

FREE TRAINING!

Civil Justice for Victims of Crime in North Carolina

**If you can't answer these questions,
how can a victim?**

- What do victims gain through civil actions?
- What civil options are available to victims?
- How can civil actions help victims of homicide, stalking, rape, child sex abuse, domestic violence, drunk driving, fraud, elder abuse and identity theft?
- Where can victims find a lawyer?
- What is the appropriate role of a victim service

Co-sponsored by:

- North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission
- North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Victim Services for Prisons, Probation, and Parole
- North Carolina Victim Assistance Network
- North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police
- North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Registration:

The training seminars are **free**, but space is limited. Register by September 26, 2014, at www.VictimsofCrime.org/training.

The information will be tailored to North Carolina law. For more details, call the National Center for Victims of Crime at 202-467-8778.

"I learned a lot to help victims and myself. Out of my 25 years of attending law enforcement classes, *this was the best class I have ever attended.*"

- FORMER PARTICIPANT

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR
Victims of Crime

www.VictimsofCrime.org

RALEIGH

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Wake Tech Community College
Public Safety Education Campus
321 Chapanoke Road
Raleigh, NC 27603

CHARLOTTE

Friday, October 3, 2014

9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Charlotte-Mecklenberg Police Dept
1770 Shopton Road
Charlotte, NC 28217

Presenters:

Doug Berger, Esq.
Leto Copeley, Esq.
Jeffrey R. Dion, Esq.
Marie Lang, Esq.

Who Should Attend?

- Victim advocates working in government agencies and community based organizations;
- Mental health service providers;
- Law enforcement officers;
- Social Workers;
- Sexual Assault and Forensic Nurse Examiners;
- Prosecutors
- Policy Makers
- Probation and Parole Officers;
- Victims of Crime.

About the Presenters



Douglas E. Berger

Doug Berger, Esq. joined the Law Offices of James Scott Farrin in 2005, where he handles Workers' Compensation litigation and dispute resolution. He is a North Carolina Board Certified Specialist in Workers' Compensation Law. Mr. Berger received his J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law. He received both his B.A. in Political Science and Speech Communications, as well as a teaching certificate in Social Studies, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Berger is a former North Carolina Senator, representing the Seventh District. He also served as a Deputy Commissioner at the North Carolina Industrial Commission (NCIC) for 10 years, before accepting his position at the Law Offices of James Scott Farrin. Prior to that, he served as a Criminal Prosecutor for the 9th and 11th Judicial Districts of North Carolina. He served four terms representing the seventh district of North Carolina, which encompasses Franklin, Granville, Vance and Warren Counties.



Leto Copeley

Leto Copeley, Esq. is one of the founding partners of the firm Copeley Johnson & Groninger PLLC in Durham North Carolina, and has been litigating cases for plaintiffs in state and federal courts since 1984. She has substantial experience representing adult and child victims of sex abuse and sexual harassment committed by clergy, medical professionals, teachers, counselors and employers. She also handles cases of workplace injury and mistreatment, personal injury and wrongful death. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School and served as a law clerk to the Honorable James B. McMillan of the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina. She has taught in continuing legal education programs sponsored by, among other groups, the North Carolina Advocates for Justice, the North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys and the American Bar Association. She currently serves as co-chair of the CLE Committee of the Litigation Section of the North Carolina Bar Association and on the NCBA Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Section Council. Leto is listed in the Best Lawyers in America and in North Carolina Super Lawyers magazine, where she is was recently recognized as one of the top fifty women lawyers in North Carolina. Leto is an active member of the Hillsborough, North Carolina Rotary Club, which is devoted to improving educational opportunities for the children in its area.



Jeffrey R. Dion

Jeffrey R. Dion, Esq. has championed crime victims' rights for more than two decades. Jeff began advocating for victims in 1982, when his twenty-three year old sister, Paulette, was murdered by a serial killer. In honor of his sister's memory, Jeff lobbied the Virginia General Assembly, resulting in 13 victims' rights bills being enacted into law. In 1998, Jeff joined the staff of the National Center for Victims of Crime, where he currently serves as the Director of the National Crime Victim Bar Association. Having trained advocates and attorneys in 42 states, Jeff is a nationally recognized expert with strong ties to direct service providers and leaders in the field of victim services. Jeff, who is also a survivor of childhood sexual abuse, serves on the Board of Directors of ACTS which includes the sexual assault and domestic violence programs for Prince William County, Virginia. From 2002 to 2009, he served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Criminal Justice Services Board. In 2006, the Attorney General of the United States presented him with the Ronald Wilson Reagan Public Policy Award. This award honors an outstanding individual whose leadership, vision, and innovation have led to significant changes in public policy and practice that benefit crime victims.



Marie Lang

Marie Lang, Esq. is passionate about using her skills to help others. While still at The College of William and Mary Law School, Marie interned at a local prosecutor's office and tutored children in the criminal justice system. She cherishes what she learned from that experience, both personally and professionally. To Marie, the law is all about advocacy, and she enjoys helping people navigate through difficult periods of their lives. A good example is a case in which a 60-year-old woman who lost her leg and suffered a head injury when the vehicle she was hit head-on by another driver. Her sister, the car's driver, was killed. The woman's husband was unable to retire as planned, putting his own health in jeopardy. In addition to litigating and ultimately settling the case, Marie was pleased that she was able to shepherd the woman through a difficult process and help her face some emotional issues.

To learn more about our presenters and to register, go to
www.VictimsofCrime.org/training