



CRIME VICTIM LAW CONFERENCE

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM LAW INSTITUTE

2026 CONFERENCE AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH

All times listed are Pacific Daylight Time. Hybrid sessions livestreamed with limited interaction

8:00AM - 8:45 AM –	Check-In & Breakfast	In-Person
9:00AM – 9:15 AM –	Welcoming Remarks	Hybrid
9:15AM – 10:00 AM –	Keynote: When Stalking Becomes a Constitutional Case: A Survivor's Perspective on Justice, Safety, and the Courts Speaker: Coles Whalen	Hybrid
10:20AM – 11:35AM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS I	
	Beyond the Courtroom: Enforcing Victims' Rights in the Age of Digital Harm and AI-Driven Justice Speaker: Samantha McCoy	Hybrid
	For Us, By Us: Providing Cultural Specific Legal Service for Survivors of DVSA Speakers: Nel-Sylvia Guzman & Ikram Ali	Hybrid
	Parallel Proceedings: Understanding and Navigating Civil & Criminal Justice Speaker: Sean Riddell	Hybrid
11:45AM – 1:00PM -	Lunch & Plenary: Legal Advocacy for Financial Wellness as a Crime Victim Right Speakers: Sarah Byrne & John Doe	Hybrid
1:15PM – 2:30PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS II	
	Surviving Hierarchical Systems: Advancing Survivors' Rights in Closed and Quasi-closed Environments Speaker: Katherine Norton	Hybrid
	Advocating for the Employment Rights of Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Speaker: Robin Runge & Lacy Earnest	Hybrid
	Protecting Victim Privacy in High Profile Cases Speakers: Emily Tofte Nesteval, Justin Summers & Rebecca Ivanoff	Hybrid
2:50PM – 4:05PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS III	
	Victims' Rights Post-Conviction Speaker: Mariam El-menshawi & Silvia Aceves	Hybrid
	Enhancing Responses to LGBTQ+ Survivors Speakers: Ruth Perrin & Carrie Tirrell	Hybrid
	Trauma Informed Justice: Centering Survivors, Sustaining Professionals Speaker: Sarah A. Ford	Hybrid
4:15PM – 5:00PM -	Plenary: The History of the Crime Victims' Rights Movement Speaker: Paul Cassell	Hybrid
5:00PM – 5:15PM -	Student Writing Competition Awards	In-Person
5:15PM – 7:00PM -	Reception	In-Person

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2026 CONFERENCE AGENDA – THURSDAY, MAY 28TH

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8:15AM - 9:00 AM –	Breakfast	In-Person
9:00AM – 9:15 AM –	Welcome Back Remarks	Hybrid
9:15AM – 10:00 AM –	Plenary: When Survivors Are Heard: Justice, Advocacy, and Accountability in a Military Sexual Assault Case Speaker: Erica Carosella	Hybrid
10:20AM – 11:35AM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS IV	
	The Horizon of Victims' Rights – Getting to the Right to Counsel Speaker: Meg Garvin	Hybrid
	When Mass Disaster Strikes: Lawyers Protecting Victims, Survivors and Families from Lawyers - A Unique Approach Speaker: Elizabeth Cronin	Hybrid
	Protecting Immigrant Survivors: Responding to the Erosion of Victim-Centered Protections under the TVPA Speakers: Rose Mukhar & Erika Petty	Hybrid
11:45AM – 12:00PM –	Legal Advocacy Award Presentation	In-Person
12:00PM – 12:55PM –	Box Lunch Provided & Then Choose Your Own Adventure: Nature Walk, Affinity Group, Meet NCVLI's Board, or Art & Somatic Skills Workshop	In-Person
1:05PM – 2:20PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS V	
	Working With Military Victim Counsel to Supplement Representation Speaker: Ruth Cresenzo	Hybrid
	Beyond the Criminal System: Unlocking Civil Justice for Survivors of Sexual Harm Speakers: Elizabeth Payne & Deborah Hogan	Hybrid
	Know More, Do More: Addressing Stalking Risks for Victims Speaker: Jennifer Landhuis	Hybrid
2:40PM – 3:55PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS VI	
	Victims' Rights Enforcement Speaker: Colleen Clase	Hybrid
	Making Restitution Work: Real-World Skills (Even for the Math-Averse) Speakers: Emily Tofte Nesteval & Kazi Houston	Hybrid
4:15PM – 5:00PM –	Plenary: From Victim to Attorney: Understanding How Personal Trauma and Compassion Fatigue Impact Our Work Speakers: Remla Parthasarathy & Susan Dietzel	Hybrid

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