



## VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

*All times listed are Pacific Daylight Time*

Friday, October 15

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

### **Normalizing Victim Counsel in Trial and Appellate Courts**

**Speakers: Elizabeth Well, Colleen Clase**

In this session, experienced victims' rights lawyers will discuss their experiences and share strategies to normalize the presence of victim counsel in state courts. When victims' rights are new, practitioners are often met with uncertainty and resistance on the part of courts, prosecutors/district attorneys, and defense counsel in criminal cases. To effectively advocate for victims' rights in trial courts and beyond, the presence of victim counsel must become an expected part of the criminal justice process. Staff from Arizona Voice for Crime Victims and Ohio Crime Victim Justice System, both of which are part of the national [RISE Project](#) will discuss how normalizing trial court practice can open the door for appellate review and systemic change. The presenters will share tips and filing suggestions from decades of practice that optimize the likelihood of success in opening state court doors to victims of crime and their counsel.

Friday, October 22

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

### **Crime Victims' Rights in the ER: Building Crime Victims' Rights Access Through Medical Legal Partnerships**

**Speakers: Bridgette Stumpf, Matt Ornstein**

This session will discuss strategies for collaboration of victim rights providers with medical providers to create new, non-traditional entry-points for crime victims' rights access. Participants will learn about how the Network for Victim Recovery of DC, with support from NCVLI, and in partnership with MedStar Washington Hospital Center's Community Violence Intervention Program (MWHC-CVIP) built a medical-legal partnership (MLP) centered around crime victims' rights access and underserved populations. This session will cover challenges, lessons learned, and research findings that offer attendees concrete action plans for building MLPs within their communities.



# VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Friday, October 29

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

### **Working in Partnership to Improve Restitution**

**Speaker: Rebecca Khalil, Terry Campos, Pamela Ferguson-Bray, Gina Skinner, Josh Lamborn, Scott Beard, Liz Cervantez**

Victims often struggle to identify where to turn for information regarding restitution after their offender is convicted. From court to corrections, restitution processes are often siloed with little communication and consistency between agencies. NCVLI Attorneys will present a hypothetical case to a panel of victim advocates and attorneys with experience advocating for and securing restitution to highlight the challenges presented from silos of practice and identify options for simplifying the process for victims.

Friday, November 5

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

### **Unlikely Allies: When Criminal Justice Reform and Victim Advocates Converge**

**Speakers: Elizabeth Payne, Mallory Littlejohn**

Issues related to criminal justice reform are increasingly entering the public consciousness. The need for reform is compelling and urgent, and in many jurisdictions, it is drawing the focus of legislators, the media, and social dialogue. Are the rights of victims being left out of the conversation? Many observers perceive victims' rights as oppositional to reform, but there are many areas in which these concerns intersect. A justice system that respects constitutional rights benefits everyone, and it is increasingly crucial to work together. As reform policies receive broad public support in many states, victims' rights supporters can leverage this momentum while promoting a system that is fairer and more just. This session will explore the misconception that reform and victims' rights are fundamentally at odds and share examples of success to drive changes that will ultimately benefit victims.

Friday, November 12

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## IN-PERSON CONFERENCE

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**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON PORTLAND HOTEL**

**Thursday, November 11**

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### **Welcoming Remarks & Keynote: How We Can Better Serve Military Victims**

**Keynote Speaker: Lakeydra Houston**



## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:30 AM-11:45 AM

### **When Homicide Happens to One of Us: Insights from Co-Victims and Advocates for Working with Loved Ones of Homicide Victims**

**Speakers:** Kim Flourney DiJoseph, Scott Bass

In this engaging, interview-style session, speakers will unpack and demystify the fundamentals of working effectively with loved ones of homicide victims. Kim, a 25+ year veteran of trauma work, talks openly about her firsthand experience around the murder of her mother, bringing to bear both her perspectives as a co-victim and advocate. Scott brings decades of experience working with individuals, families and communities harmed by homicide as an advocate and therapist. Together, they weave the dual perspectives of personal experience and professional understanding to amplify survivor voices and deepen victim advocates' insights into the complexities of co-victimhood. This session will present a person-centered, empowering, practical, and trauma-informed approach to advocate roles in supporting co-victims. Participants will be invited to bring their experience and wisdom to co-create a dynamic and meaningful dialogue.

