



Victim Rights Law Center

February Newsletter

Dear Friends,

The progress of the anti-sexual violence movement has never been linear. At many points in VRLC's 21-year history, it has even felt like we are taking steps backward. But, we know progress cannot be measured by a single moment in time. It comes from a series of actions taken by survivors, advocates, and organizations over decades. Today, VRLC took one of those steps. Together with a brave survivor, we filed a motion to intervene in a [lawsuit](#) to fight for the 2024 Title IX rule protections. In January, this rule was struck down and the Trump-era regulations were reinstated. These regulations create harmful barriers to reporting which we have witnessed first-hand in our clients' cases. VRLC is grateful to be represented by a brilliant team at National Women's Law Center, Mehri & Skalet and Gatlin Voelker PLLC. Read more about the case [here](#).

Thank you for supporting us and survivors in this fight.

In solidarity,

Amanda Walsh
Deputy Director, External Affairs

IN THE NEWS

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



February's Teen Dating Violence Month is a critical reminder of the widespread and serious impacts of dating violence on young people throughout the United States.

According to the CDC, one in 12 U.S. high school students experience physical dating violence, while one in 10 experiences sexual dating violence. Teens who face dating violence are also at an increased risk of developing mental health issues like anxiety and depression.

VRLC's Youth in Education Settings project supports attorneys and advocates assisting youth survivors of gender-based violence (ages 11 - 22) as they navigate these impacts and the resulting legal issues in K-12 education settings. For support, email TA@victimrights.org.

NATIONAL TRAINING

See You in Chicago!

Register for our 2025 **National Sexual Violence Law Conference** today!

We are eager to once again welcome new and experienced attorneys, legal professionals and victim advocates to the iconic city of Chicago!

Connect with members of our national network of anti-sexual violence professionals and explore alternative and innovative responses to sexual violence, emerging issues in our field, important legal updates, and more.



When: October 21-22, 2025

Where: **The Palmer House Hotel**, Chicago, IL

Early Bird Registration Rate: \$400.00 per person through April 7th.

Learn more and take advantage of our special early bird registration rate [here](#).

MISC/FUN NEWS

Consent is Our Love Language



Thank you to all who have shown survivors a little extra love this month through our online donation contest!

There's still time to enter to win our our new "Consent is my love language" sweatshirt. Individual online donations of \$100 or more made through 11:59 p.m. today, February 28th will be entered in a drawing to win a sweatshirt of your own. Donate now [here](#).

Love this new design too much to leave it to chance? Purchase your own

"Consent is my love language" sweatshirt and check out our other items - including new mugs, tote bags and more in our online store [here!](#)
100% of purchase proceeds benefit VRLC.

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