



Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich Office of Victim Services

Victims' Rights Brief

For Arizona's Justice System Administrators, Practitioners, and Advocates



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National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW)

Every year, millions of Americans are deeply impacted by crime. April 24–30, 2022, is National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a time to celebrate the progress achieved, raise awareness of victims' rights and services, and stand with our families, neighbors, friends, and colleagues whose lives have been forever altered by crime.

The Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victim Services (OVS) makes every effort to advance victims' rights through leadership, education, public policy initiatives, committee actions, compliance programs and victim advocacy. It is with a renewed determination that we pay homage to victims and those who tirelessly serve victims during this year's NCVRW.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week • April 24–30, 2022



The Arizona Crime Victims' Rights Week 2022 Virtual Recognition Event

On behalf of the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Arizona Governor's Office, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Arizona Department of Corrections Rehabilitation & Reentry, Arizona Juvenile Corrections and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, we are pleased to invite you to attend the 2022 virtual NCVRW event on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 12:00 Noon. This multi-agency event will highlight and honor extraordinary individuals and groups who serve victims of crime. Awards include the Maricopa County Attorney's Office Crime Victims' Rights Legacy Award: Legacy of Justice, the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Awards presented by the Attorney General Mark Brnovich and Governor Doug Ducey's Triumph Over Tragedy Award.

The joint committee representing these Arizona agencies is also honored to announce this year's keynote speaker, Carol Daly, former Undersheriff of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department who is nationally renowned for her decades of work on the Golden State Killer case.

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If you have questions, suggestions, or an idea for an article, please contact Colette Chapman at (602) 542-8848 or by email at Colette.Chapman@azag.gov



Please click the link below to register:

https://www.bigmarker.com/attorney-generals-office/Arizona-National-Crime-Victims-Rights-Week-Virtual-Event?show_live_page=true

The Arizona Attorney General Office's Distinguished Service Award Winners

The Arizona Attorney General's Office honors extraordinary individuals and groups who serve victims of crime. Below are the 2022 Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award winners.

Advocacy and Direct Services Award: Jessei MacIntire Victim Advocate Coordinator, Graham County Attorney's Office

As a victim advocate for Graham County Attorney's Office, Jessei MacIntire exhibits passion and perseverance in facilitating victim justice and healing through the promotion of victims' legal rights. Jessei's insight related to victim services began when she experienced the criminal justice system after losing her husband to a drunk driver, and having to withstand a criminal case. Through her experience, Jessei recognized ways in which she could improve the process for victims. She has instituted policies and practices which focus on placing the victim first. She implemented the

Graham County Victim's Rights week which shines the spotlight on victims of crime and their experiences. Jessei exceeds expectations and goes above and beyond by ensuring every possible action is taken to ensure the victim receives notice for all hearings of their case. To further victim healing, Jessei implemented a volunteer program to provide support beyond their criminal cases. The program allows for former victims to serve as advocates and offer every victim the opportunity to relate to their advocate in some way. Jessei has forever changed the way victims are served in

Graham County and her efforts will continue to better serve victims.



Pictured: Jessei MacIntire with Distinguished Service Award

Courage In Action Award: Leslie James

Victim Representative: Arizona Supreme Court Commission on Victims in the Courts (COVIC)

Leslie James is a fourth-generation Arizonan on both sides of her family. She



Pictured: Leslie James with Distinguished Service Award and her dog, Jack.

is a graduate of Northern Arizona University with a dual major in political science and paralegal studies. She worked for the Salt River Project (SRP) for 20 years before becoming the executive director of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association (CREDA), a position she has held for more than 20 years. In 1978, Leslie's college-aged sister, Deana, was murdered by a man who had been convicted of previous sex crimes. After 41 years in the judicial system, Leslie remains a tireless advocate who continues to seek justice on behalf of her sister. Leslie

has been an active member on COVIC for over 15 years and has participated on numerous training panels, providing her unique perspective regarding the impact of crime and the appeals process on family victims. She has helped lead the commission forward in a manner which encourages engagement and inclusivity. Her problem-solving approach has enabled the commission to identify solutions which facilitate victim justice and respect to victims' legal rights. For criminal justice practitioners, Leslie brings a much-needed reminder of the personal impact of crime victims.

The Arizona Attorney General Office's Distinguished Service Award Winners

Leadership Award: Shelly Ward Victim Services Administrator, Mesa Police Department

Shelly Ward serves as the Victim Services Administrator for the Mesa Police Department, Family Advocacy Center. Here, Shelly utilizes her leadership skills to lead an impressive team of dedicated victim advocates who collaborate with law enforcement, the Department of Child Safety, Honor Health, the County Attorney, and other agencies. As a board member of New Life Center and the Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network, Shelly's service to others is highlighted through acts of compassion and commitment. She's an instructor at the Mesa Police Department's Training Academy and a member of several com-



Pictured: Shelly Ward with Distinguished Service Award

munity action groups. Shelly is exceptionally passionate about victims and providing them effective services. Most

recently, Shelly has been involved in the implementation of a Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) program that improves victim notification as their cases proceed through the justice system. Developing a framework for domestic violence strategies, victim interventions, and measurable statistics comes easily to Shelly due to her hard work and perseverance. Shelly is said to have the most amazingly positive, inspiring, upbeat personality that infects and motivates her staff. A true leader in every sense of the word, Shelly has inspired greatness in those she's worked with throughout her career.

