

2022 Voice For Justice Awards

The National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) invites you to nominate individuals and/or organizations to receive a 2022 Voice for Justice Award. These awards recognize those who have worked to ensure that crime victims' rights and voices are a part of our justice system. Awards will be presented during our virtual Voices for Justice event on September 28, 2022.

PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS:

Too often crime victims are treated without the dignity, fairness and respect they deserve. These awards recognize the attorneys, advocates, allied professionals, and organizations that have made significant contributions to promote victims' rights and voices within the justice system.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

1. The award recipient must have demonstrated dedication, leadership, and outstanding achievement in assisting crime victims with their rights, and working as a catalyst for positive change in the justice system as an attorney, advocate, allied professional, or organization.
2. Candidates nominated but not selected in previous years are also eligible for consideration. Previous award honorees are not eligible.
3. Self-nominations by the Board or staff of an agency are accepted.

NOMINATION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

1. You may nominate an individual, an organization, or a team of individuals or organizations for each of the designated awards. Please read each award carefully, as some are attorney or advocate only.
2. The description of why the nominee should be honored should not exceed 500 words and should make clear the significance of the achievement and the nominee's specific role in that achievement.
3. We encourage you to submit supporting materials, such as a biography or resumé that summarizes the nominee's background and experience. If the nominee is an organization, describe its mission and objectives and provide a brief history of the organization.
4. Please complete a separate nomination form for each individual, organization, or team nominated.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

LEGAL ADVOCACY AWARD

This award recognizes crime victims' rights attorneys who have dedicated and committed their time to representing victims of crime in the criminal justice system.

GAIL BURNS-SMITH EXCELLENCE IN VICTIM SERVICES

This award recognizes outstanding efforts of an advocate or allied professional in elevating the rights and voices of crime victims, and shedding light on often hidden issues related to victimization and healing.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS PARTNERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes the collaborative efforts of individuals and/or organizations that have devoted their time to advancing crime victims' rights in partnership with others. The focus of the award is on those collaborative efforts.

NOMINATION & SELECTION PROCESS:

Complete the online form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/23bunh43> **OR**

Mail or email a nomination letter to: National Crime Victim Law Institute Attn: Awards 1130 SW Morrison Street., Suite 240, Portland, OR 97205 ncvli@lclark.edu.

NCVLI's Award Committee reviews the nominations and selects the recipients. Notifications of selection will occur early September 2022.

TERMS OF THE AWARD:

Acceptance of an award authorizes NCVLI to publish the award recipient's names, photos, and/or profiles on its website and in promotional materials.