



RIGHTS
UNLOCKED

**NATIONAL CRIME
VICTIM LAW INSTITUTE**
at Lewis & Clark Law School

2017-2018
ANNUAL
REPORT

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“ I was so impressed by my interactions with NCVLI. Though I’m 11 years out of law school, I’m relatively new to ... victim representation. ... I found it heartening that such an institute as NCVLI exists. ”

Attorney



“ NCVLI’s staff is extremely knowledgeable and accessible for victims’ advocates. I appreciate the access to the dependable resources of their attorneys. ”

Advocate

“ Thank you so much, this is exactly the case I was looking for! I appreciate all your work and quick response. ”

Attorney



“ [NCVLI’s training’s] should be a mandatory presentation for every service provider. Phenomenal. Powerful moving. Enjoyed it, learned and looking forward to taking this work back to my advocacy work. ”

Advocate



MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

The promise of victims' rights is that crime victims have meaningful voice and choice in the justice system. Rights can be powerful tools as one travels the path from victim to survivor to thriver. Unlocking that power and fulfilling the promise of rights can be daunting, as it requires both knowing one's rights and demanding those rights. Our commitment this year was to use every key — litigation, education, public policy, and community — to unlock and claim the power of rights for victims. Using these keys, we made great strides. This Report highlights some of the year's successes. We are grateful to the many partners with whom we have worked. We know that there is yet untapped power in victims' rights and that there are more locks for which we must find a key. We also know that together we can fulfill the promise of victims' rights in every case and for every victim.



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legal topics



80+

LEGAL MATTERS

from 22 JURISDICTIONS

& 9 AMICUS CURIAE BRIEFS

How did NCVLI help?

97% NCVLI's assistance allowed me to better advance victims' rights and to better serve victims.

100% would request assistance from NCVLI again.

A Glance at Our Assistance & Its Impact

California: NCVLI worked side-by-side with a California attorney, providing strategic advice and sample pleadings to successfully secure protections for a victim of domestic violence who was being subjected to abusive discovery practices. The victim's counsel said: *"Thank you ... so very much for the ongoing support and materials. They were invaluable in drafting our filings and in feeling supported going up against an opposing party with significant funds[.]"*

Pennsylvania: Defendant pled guilty to felony drug charges; in the plea agreement, he took responsibility for the victim's death. NCVLI helped put forward a restitution request for the deceased victim's future lost earnings, as well as the funeral and related expenses incurred by the family members. The requester said: *"Thank you! This is incredibly helpful, for both this case and future cases."*



3,226 LEARNERS from
47 JURISDICTIONS

65 TRAININGS
totaling
424 HOURS



90+% were satisfied with NCVLI's training and would recommend that a colleague attend a future training.



9 LEWIS & CLARK
STUDENTS
students in the **CRIME VICTIM
LITIGATION CLINIC**
worked on
15 CASES

What Are They Saying?

Student: *"NCVLI was one of the reasons I chose to come to Lewis & Clark. ... As a future prosecutor, I knew that victims would be a part of each and every day of my practice, therefore I wanted to learn more about [the] laws protecting them."*

Advocate: *"Thank you so much for this training. I really took so much information back and reflected on how I can make some changes for victims in my community."*

Attorney: *"The presenter was great! I truly enjoyed this [training] and learned so much!"*

volunteers



giving



more than

2,000
hours



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equipped

with **317** legal
BRIEFS & MEMOS
& **1,672** CASE
summaries

NCVLI's New Initiatives

Victim Assistance Academy

Graduating victim service providers and allied professionals who possess the core competencies necessary to support survivor agency.



Bridging the Digital Divide

Supporting innovative ideas and technologies to increase legal services for victims in three rural communities across the country.



Justice Beyond Conviction

Sharing best practices in post-conviction victims' rights enforcement.



Victims' Rights Profiles

Tracking pending or recently enacted legislation that impacts the power of rights.



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June 6-7

Portland, Oregon

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