Leadership Award: Shawn Cox Chief of Victim Services Division: Maricopa County Attorney's Office

As Chief of Victim Services for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Shawn Cox exhibits remarkable leadership skills as she supervises the personnel and operations for victim ser-



Pictured: Shawn Cox with Distinguished Service Award

vices. Most recently, Shawn made it possible for minor victims to find comfort and support during the emotional rollercoaster of the judicial process through the expansion of the K-9 program. Shawn's leadership has been witnessed in previous occupations as she has managed the Victim Witness Section in the Phoenix, Tucson, and Flagstaff offices for the US Attorney. Shawn demonstrated strong initiative when she directed the "In Harm's Way" study that identified failures in the child protection services systems and later led to new laws that improved the system. Additionally, in her position as Regional Director for Justice for Children she led



statewide advocacy for abused and neglected children. Shawn's career in victim services is a testament to her leadership in the victim services community. Her perseverance and commitment to victim's rights has led to successful advocacy and better treatment of victims.

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Service Coordination Award: Jamie Balson

Crime Victims' Rights Attorney, Legal Services for Crime Victims in Arizona (LSCVA)



Pictured: Jamie Balson's Distinguished Service Award Plaque

As a Crime Victims' Rights Attorney at the nonprofit she personally founded, LSCVA, Jamie Balson has been instrumental in establishing comprehensive, coordinated, multi-disciplinary approaches to serving crime victims. Her work has focused on promoting greater access to justice for crime victims. She is a leader in the field of victim services and exhibits outstanding problem solving skills and coordination. She devises unique solutions to victim issues for both her individual clients and to facilitate system wide changes. Jamie devotes

herself to changing laws with negative effects on victims and has advocated for legal changes aimed at better treatment of victims. Jamie establishes and maintains cooperative efforts with various agencies in order to advance victim services. She has worked to deliver services to clients, provide holistic approaches to victims' needs, and to ensure the collateral issues resulting from crime are addressed. Jamie's commitment to crime victims is evident and her work with LSCVA will continue to be looked upon as a standard for victims' rights.

Introducing Your Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victim Services Staff



Pictured Above: Tucson's Victim Services staff.

From Left to Right: Reileen Fenn (Intern), Veronica Driz (Victim Advocate), Ashtyn Buechler (Victims' Rights Outreach Coordinator), Christine Cervantez (Victim Advocate), and Amy Bocks (Assistant Director).

Not Pictured: Casey Brown (Victim Advocate) and Maria Magana (Administrative Assistant).

Pictured Below: Phoenix's Victim Services staff.

From Left to Right: Linda Carthen (Victim Advocate), Natalie Papon (Victim Advocate), Briana Bobertz (Victim Advocate), Colette Chapman (Victims' Rights Compliance Administrator), Evelyn Robles (Supervisory Victim Advocate), Kirstin Flores (Director), Kennesha Jackson (Victims' Rights Lead Funder), and Kendall Schaub (Office Administrator).

Not Pictured: Jeanette Martinez (Advocate Assistant).



Victims' Rights Outreach and Education



We are pleased to announce additional dates have been added for the 2022 Basic and Advanced Victims' Rights presentations, which continue to be provided via webinar on BigMarker.com.

We will accept requests for other victims' rights presentations, including: Appeals, Probation, and Law Enforcement. For more information, to register for a Basic or Advanced presentation, or to request another presentation, please visit our website: <https://www.azag.gov/criminal/victim-services/training>

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VOCA Requirements

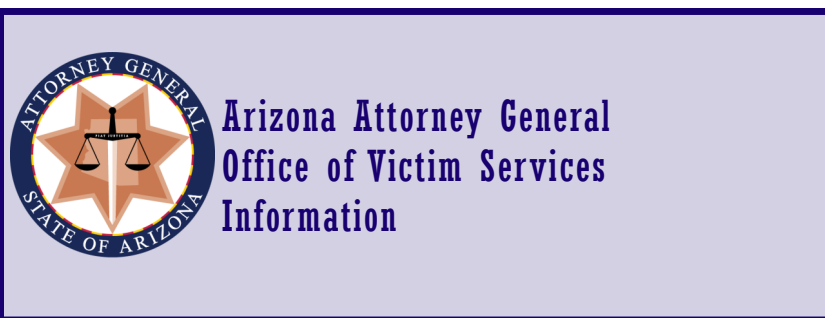
All governmental and nonprofit sub-recipient VOCA and match staff, along with their first line supervisor(s), must attend the BASIC training at least once every five years.

All governmental sub-recipient VOCA and match staff, along with their first line supervisor(s), must attend the ADVANCED class each year. Advanced training is optional for nonprofit sub-recipients.

Additional Webinar FY22 Dates Available!

Please click the link for registration:

<https://www.azag.gov/criminal/victim-services/training>



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The Arizona Attorney General's Office is dedicated to a system of justice that is inclusive of crime victims and will remain vigilant in striving to provide the most efficient and effective service to the people of Arizona. The services provided to crime victims and the technical assistance and support provided to criminal justice agencies and other service providers is the responsibility of the Office of Victim Services.

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