

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM LAW INSTITUTE

PROTECTING, ENFORCING & ADVANCING VICTIMS' RIGHTS

**ANNUAL REPORT
2012-2013**

MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Our charge is to create a world in which victims' rights are a reality. Together we are working to ensure that victims' privacy, protection, and participation are integral to the very fabric of justice; working for a world in which victims' voices impact policy and practice.

TO REALIZE THIS CHANGE REQUIRES:

Envisioning a better future

A community believing in the vision

Doing the work to make the vision concrete

Living the vision every day

Join us as we reflect on the successes of this year and plan for the years ahead so that ultimately we can all live in a world where victims' rights are a reality and the innovations of today are common place.



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ENVISION IT

A SOCIETY IN WHICH

Every victim has comprehensive and meaningful legal rights

Everyone knows and respects the rights of victims

Every victim has access to a knowledgeable attorney

Victims' rights are routinely enforced

Victims meaningfully participate in justice



BELIEVE IT

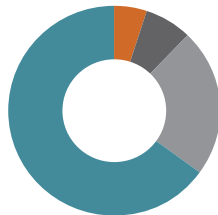
so. Change happens when a community shares a vision. This year NCVLI invited thousands of attorneys, advocates, survivors, students, and allied professionals to share the vision by training in-person, through webinars, in law schools and through innovative distance learning. Today, partners nationwide are heralding the vision.

759 Attorneys
685 Advocates
468 Public & Victims
239 Students
23 Law Enforcement
17 Mental Health

NEARLY
2,200
TRAINED

Change does not happen overnight or when a few individuals wish it were

WAYS WE INVITED OTHERS TO JOIN



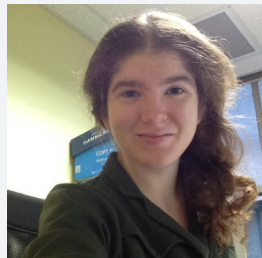
65% IN-PERSON, NCVLI TRAINERS

23% IN-PERSON, CO-TRAINING WITH PARTNERS

7% DISTANCE LEARNING, CO-TRAINING WITH PARTNERS

5% DISTANCE LEARNING, NCVLI TRAINERS

43 Total Trainings



When I first joined NCVLI's Crime Victim Litigation Clinic in fall semester 2012, the concept of victim's rights was completely new to me. In retrospect, it is shocking how marginalized victims are in the criminal justice system . . . In the past year at NCVLI, I have had the unique opportunity to fully engage in victim's rights. I have seen up-close both the injustices to victims and the efforts to rectify those injustices. The experience as a whole has equipped me with an awareness of these issues that I will take with me going forward in my career as an attorney.

- Pamela Frazier, J.D. 2013 Lewis & Clark Law School

Thank you so much for coming down and making such wonderfully informative presentations. The consensus is that the trainers were superbly qualified, excellent presenters, and very accessible. You have left a lot of excitement around criminal work in your wake!

- California Civil Lawyer



We've been looking for game-changing ideas . . . We needed to reach out to folks outside the military, and [NCVLI] is right at the top when it comes to victims' rights.

- Air Force Judge Advocate General
Lt. Gen. Richard Harding

LIVE IT

This was about justice
for my daughter
.... Having an attorney
made all the difference.
She was able to give a
voice to my daughter.

Mother of homicide victim
who NCVLI paired with a
pro bono attorney

The judge got it He
was obviously swayed
by your brief and he
denied the motion for
defendant to enter the
victim's home You
are wonderful!!!

Washington State
Prosecuting Attorney

Making the vision a reality requires integrating it into everyday practice. This year the community living the vision grew dramatically. We had 62 volunteers, and more than 1,000 members of the National Alliance of Victims' Rights Attorneys and Advocates.

PIECE BY PIECE

One legal victory at a time, the future we are dreaming of came into focus

WASHINGTON A victim had a facility dog sitting with him during trial testimony.

CALIFORNIA A request for the civil deposition of a victim was denied based on the victim's right to refuse discovery.

TEXAS Victims of environmental crimes were recognized as crime victims and allowed to be heard.

MILITARY Sexual assault victims were afforded the right to be heard.

ARIZONA The victim's personal information was redacted from public records disclosed to defendant.

OREGON A rape victim retained her privacy as rape shield proceedings were held in camera (in private) rather than in open court.

13TH ANNUAL CRIME VICTIM LAW CONFERENCE
June 20-21, 2014 in Portland, Oregon



DO IT

After embracing the vision, comes implementation. This year we provided substantive technical assistance in the form of intense legal research, writing, and strategic advice in cases and public policy debates in **183 matters** in **30 jurisdictions** and filed **13 amicus curiae briefs** in **7 jurisdictions**. We integrated second and third year law students into our Rights Hotline, serving more than 135 victims in the process and placing many with pro bono attorneys around the country. We partnered with the Air Force to launch the Special Victims' Counsel Program, and aided its efforts in a landmark case to establish military victims' rights.



NCVLI travelled to Atlanta, Georgia in September 2012 to accept the Paul H. Chapman Foundation for Improvement of Justice Award and to Washington D.C. in April 2013 to accept the Crime Victims' Rights Award from the United States Department of Justice. Pictured, Executive Director Meg Garvin and Staff Attorney Rebecca Khalil accepting the Crime Victims' Rights Award from Attorney General Eric Holder.

SNAPSHOT OF OUR WORK

30%

LEGAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

26%

PRACTITIONER AIDS

15%

TRAININGS

13%

RIGHTS HOTLINE

9%

CAPACITY BUILDING

7%

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Lasting change takes time and it takes community. We are grateful to our growing community for its support and willingness to work to realize a better future.

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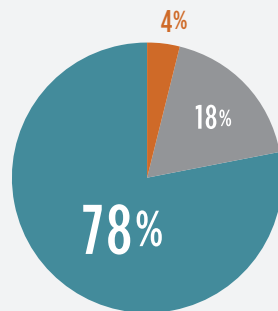
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