



# Victim Rights Law Center

September Newsletter

Dear Friends,

With the excitement of a new school year also comes the uncertainty of the new Title IX regulations, which were due to take effect on August 1st. To date, injunctions are blocking the U.S. Department of Education from enforcing the new regulations in 26 states and in many K-12 schools and higher-ed institutions located in other states.

The good news is that schools currently under an injunction are still required to help survivors by implementing the 2020 Title IX regulations. Students, families, advocates, and allies can hold schools accountable by learning about their schools' Title IX responsibilities and asking administrators about their policies for sexual assault response. Find [National Women's Law Center](#) and [Advocates for Youth](#) plain language summaries of Title IX (under the 2020 regulations) in K-12 and higher-education settings [here](#). [Stop Sexual Assault in Schools](#) also provides a [toolkit](#) and [forms](#) for gathering information about a school's Title IX policies and for demanding Title IX compliance. Student survivors deserve these protections and more.

In gratitude,  
Tiffany Hester  
Senior Attorney

## IN THE NEWS

### Raising Sex Ed Standards



With schools back in session, VRLC intern Agripino Kennedy presents the [Healthy Youth Act](#) as a necessary next step to solidify higher quality sexual education for students in Massachusetts. Read their contribution to our [Stand-Up, Speak Up](#) blog [here](#).

### Advocacy Confidential Continues

VRLC Senior Attorney Carol Schrader continues her *Advocacy Confidential* blog series exploring the complexities



of navigating mandatory reporting for those who provide victim services. Check out this latest blog entry [here](#).

## NATIONAL TRAINING

### Webinars: Teens, Stalking & Dating Violence

**Know More, Do More - Identifying and Responding to Adolescent Stalking**  
September 20 | 1:00 p.m. ET

Studies show that teenage and young adult populations are most at risk for becoming victims of stalking. Legal advocates and civil attorneys are invited to join VRLC and **Stalking Prevention, Awareness, & Resource Center (SPARC)** for a conversation focused on the impacts of stalking specific to teens. We'll highlight the intersections of stalking with bullying, teen dating violence, and sexual violence; and offer strategies to better recognize and respond to victims and survivors. Learn more and register to attend this virtual conversation [here](#).



**Defining Dating Violence**  
September 25 | 2:00 p.m. ET

We're honored to host **National Organization for Victim Advocacy (NOVA)** Associate Director of Youth Engagement Jasmine Uribe for a webinar aiming to empower legal advocates and civil attorneys to recognize dating violence among teens within their communities. Through active discussions, reflection, and an exploration of youth realities, participants will better understand the impact dating violence has on the intellectual, physical, social, and emotional

development of teens. Learn more and register today [here](#).

### Back in Chicago: NSVLC 2025

**National Sexual Violence Law Conference**  
October 21 - 22, 2025 | Chicago, IL

We are delighted to bring the country's only **National Sexual Violence Law Conference (NSVLC)** back to Chicago!

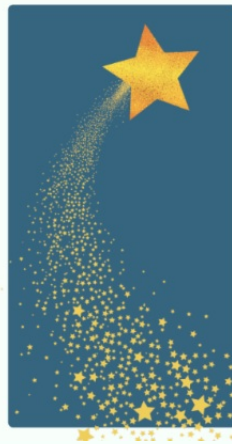
Join us October 21-22, 2025 for an in-person, two-day legal conference at the historic yet hip **Palmer House Hotel**. This downtown destination is surrounded by the city's vibrant

culture, iconic food, and breathtaking architecture.

The conference gathers lawyers and advocates from across the country interested in utilizing the civil legal justice system to better respond to the needs of sexual assault survivors. Registration opens in January 2025. Learn more [here](#).



## DEVELOPMENT



# SHINING STAR CELEBRATION

### Tickets Available Now

Tickets for our [Shining Star Celebration](#) are now available [here](#)! This year's event will be held on Thursday, October 10th from 6-8pm at [Artists for Humanity EpiCenter](#) in Boston.

Sponsorship opportunities for individuals and businesses are still available [here](#). We have revamped our sponsor benefits. [Check out our new levels and year-long sponsor benefits!](#)

All proceeds raised help sexual assault survivors access free legal assistance. Find more event info [here](#).

## MISC NEWS/FUN STUFF

### Happy Little Trees



VRLC staffers were able to step away for some self-care, enjoying an opportunity to relax and exercise their artistic sides during a virtual paint night get-together last month.

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