10:30 AM-11:45 AM

### **Practical Steps & Legal Remedies: Strategies to Improve the Criminal Justice Experience for Crime Victims**

**Speaker:** Emily Bonistall-Postel

In this interactive session, participants will engage in a visualization and empathy-building activity designed to expose how the justice system can add to the trauma already experienced by crime victims, especially for victims of sexual assault, stalking, and intimate partner violence. Participants will then learn practical, feasible steps and legal remedies that will improve the experience for crime victims throughout the justice process. The primary objectives of the session are: (1) to identify where the justice system fails to protect victims' rights and increases the trauma experienced by victims, and (2) to provide real-life remedies, including communication techniques and litigation strategies, to aid prosecutors and victims' attorneys in improving the criminal justice experience for crime victims.



Thursday, November 11

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10:30 AM-11:45 AM

**How to Integrate Victims' Voices into Legislative Work**

**Speaker: Jennifer Storm**

Meaningful victims' rights policy work must start with crime victims and survivors. How do victim service agencies engage them in a way that is meaningful and not exploitive? How can victim service agencies ensure victims and survivors are at the table but not tokenized? This session will discuss ways that victim service agencies can meaningfully integrate victims and survivors into their policy efforts to create meaningful change in our field. This session will discuss methods of engagement, skill-building concepts and real-life case scenarios of integrating the voice of victims and survivors. Victims' rights must be led by the victims and survivors impacted.

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

**Safeguarding Victims' Rights: Ethical Considerations in Prosecution**

**Speaker: Amy Liu**

Prosecutors serve a central role in ensuring that criminal laws are enforced while also ensuring that the rights of all participants in criminal justice--including victims of crime--are afforded. Drawing on NCVLI's decades of experience in the arena of victims' rights nationally, this session will address some of the ethical challenges that prosecutors may face when it comes to victims and the assertion or enforcement of their legal rights. This interactive session will use anonymous polls and hypothetical scenarios drawn from real cases that involve circumstances where the interests of prosecutors and those of victims align, as well as circumstances where they diverge. The presenter will facilitate a discussion that highlights some rules of professional conduct and strategies to help prosecutors safeguard victims' rights without compromising their duty to serve the interests of justice.

12:00 PM-1:00 PM

**Luncheon Plenary: Collaboration of a Prosecutor, a Victims' Rights Attorney and an Advocate**

**Speakers: Kevin Steele, Jennifer Storm, Meg Garvin**

This session will explore ways that this trio can work in complementary ways to ensure the criminal justice system protects the rights and interests of individuals as well as the community, whether rights and interests align or conflict. Unfortunately, all too often crime victims/survivors have only the prosecutor to protect their needs and interests, even though the prosecutor must represent the interests of the state and the larger community. While there are times when this dual role works without conflict, there are also times when the interests of the state conflict with those of the crime victim, and further there are times when a victim simply needs to have their own voice resonate in our courts separate and apart from other actors.



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The role of the victim advocate is to provide vital emotional support and navigation of the justice process, to help prepare and stand with the victim for the duration of the court process and beyond. Victim advocates are not attorneys, and while they can speak up for the victims' rights and interests there are limits on their advocacy whether they are system-based or community-based. A victims' rights attorney is a key piece of the criminal justice puzzle that has been missing for too long. A victims' rights attorney does not and cannot act on behalf of the state to hold someone accountable but they do have the training, understanding of the law, and appreciation of its application to meaningfully participate in court processes on behalf of a victim and their rights. Each of these three has a distinct role and whether their roles in any particular case align or conflict, each is critical to a crime victim and an effective criminal justice system.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:30 PM-2:45 PM

### **Reforming Prosecutorial Immunity**

**Speaker: Tung Yin**

Under *Imbler v. Pachtman*, prosecutors have absolute immunity from lawsuits for actions they take as prosecutors. The nationwide protests over Derek Chauvin's killing of George Floyd have opened the door to reform or elimination of the related defense of qualified immunity for police officers in various jurisdictions, but there has been less attention given to absolute immunity. If nothing else, the Jeffrey Epstein debacle has illuminated the need for a cause of action against prosecutors who flaunt the federal Crime Victims' Rights Act.



1:30 PM-2:45 PM

**No Kidding: Navigating Juvenile Courts, Clients and Privacy**

**Speaker: Andrea Rufo**

Protecting victims' rights is key in all areas of criminal justice, but the juvenile justice system presents a unique set of difficulties, procedures, potential advantages and disadvantages. This session will be divided into two sections. First, it will discuss the specific needs, strategies and concerns for representing victims in juvenile court proceedings which can often prioritize the privacy of the accused juvenile to the detriment of the victim and their rights. Second, it will discuss the specific needs, strategies and concerns when representing a juvenile victim in an adult proceeding including determining who is the client, interaction with unsupportive guardians, protecting records even under mandatory reporting laws, and protecting records of a juvenile that may be held in juvenile court as a result of prior proceedings. The session will focus on how to provide the best advocate counsel representation to victims who intersect with the juvenile court system.

