

Victim Rights in Tribal, Federal and State Court Systems

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Panel

- BJ Jones - Chief Judge, Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal Court; Executive Director, Tribal Judicial Institute, University of North Dakota
- Joe LaPorte – (*Little River Band of Ottawa Indians*), Director of Public Safety, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- Leslie Hagen – Senior Counsel, Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART)
- Abby Abinanti – (*Yurok*), California State Court Judge, Chief Judge, Yurok Tribal Court
- Diane Barker Harold – (*Cherokee*), Program Manager, Unified Solutions Tribal Community Development Group, Inc.

Moderator: Bonnie Clairmont, (*HoChunk Nation*), Victim Advocacy Program Specialist, Tribal Law & Policy Institute

Core Rights for Victims of Crime

- The right to attend criminal justice proceedings;
- The right to apply for compensation;
- The right to be heard and participate in criminal justice proceedings;
- The right to be informed of proceedings and events in the criminal justice process, of legal rights and remedies, and of available services;
- The right to protection from intimidation and harassment;
- The right to restitution from the offender;
- The right to prompt return of personal property seized as evidence;
- The right to a speedy trial; and
- The right to enforcement of these rights.

From each of your professional roles within the tribal, state or federal court systems:

- What did your particular agencies do to ensure victims rights were met?
- Why do you feel this so critical?
- Were there particular challenges?
- If so, how did you overcome those challenges?

National Center for Victims of Crime

www.ncvc.org

Click on "Victim Law" link for information "About Victim's Rights" or "Resources" for state victim rights information

U.S. Department of Justice

www.usdoj.gov

Click on link "Help Victims of Crime"

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

www.ovc.gov

- ▣ OVC information
- ▣ Online Directory of Crime Victim Services
- ▣ Topic specific information
- ▣ Victim Assistance and Compensation Programs
- ▣ Links to National Victim Service Organizations
- ▣ Crime Victims' Rights

"Justice Isn't Served Until Crime Victims Are"
