



# Victim Rights Law Center

May Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Last month we recognized Sexual Assault Awareness Month and, as always, it was busy! Each year, it gives us the opportunity to spread awareness about sexual assault. It is energizing when our message resonates with new allies or reaches survivors in search of community.

One of the highlights was our [2024 Legal Insights Panel](#). Nearly 400 people joined this conversation to dig into the legal issues impacting survivors right now. Whether it is new Title IX regulations, defamation as both a tool to silence and to fight back, or how the fight for abortion access impacts survivors, sexual violence law is constantly evolving and we loved having a chance to bring together legal advocates, attorneys, and our community to hear more.

In gratitude,  
Stacy Malone

## NATIONAL TRAINING

### Coming Together to Combat Gender-based Violence



To close out Sexual Assault Awareness Month, VRLC hosted a cohort of supervising attorneys at [Dechert](#) in Boston. Nine attorneys from all over the country joined to engage in meaningful dialogue and collaborative learning about how to both sustain and thrive as a supervisor and attorney in the world of gender-based violence legal practice. The cohort shared common

challenges and strategized bold and innovative approaches to trauma-informed supervision.

## VRLC at the NLADA Conference



Assistant Director of Training and Consultation Maura Crossin recently trained at the [National Legal Aid & Defender Association Conference \(NLADA\)](#) in Detroit. She co-presented with [Tahirih Justice Center](#) and the [American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence](#).

## IN THE NEWS

### Talking Title IX Changes

On April 19, the Department of Education released an updated Title IX Rule. VRLC hosted a 30-minute briefing to discuss some of the most important changes legal advocates and attorneys representing sexual assault survivors should know. Thank you to the 300 participants who joined us!

The full recording is available now on our website [here](#).



## Stand-Up, Speak-Up Blog

**NEW BLOG SERIES:**  
[Advocacy Confidential](#)

Join our in-house privacy



expert, Carol Schrader, as she explores frequently asked questions from legal advocates and attorneys in new series, **Advocacy Confidential**. The first entry invites readers to reflect upon the ways that confidentiality empowers survivors and why it is central to anti-violence work.

“Welcome to my blog series – Advocacy Confidential. Where we sip tea and muse together about the role of confidentiality in our violence abolition movement. These musings may be quiet reflections or lively debates. I only ask that we are kind to

each other.” Read the full post [here](#).

## EVENTS

### Snack & Support VRLC



#### VRLC Formaggio Grazing Board Class

**June 8, 7:15 pm – 8:45 pm (EST)**  
**Formaggio Kitchen Cambridge, MA**  
**\$150.00/person.**

**Advanced [tickets](#) required.**

Graze for a good cause! Join VRLC June 8th for a delicious grazing board building experience led by the master Kitchen Mongers at **[Formaggio Kitchen](#)**, Cambridge, MA. From portioning cheese to perfecting your salami rose technique, move through various stations learning from Formaggio experts. In addition to taking in tasty entertaining tips,

attendees will also indulge in small bites from a professionally-prepared grazing board and sip carefully curated beverage pairings. Advanced tickets are required for this limited capacity special event.

Can't attend? You can still purchase a raffle ticket for a Formaggio cheese cave tour for 4, complete with cheese and wine!

Learn more or purchase tickets today [here](#).

### Read Along with VRLC

#### VRLC Virtual Book Club

**June 6, 2024**

**5:30 pm (EST)/2:30 pm (PST)**

**[@BettysBookList](#), [Instagram](#)**

Save the date! Support VRLC and viral book social media sensation, survivor and

former VRLC client Betty Cayouette, [@bettysbooklist](#) in a live book club event! Purchase Betty's debut novel, [One Last Shot](#), read along with VRLC and join us for a fun Instagram Live on June 6 at 5:30pm (EST). Follow VRLC on instagram and join us!



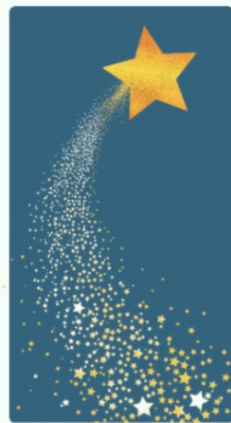
**THURSDAY, JUNE 6 at 5:30PM EST**

Instagram Live with Betty Cayouette  
& Victim Rights Law Center



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# SHINING STAR CELEBRATION

THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 10, 2024  
6-8 PM

**Artists for Humanity EpiCenter  
100 W 2nd Street, Boston, MA**

We're counting down the days until this fall's Shining Star Celebration! Save the date for October 10 and find sponsorship information now available on our event web page [here](#).

## Celebrating REN



VRLC staff were honored to support [Reproductive Equity Now](#) (REN) at their annual gala last month. Access to abortion care is a critical option for rape survivors. We continue to support REN's commitment to fight back against national attacks on our healthcare and ensure equitable access to the full spectrum of reproductive care for every person.

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