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

**Making Victims' Rights Real Through Legal Services: A Look at Different Models**

**Speakers: Terry Campos, Sarah Ford, Johanna Kononen, Stephanie Richard**

The Rights In Systems Enforced (RISE) Project is a national legal service initiative that aims to increase victims' rights assertion and enforcement through funding ten legal clinics (six in 2018 and four in 2020) to represent victims in the aftermath of crime. In this NCVLI-facilitated session, attorneys from three RISE clinics will discuss how their clinics are empowering victims through access to justice. Specifically, the RISE attorneys will share with attendees the key victims' rights issues they have addressed; hurdles they have encountered in accessing justice for victims; and the legal outcomes from their efforts. This session will be interactive, allowing attendees time to ask questions about victims' rights enforcement and the RISE project.

3:00 PM-4:15 PM

**Plenary Session: Speaker Information Forthcoming**

4:30 PM-6:00 PM

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**Reforming SOL to Ensure Victims' Access to the Courts**

**Speaker: Sarah Klein**

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**Developing Compassion in the Courtroom**

**Speaker: Victor Reyes**

Exploring the concept of compassion as the way to avoid the empathetic distress that leads to burnout. We will define the different reactions we as humans have to see others in distress and focus on the development of compassion and self-compassion as the means of resolving situations with more wisdom. The session will focus on deploying these tools in the courtroom.



10:15 AM-11:30 AM

**Working Toward Justice for Crime Victims with Disabilities**

**Speakers: Alison Wilkinson, Elizabeth Brownhill**

People with disabilities are many multiples of times more likely to be victims of crime than people without disabilities. People with intellectual disabilities may be as much as ten times more likely to experience certain types of crime. Despite the disproportionate number of crime victims with disabilities, they are underrepresented in the criminal justice system. Crimes against them are unreported, under investigated and rarely prosecuted. This session will examine some of the factors contributing to the high rate of victimization among people with disabilities. Presenters will discuss some of the reasons why crime victims with disabilities are unable to access justice, including societal and systemic barriers. They will then analyze methods that victims and victim service providers may use to better ensure access to justice. The session will include a discussion of the assertion and enforcement of constitutional and statutory victims' rights that are likely to be implicated in the criminal process, including the rights to be heard, to be present, to privacy, and to be treated with fairness and dignity.



10:15 AM-11:30 AM

**Media Representation of Victims**

**Speaker: Itay Ravid**

Recent debates on racial inequalities in the criminal justice system focus on offenders while neglecting the other side of the criminal equation—victims of crime. Such scholarly oversight is surprising given the similarly deep racial disparities in the treatment of victims, manifested in different stages of the criminal justice system. Delving into the underexplored territory of racialized victimization, this project bridges that gap and exposes the roots of the disparate treatment of Black victims in the American criminal justice system. These unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic and racial tensions bring to the fore questions about governmental allocation of resources and emphasize, maybe more than ever, the importance of going back to the roots of such systematic institutional neglect. The presenter will discuss how through the ideal victim framework, from the early days of the victims' rights movement to the present, Black victims have been considered non-ideal victims and, as such, unworthy of institutional and legal recognition. The presenter will further discuss the important role the media has had in such a social construction of the ideal white victim. The presenter will be sharing a novel dataset spanning 10 years of media coverage on homicide cases contrasted with federal and state-level crime statistics from Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland to offer empirical support for the discussion.



10:15 AM-11:30 AM

**Expansion of Domestic Violence Special Victims' Counsel Representation in the Military - NDAA 2020: The National Guard**

**Speaker: Maj Leah Watson**

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2020 requires that military victims' rights lawyers known as Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) and Victims' Legal Counsel (VLC) representation to be expanded to include victims of domestic violence, so long as the accused is subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Additionally, the NDAA requires that those serving as SVC/VLC's receive training in domestic violence, and "appropriate training" on the law and policies of the state/territory where the military installation is located to include victims' rights and protective orders. This session will focus on the implication for expanded representation for victims and systems; how the services are meeting the mandate with emphasis on the National Guard and its distinctions; the required additional training for military counsel and how civilian and military entities can work together.



11:30 AM-12:00 PM

**Games with NCVLI**

12:00 PM-1:15 PM

**Lunch (On Your Own)**

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:15 PM-2:30 PM

**Victims' Right to Privacy in the Criminal Legal System**

**Speaker: Riddhi Mukhopadhyay**

Victims are often unaware of their privacy rights when engaging with the criminal system. Some rights are automatic while others must be requested. From the initial law enforcement report, all the way to trial and sentencing, victims' rights can often be misunderstood or neglected by the legal system. In this session, we'll answer questions that may come up throughout the process, including "Do I have to give the police my cell phone?" and "Can I request anonymity?" and "The defendant wants my medical records, can they get them?"



