**People**

* **11 member Board of Directors (plus 2 ex officio members), 14 member Advisory Council, and 8 member Victim Advisory Group** 
  + Nationally recognized members include Law Professor Doug Beloof, co-author of the only casebook on victim law; Kathleen Cady, retired Pasadena Assistant District Attorney; Dr Dr. Nicole Clavo head of the City of Sacramento’s Office of Violence Prevention; .John Gillis, former Director of the Office for Victims of Crime; and Adrian Perry, co-founder of Survivors United.
  + Personal experience with victimization ranges from surviving family members of homicide, survivors of sexual violence and assault, and more.
  + Professions include attorney, advocate, mental health, medical doctor, researchers and more.
  + Military veterans.
* **A legal staff with a collective nearly 100 years of experience in victim law**
  + NCVLI’s attorneys received their law degrees from such schools as Stanford, University of Virginia, University of California at Los Angeles, and University of Minnesota.
* **Awards & Recognition for Staff and NCVLI**
  + Staff: American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section’s Frank Carrington Crime Victim Attorney Award, Hardy Myers Victim Advocacy Award from the Oregon Crime Victims Law Center. Parents of Murdered Children’s John W. Gillis Leadership Award
  + Organization: Mary Byron Celebrating Solutions Award for Innovation in Responding to Violence Against Women (awarded twice); Crime Victims’ Rights Award from the U.S. Department of Justice; and Paul H. Chapman Foundation for Improvement of Justice Award.

**Impact and Expertise**

* **Recognized as the leading expert in victim law**
  + In the past year, NCVLI provided technical assistance in nearly 150 legal matters in 34 jurisdictions, assisting attorneys, advocates, and allied professionals.
  + NCVLI staff is routinely called upon to testify in front of state legislatures and Congress.
  + In 2013, NCVLI’s model, with its guidance, was adopted by every branch of the U.S. military.
  + In 2016, NCVLI’s expertise was called upon to support victims’ rights efforts in Kenya and Uganda.
* **Educating nationwide to ensure that victims receive expert assistance**
  + In the past year, NCVLI has trained nearly 3,000 victim service providers.
  + Since 2002, NCVLI has successfully hosted the only national conference focused on victim law, which continued virtually and in hybrid form during the Pandemic; bringing together more than 300 professionals and experts to share knowledge and best practices.
  + NCVLI teaches the Crime Victim Litigation Clinic at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon.
* **Amicus curiae (friend of the court) in more than 160 cases in state, federal and military trial and appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court**
  + NCVLI’s amicus briefs educate courts about the long-term impact of their decisions on victim issues, ranging from ensuring the privacy and protection of stalking victims, to providing child-victims alternative means of testimony, to the importance of restitution for victims to make a fresh start.
* **Sponsor of the only national membership alliance dedicated to victims’ rights in criminal justice**
  + The National Alliance of Victims’ Rights Attorneys & Advocates (NAVRA), an NCVLI project, is the only national membership alliance of victims’ rights enforcement advocates and attorneys. Current active membership is 2,700, hailing from all 50 states. 8% of membership are law students. NAVRA’s membership website (www.NAVRA.org) includes 500 legal resources, including amicus briefs, sample pleadings, legal research memories, and case law summaries.
  + NAVRA hosts the only national pro bono portal pairing survivors in need with no cost attorneys through an online pairing project

**Management Experience**

* **Successful management of numerous grants from agencies such as the Office for Victims of Crime, National Institute of Corrections, Equal Justice Works, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and Oregon Department of Justice.**
  + Projects have focused on victim populations facing unique challenges, including victims of online fraud, violence against women, and child-victims.
  + In FY 2015-2016, managed federal, state and private grants worth a cumulative of more than $2.5 million.
  + NCVLI is currently the Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) provider for Office for Victims of Crime’s 10 crime victims’ rights enforcement clinics, as well as the national TTA provider on two Office on Violence Against Women project.
  + NCVLI has led multiple demonstration projects to increase the capacity of the field.

**MIssion and VISION**

* Our mission is to actively promote comprehensive and enforceable legal rights for crime victims and access to knowledgeable attorneys to help protect those rights in every case through victim centered legal advocacy, education, and resources.
* Our vision is of a justice system in which every crime victim has:
  + comprehensive and meaningful legal rights;
  + access to a trained victims’ rights attorney at no cost; and
  + rights that are recognized and enforced..
* Our values are:
  + Empowerment. Voice, choice and agency are critical components of empowerment. We recognize and acknowledge that individual experiences, needs, and decisions will vary and support empowerment by providing legal expertise to ensure victims may make informed decisions, and to have those decisions honored and respected throughout the criminal justice process.
  + Dignity. We value the dignity of all individuals and believe that every person deserves to be treated with respect and with care for their well-being.
  + Equity. NCVLI works to ensure all victims – no matter their identities or backgrounds – have their rights afforded and are treated by the justice system with respect and dignity.
  + Collaboration. We view our work as part of a national community. We actively seek out, amplify, complement, and support the work, knowledge, and perspectives of other organizations and individuals – to ensure that victims’ rights are respected and enforced throughout the country.
  + Innovation. We value creative legal analysis, inventive solutions and strategic litigation to advance victims’ rights.

**Organizational HisTORy**

* The National Crime Victim Law Institute was conceived in 1997 by Professor Doug Beloof to be a national resource for crime victim lawyers and victims to support the assertion and enforcement of victims’ rights in criminal and civil processes.
* Today, National Crime Victim Law Institute continues to raise our voices for justice. Together, with partners across the country, the National Crime Victim Law Institute works in helping individual crime victims move toward becoming survivors and establishing legal precedent so that tomorrow’s victims benefit from today’s efforts.