

Please see the information below from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

Today the National Center for Victims of Crime launches VictimLaw, a comprehensive, on-line database of state, federal, and tribal victims' rights laws, developed with funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The launch coincides with National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22-28.

VictimLaw is a unique and groundbreaking resource, offering user-friendly access to information that until now has been difficult to locate. The database - located free of charge at www.victimlaw.info - includes more than 15,000 victims' rights statutes (state and federal), tribal laws, constitutional amendments, court rules, and administrative code provisions. Future additions to the database will include state attorney general opinions and summaries of court decisions related to victims' rights. VictimLaw will offer regular updates to the information in the database.

Users can search under each of the following rights: the right to attend, to compensation, to enforcement, to be heard, to be informed, to protection, to restitution, and to the return of property. VictimLaw offers four ways to search: by topic, legal term, jurisdiction, and citation.

For more information about VictimLaw and how to link to the database from your Web site, please see http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_VictimLaw170.