

# **Victim Rights Law Center**

November Newsletter

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we close out a month focused on gratitude, we transition into the end of the year and reflect on all that we've accomplished. Last month we launched our fiscal year 2022 **annual report** which highlights VRLC as part of an innovative team that worked for two years on issues of sexual harassment and assault within the U.S. Antarctic Program culminating in an eye-opening review and subsequent **report**. It was also the year that we came together inperson again for our annual Shining Star event – one of the best nights of our year. Nearly two decades of these reports tells a story about the ways we've grown and the impact our team has had in Massachusetts, Oregon, and across the country.

I am grateful for the VRLC staff, volunteers, and investors for believing in VRLC. I am grateful to survivors for their courage, persistence, and powerful voices.

In solidarity, Stacy Malone Executive Director

#### **IN THE NEWS**

## **VRLC on Campus**



VRLC Deputy Director Amanda
Walsh weighs in as NBC-affiliate
news station WJAR investigates
whether Title IX offices are
adequately equipped to deliver
federally mandated student
protections. See the full story **here**.

## **Shop, Sip & Support Survivors!**

Shop and support survivors! Join us tomorrow at **Kendra Scott**'s **Newbury Street** location to pick up some fabulous holiday gifts while also benefiting the VRLC.

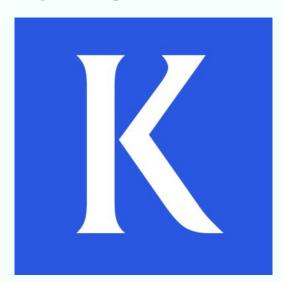
Can't make it to the event? Use code GIVEBACK-VRLC

at **kendrascott.com** from November 30th - December 2nd and 20% of your purchase benefits the VRLC.



#### **DIRECT SERVICES**

### **Expanding Resources to Partner Attorneys**



On November 9th, Kirkland & Ellis hosted VRLC's Managing Attorney Kelsey Worline for a pro bono attorney training for our Rape Survivors' Law Project. The program matches income-eligible VRLC clients with firm attorneys to represent them in seeking protection orders and protect their private records from being released in criminal matters.

During this training VRLC rolled out new resources for survivors with intellectual and developmental disabilities to firm attorneys. Now our

firm partners can provide the same accessible resources that our staff provide!

#### **NATIONAL TRAINING & TA**

## **Collab Combats Campus Violence**

VRLC's National Campus Team kicked off its Restorative Justice pilot project as part of the OVW Campus Grant Program this month. Nine institutions were selected from a pool of applicants. The goal of the project, which is a collaboration with RJ facilitator Rachel King, is to help institutions build a restorative option for cases involving gender-based violence. Rosie Hidalgo, Director of the

Office on Violence Against Women, joined the kick-off meeting.



### **Webinar: Expanding Access for Survivors**



OVW-funded attorneys! Register today to join us for How to Provide Accessible, Responsive, and Trauma-Informed Legal Assistance Wednesday, December 13 at 10am PT/ 2pm ET.

Further your understanding of how gender-based violence impacts people with disabilities. Connect with guest presenters from **Activating Change** as we explore strategies for providing accessible legal representation, protecting privacy, and incorporating traumainformed practice when representing survivor-clients with disabilities. Learn 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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