

VICTIMS' RIGHTS DIGEST 101:

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Welcome to the Victims' Rights Digest 101, NAVRA's weekly digest of national and international news affecting crime victims.

In this digest NAVRA hopes to share many of the news, cases and research links that come across its desk on a weekly basis. This Digest is not intended to be a comprehensive collection of news items affecting crime victims, nor does NCVLI express any opinion with regard to any of the stories contained in the Digest. The Digest is designed to provide the membership of NAVRA with a glimpse of victims' issues being talked about and reported on across the country and the world.

We hope that you will find this of use. More news on victims' issues can also be found at www.ncvli.org.

Comments, concerns, and recommendations regarding this Digest are always welcome. Send them to navra@lclark.edu.

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* Westlaw/LexisNexis articles require a login and password.

Congratulations to NAVRA member **Jay Howell**, who was awarded the **Frank Carrington Crime Victim Attorney Award** for 2009 at the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section's Mid-Year meeting in Orlando, Florida! The Frank Carrington Crime Victim Attorney award recognizes one attorney's outstanding contributions through legal representation, scholarship, volunteer work, and leadership to advance the rights of crime victims in the criminal justice system. Frank Carrington, in whose honor and memory the award was created, was the first (posthumous) recipient for 2007, and NAVRA's own **Rich Pompelio** of the **New Jersey Crime Victims' Law Center** received the award for 2008.

NATIONAL

EAST

[Massachusetts - Bill to help stalking victims becomes law](#)

Victims and advocates celebrate as a Massachusetts bill giving more protections to stalking victims (its unanimous passage in the Mass. Legislature was highlighted in last week's *Digest 101*) is signed into law by Governor Deval Patrick.

MIDWEST

[Ohio - Child sex trade study shines light on Ohio](#)

A new Ohio study finds that nearly 1,100 Ohioans, or about one in every three runaways who have been gone for more than two weeks, are forced into the sex trade each year.

WEST

[Oregon - New labor laws will help domestic violence victims in Oregon](#)

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries is drafting regulations that will require certain employers to make reasonable accommodations to victims of domestic violence, and will prohibit employers from discriminating against victims of domestic violence.

[California - Calif. early release program draws fire](#)

California's plan to release some 6,000 prison inmates early sparks debate over whether the program will make the state safer.

INTERNATIONAL

PACIFIC

[New Zealand - Law to ease pressure on crime victims enacted](#)

A law went into effect in New Zealand that will ensure that victims who receive legal services at coroner's inquests or parole board hearings will not be required to pay for the services.

[Indonesia - Sexual Predators Hunt For Child Trafficking Victims On Facebook](#)

In Indonesia, the National Commission for Child Protection has received numerous reports where sexual predators have searched for child trafficking victims using Facebook.