



Victim Rights Law Center

March Newsletter

Dear Friends,

For decades, the Office on Violence Against Women has provided steady, reliable funding for programs like VRLC, offering safety, accountability, and justice for survivors nationally. Each year, the process has followed the same cycle: grant opportunities announced between December and July, with awards finalized by September.

Until now.

Across the country, sexual assault and domestic violence organizations are still waiting on last year's funding. A process the gender-based violence field has relied on across administration and over decades has stalled with serious consequences for survivors. As programs await grant funds, organizations are facing layoffs or closing their doors altogether. This leaves survivors unable to access the help they need.

You can help put an end to this. Please join us in contacting your congressional representative. Visit our [social media](#) to learn more.

In solidarity,
Stacy

NEWS

Supporting Survivors Together



On March 16, VRLC staff proudly joined [Jane Doe Inc.'s](#) Advocacy Day at the Massachusetts State House, coming together as part of a powerful coalition of survivors, advocates, policymakers, and community programs to help advance legislative priorities that support survivors.

DEVELOPMENT

Advancing Women Leaders



VRLC attended the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Women's Network Fireside Chat with Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, joining a broader community committed to advancing women's leadership, pictured above with members of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts team.

NATIONAL TRAINING

Cohort Connection



VRLC's Training and Consultation team joined a small group of attorneys from around the country in Boston this month. We spent time learning from each

other, brainstorming challenges, and enjoying the beautiful view! Thank you to Goulston & Storrs and VRLC Board Member Karen O'Malley for hosting us.

Register Now: Legal Insights 2026

A banner for the 'Legal Insights 2026' event. On the left, a dark teal vertical bar contains the 'VICTIM RIGHTS LAW CENTER' logo, which features a white stylized plant icon. The main background is a light teal color. The text 'Legal Insights 2026' is at the top in white. Below it, 'Key Legal Issues in Sexual Violence Law' is written in white. The date and time, 'April 15, 2026' and '12:00 - 1:00 pm EST', are also in white. On the right side, there is a large, stylized teal ribbon graphic.

Legal Insights 2026:

Key Issues in Sexual Violence Law

Wednesday, April 15 | 12:00-1:00 pm EST

Don't miss Legal Insights 2026: Key Issues in Sexual Violence Law, VRLC'S FREE virtual panel, held annually in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, to examine critical legal developments impacting survivors today.

Panelists will examine current litigation challenging the administration's efforts to dismantle survivors' supports, discuss how AI-generated content grooms and exploits victims, and how the weakening of the Office for Civil Rights is reshaping Title IX enforcement.

This Sexual Assault Awareness Month event features experts from [Democracy Forward](#), [Aylstock](#), [Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz](#), and VRLC.

Register today [here](#).

Promoting Survivor Justice

Filling a Critical Gap:

Representing Survivors Through the Criminal Justice Process

Tuesday, April 21 | 2:00–3:15 PM ET

Join VRLC this Sexual Assault Awareness Month as we partner with the [National Crime Victim Law Institute](#) to highlight the critical role of legal representation for sexual assault survivors navigating the criminal justice system.

VRLC's Assistant Director of Training and Consultation, Maura Crossin, will join NCVLI Executive Director Meg Garvin for an important webinar sharing insights on how attorneys can support survivors from reporting to trial and beyond.

Register now [here](#).

Frustrating Fun at Boda Borg Boston




VRLC staffers recently escaped the office for team bonding at [Boda Borg Boston](#), taking on physical and mental escape room–style “quests” that put their teamwork and persistence to the test, and offered plenty of opportunity for “frustrating fun.”

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