors of human trafficking.

Panelists:

Jamie Beck, President & Managing Attorney, [Free To Thrive](#)

Tamara Shehadeh-Cope, Managing Immigration Attorney, [Community Justice Project](#)

Marissa Mowery, Equal Justice Works Fellow, [Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice](#)

The Impossible is Now Possible: Technology Is Increasing Access to Justice During COVID-19 & Beyond

12:45-1:30pm (PST)

Whether your legal services program's technology started from scratch due to COVID-19 or has been preparing for years, what is clear is that technology can be used to provide effective and meaningful legal services to crime victims. This session will describe successful models of technology use leveraged during technology and vision how we can continue to improve access to justice for victims.

Panelists:

Sarah Ford, Legal Director, [South Carolina Victim Assistance Network \(SCVAN\)](#)

Cindy Kanusher, Esq., Executive Director, [Pace Women's Justice Center](#)

Mirenda Mighelli, Partnerships Manager, [Pro Bono Net](#)