



Victim Rights Law Center

May Newsletter

Dear Friends,

As we honor Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout May, we celebrate the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the anti-sexual violence movement. The Victim Rights Law Center prioritizes and invests in diversity, equity and inclusion education, training, and skill-building for our staff so that our representation acknowledges the experiences of those we serve. To be trauma-informed, we must be responsive to the lived experiences of survivors.

Thank you to Evelyne Martial and Ed Hudner from [Cambridge Hill Partners](#) for facilitating VRLC's impactful equity and inclusion dialogue over the last year. Each session, Evelyne and Ed shared a compilation of videos, articles, and history for our staff to discuss in small cohorts. I really appreciated [this piece](#) that looks at the erasure of queer voices from Asian American History and hope you do too.

In gratitude,
Stacy Malone
Executive Director

IN THE NEWS

Stand Up, Speak Up



Our most recent blog post, "E. Jean Carroll, We believe you," examines the impacts of E. Jean Carroll's victory over Donald Trump and ran as a Letter to the Editor in the May 12 issue of [The Boston Globe](#). Read it in full [here](#).

Newly added posts also promote resources for supporting migrant survivors at the U.S. southern border and the calls out the intrinsic connection between rape survivors and abortion care.

DIRECT SERVICES

Massachusetts Pro Bono Training

VRLC Pro Bono Attorney Training

When: Thursday, June 1, 10am- 12pm

Where: [Goulston & Storrs](#), 400 Atlantic Avenue, Boston.

This training focuses on providing sexual assault and stalking victims with client-directed and trauma-informed representation in the areas of safety and privacy.

RSVP via e-mail [here](#) by Thursday, May 25.



Joining the Justice Community in OR

The VRLC was excited to participate in a community event promoting services available to those who have experienced violent crime.

Thank you to the [Family Justice Center of Washington County](#), Oregon for inviting us to participate and share information about VRLC services at the Civil Center in Hillsboro.



#SAAM2023 Wrap-up



In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), the VRLC spent April sharing support for survivors through radio, billboards, panels, information tables, trainings & more.

We continue to carry the spirit of Sexual Assault Awareness Month into our efforts all year. Help fund continued work seeking justice on behalf of all survivors by donating [here](#).

EVENTS

You're Invited

OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
4:00 - 6:00 PM

VRLC OFFICE
11 BEACON STREET
SUITE 520
BOSTON, MA



Join us Thursday, June 22 (4:00 pm - 6:00 pm) in our Boston offices located at [11 Beacon St, Suite 520](#) for our VRLC Open House. We look forward to welcoming community partners, pro bono attorneys, and advocates for conversation and community-building.

Conference Tickets: On Sale Now

Registration for the only [National Sexual Violence Law Conference](#) is now open!

When: October 25-26, 2023

Where: [The Palmer House Hotel](#),
Chicago, IL

Who: Both new and experienced lawyers, legal professionals, and victim advocates working with survivors of sexual violence.

Registration Rates:

\$450.00 per person

Groups (3+ registrants): \$400.00 per person (**send us an email** to secure this rate)



Get your tickets today [here](#).

The conference is an opportunity to explore emerging issues impacting survivors alongside a national network of lawyers and advocates. Visit our website for more details [here](#).

VRLC in NYC

[Goulston & Storrs](#) generously hosted a pro bono partner lunch in their NYC offices this month that brought together board member Karen O'Malley, VLRC staff and pro bono attorneys.

Special thanks to VRLC board member Marybeth Burke for hosting a gathering of colleagues and friends – both old and new – to talk about how they can support VRLC's work.

Interested in hosting an event at your firm or company? Email us [here](#).



GET INVOLVED

New VRLC Merch



Support survivors and the VRLC with new merchandise featuring clever, conversation-starter slogans that showcase the VRLC mission. Check out mugs, t-shirts, hoodies and more [here](#).

Since 2003, the Victim Rights Law Center has worked to provide survivors with free legal services to help restore their lives and promote a national movement seeking justice for rape and sexual assault survivors. Learn more about our efforts [here](#).

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