



Key Victims' Rights to Notice and Information in Contexts Beyond the Verdict

Correctional Custody

- Release requests, hearings, decisions by the Parole Board
- Release on parole / probation / supervision
- Escape / Recapture
- Death
- Transfer between facilities (interstate or intrastate)
- Medical release or transfer
- Work release
- Bereavement –related release

Mental Health Custody

- Release requests, hearings, decisions by the Psychiatric Review Board
- Supervised Release / Release
- Escape / Recapture
- Death
- Transfer between facilities
- Medical release or transfer
- Bereavement –related release

Courts

- Transportation to court or administrative proceedings
- Filing of appeals or collateral challenges to conviction and/or sentence and all related pleadings and hearings
- Requests for DNA testing
- Requests, hearings and decisions regarding expungement / expunction of convictions
- Sex offender registration and petitions to terminate registration requirements
- Release pending appeal
- Case outcomes

Clemency

- Requests for any form of executive clemency, including pardons and commutations of sentence
- Hearings relating to clemency requests
- Decisions relating to clemency requests

Supervision

- Allegations of violation of release / supervision conditions
- Violation-related hearings
- Violation-related decisions
- Modifications of the terms of release
- Revocation / Termination of supervision
- Absconding
- Death

Practice Tips:

- Victims' rights in a jurisdiction may be found in specific constitutional or statutory Victims' Bills of Rights and may also be codified separately. It is prudent to conduct a broad search to identify all applicable rights. NCVLI's [Victim Law Library](#) has resources to aid this research.
- One of the most fundamental pieces of information is to know the points of contact for these different processes and the methods of asserting the rights to notice and information.
- Know the process in the relevant jurisdiction, as some jurisdictions require victims to opt-in to post-conviction notifications, while others allow victims to opt-out of notification.
- Be sure to know how to update a survivor's address or other information, to ensure continuing notification.

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