



National Crime Victim Law Institute

Legal Advocacy, Education & Training, Public Policy

WHO WE ARE

The National Crime Victim Law Institute (NCVLI) is a non-profit research and educational organization at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon. NCVLI is the only national organization in the country working to protect victims' rights in criminal trial and appellate courts.

NCVLI's mission is to actively promote balance and fairness in the justice system through crime victim centered legal advocacy, education, and resource sharing

WHO WE SERVE

NCVLI assists victim advocates and attorneys to effectively advocate for victims' rights throughout the criminal justice process.

WHY WE SERVE

Victims of crime are too often re-victimized by the very justice system to which they turned for help. This re-victimization happens when they are put on the witness list and told to stay out of the courtroom, when they endure unreasonable delays in the process, when they struggle to recover property, and when their privacy is invaded.

WHERE WE SERVE

National Network of Pro Bono Clinics

NCVLI's network of pro bono crime victim legal clinics spans 11 states and the District of Columbia. These clinics provide direct legal representation at no cost to victims of crime in state, federal and tribal criminal cases.

National Alliance of Victims' Rights Attorneys

NAVRA, NCVLI's membership alliance of attorneys and advocates, boasts nearly 700 members from 46 states, the District of Columbia, and Israel. NAVRA's mission is to ensure that crime victims in every jurisdiction have access to attorneys and advocates trained in the latest issues affecting crime victims.

HOW WE SERVE

Legal Advocacy

NCVLI works to pair victims with free lawyers who will fight to secure their rights, and we provide legal technical assistance in the form of research, writing and strategic advice nationwide to these attorneys to ensure they can make the best arguments for victims. In addition, we participate as amicus curiae ("friend of the court") in state and federal cases to ensure courts are aware of victims' rights.

Training & Education

NCVLI trains nationwide on the meaning, scope, and enforceability of victims' rights, educating prosecutors, judges, law students, and defense attorneys on what it means for the system to recognize a victim with rights, and teaching the practical skills of victims' rights advocacy to attorneys and victim advocates.

Public Policy

NCVLI works to secure the next wave of victim's rights legislation (legislation that guarantees victims substantive rights and the procedural mechanisms to secure those rights) by providing model legislation, strategic advice, and testifying when called upon.



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