1:15 PM-2:30 PM

**Crime Victims' Rights Representation and Labor Trafficking Victims: the Challenges, Limitations and Opportunities**

**Speakers: Rose Mukhar, Erika Petty**

This session will discuss the intersectionality and complexity of labor trafficking. Many survivors experience labor/sex exploitation and sexual violence during their victimization. As a result, these survivors need additional services, and their rights as crime victims to be amplified. There often is a tendency to mischaracterize the victimization as sexual assault or domestic violence. With these complexities in mind, presenters will describe the challenges and limitations of crime victims' rights in these cases focusing on the tension between receiving victim services and asserting rights only when there is a report of the crime and how this impacts labor trafficking victims' access to redress, trusted support, and opportunities to make an informed decision about their rights and options.



1:15 PM-2:30 PM

**Addressing Unique Issues Confronting Older Victims During COVID and Beyond**

**Speakers: OVC Director Kris Rose, Allie Yang-Green, Megan Wood**

What are the unique considerations and challenges in providing legal services to older adults to protect their rights against scams and frauds as well as sexual assaults and domestic violence? How do we empower older adults through access to information and services, and build community responses to address elder abuse in rural areas? In addition to these key questions, the presenters will discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the service providers' ability to reach older adults and innovative practices developed to overcome those challenges. The presenters will share practice pointers and relevant data and share resources to support elder abuse legal practice.

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**Policy Hackathon Part 1, Group A**

Attendees—working in small group settings—will harness their collective expertise to craft policy solutions on key victims' rights issues. Policy experts will open the session with some key strategy considerations and will be on hand to share expertise as requested. The vision is of a rich discussion and robust development of ideas that can help advance victims' rights policy nationally. Friday's closing plenary will include a presentation of each developed policy proposal. The proposals will be added to the Conference App and between Friday and the end of the Conference, the entire community attending virtually and in-person will have a chance to vote on which policy initiative we want to advance! Announcement of the winning policy and policy team will take place during the closing plenary.

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**Policy Hackathon Part 1, Group B**

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**Victims' Rights Advocacy for Human Trafficking Survivors - a Tool for Anti-Racism in the Criminal Legal System**  
**Speakers: Erika Gonzalez, Nagwa Ibrahim**

The human trafficking field has not been immune from the impact of systemic racism despite efforts to protect victims, especially in the criminal legal system. BIPOC survivors of human trafficking continue to be victimized by the criminal legal system in criminal defense, victims' rights advocacy, and criminal record relief. This session will focus on how BIPOC survivors continue to be victimized by the criminal system whether through being disproportionately arrested, charged and/or convicted for crimes they were forced to commit by the traffickers, pressured to serve as a victim-witness under threats of criminalization, or the use of diversion courts to coerce survivors into engaging in services. Additionally, presenters will use the framework of Victims' Rights Advocacy to provide useful practices for examining and confronting racism in the criminal legal system in the fight against human trafficking. Panelists will highlight through a Critical Race Theory (CRT) lens, the importance of Victims' Rights' attorneys in addressing racism within the criminal legal system, ways to assert victims' rights and practical tools for engaging the criminal legal system from a CRT perspective.



2:45 PM-4:00 PM

**Tribal: States v. Cooley**  
**Speaker: Mary Nagle**

On the morning of Tuesday, June 1, 2021, the Supreme Court of the United States unanimously found in the case United States v. Cooley that a Crow tribal police officer had the authority to detain and search a non-Native suspected of committing a crime on a highway crossing through the Crow Reservation. Cooley, a non-Native, had challenged the authority of tribal law enforcement to stop and detain non-Indians who are suspected of committing crimes within the borders of an Indian reservation and asked the Supreme Court to uphold the Ninth Circuit's decision which concluded that tribal law enforcement can only stop and detain a non-Indian suspected of committing a crime if it is "apparent" or "obvious" that a crime is being committed. The presenter will discuss the amicus curiae brief filed on behalf of the National Indigenous Women's Resource, asking the Court to uphold the inherent sovereignty of Tribal Nations to protect their women and children from non-Indian perpetrators of crimes on tribal lands. The presenter will also discuss the Supreme Court's decision's impact on issues related to safety for Native women.



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**Virtual Closing/Reception**

**Who is a Victim Under the Crime Victims' Rights Act**

**Speaker: Paul Cassell**

This session will look at the foundational issue of who is considered a Victim for purposes of the federal Crime Victims' Rights Act. The presenter will discuss and analyze recent case law in the federal system (as well as some analogous state cases) addressing the issue of who can assert "Victim" rights.



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**Bridging the Gap: How Civil and Criminal Victims Lawyers Can Partner**

**Speaker: Kevin Biniazan**

9:00 AM-10:15 AM

**When an Undocumented Child is the Victim: Immigration Landscapes for Victim Advocates,**

**Speakers: Marisa Peterson, Melissa Orizondo, Pamela Nickell**

This session will give non-immigration advocates an understanding of the different agencies in the immigration landscape of children, and who may be involved when that child is the victim of a crime in the United States. This includes the Office of Refugee Resettlement shelters for unaccompanied children, immigration court, and USCIS. The presenters will provide insight into what seeking a U-Visa involves in order to help victims' rights advocates both inform their clients of their rights and understand the shortcomings.



## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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9:00 AM-10:15 AM

### **Protecting Military Victims' Rights with Language Interpreters**

**Speakers: Captain Irene Liscano, Captain Joline Doedens-Combs**

This session will describe a victim's experience throughout the process of litigating a sexual assault or domestic violence case in the military justice system, and the role of Special Victims' Counsel (SVC)/Victims' Legal Counsel (VLC) in that process. Presenters will highlight the need for qualified language interpreters for victims in military investigations and courts-martial. While most state and federal civilian courts have a system to certify and provide qualified court interpreters, the military does not. Linguistic communication barriers can threaten these victims' rights under the Uniform Code of Military Justice if there are no qualified interpreters available to communicate with prosecutors, defense attorneys and their assigned SVC/VLCs. Presenters will also discuss the history of the SVC/VLC programs, fundamentals of language interpreting, the court interpreter certification process, how SVCs/VLCs can obtain an interpreter at different stages of the military justice process, what the current military laws, regulations and case law stipulate for the use of court interpreters, some military and federal case law rulings involving court interpreters, and tips to work with court interpreters, both certified and not certified.

10:30 AM-11:45 AM

### **Procedural Justice & How Civilian Attorneys Can Represent Military-Connected Victims**

**Speaker: Ryan Guilds**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

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10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

**Procedural Justice: Leveling the Playing Field for Victims of Crime**

**Speaker: Sharla Jackson**

*Speaker will present virtually to the in-person audience.*

The court system contains challenges that victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder or child abuse experience when navigating the court process. Due process requires that those coming before the court system have notice and an opportunity to be heard. However, certain victims may experience barriers to accessing justice. Challenges such as disabilities, language, age, income, geography, or even the implicit bias of court professionals can make justice inaccessible and undermine the integrity of our court system. How do victims' advocates and other justice professionals safeguard our highest value of justice for all? What kind of collaborations are most effective in ensuring due process for victims? Ensuring that court professionals meet victims' procedural needs procedurally, requires a collaborative, multifaceted approach that includes civil and criminal procedures, knowledge of the court system, accommodations that can overcome physical, cultural, emotional and other barriers and holistic services which meet a victim's needs as the court process concludes. This workshop will provide strategies that will enable "Multidisciplinary Collaboration Teams," which include civil, criminal justice professionals, court, and community-based advocates to make justice accessible for all victims. The presentation will enable attendees to 1) gain an understanding the requirements of due process; 2) be able to identify the elements of procedural due process; 3) be able to recognize factors inherent in the court system that impede access to justice; and 4) understand strategies for effective collaboration among "Multidisciplinary Collaboration Teams" to improve access to justice.



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**Victims' Rights and Services After the Offender is Sentenced to Prison**

**Speakers: Lydia Newlin, Jeralita "Jeri" Costa**

There are myriad issues faced by victims and survivors long after the offender enters prison. Victims' needs and rights continue after the offender is sentenced, through the incarceration period, at the time of community reentry/release planning, and during the parole/community supervision period. In FY 2017, the National Association of Victim Assistance in Corrections (NAVAC) was awarded a 3-year grant by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to conduct a broad gap analysis of post-conviction victim services provided by corrections and paroling authorities nationwide and to develop overall recommendations to better meet the needs of victims post-conviction. In this session, the NAVAC project team will present the findings and recommendations of the Post-Conviction Victim Services National Gap Assessment and an overview of the varied post-conviction victim services provided by post-conviction agencies. Presenters will facilitate discussion on how to expand collaboration to improve services for victims along the entire criminal justice continuum.

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

**Closing Keynote Luncheon Plenary Session: LGBTQ Victims' Rights: Improving Military & Civilian Response**

**Speaker: Charlotte Clymer**

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