Sexual Violence Law Center

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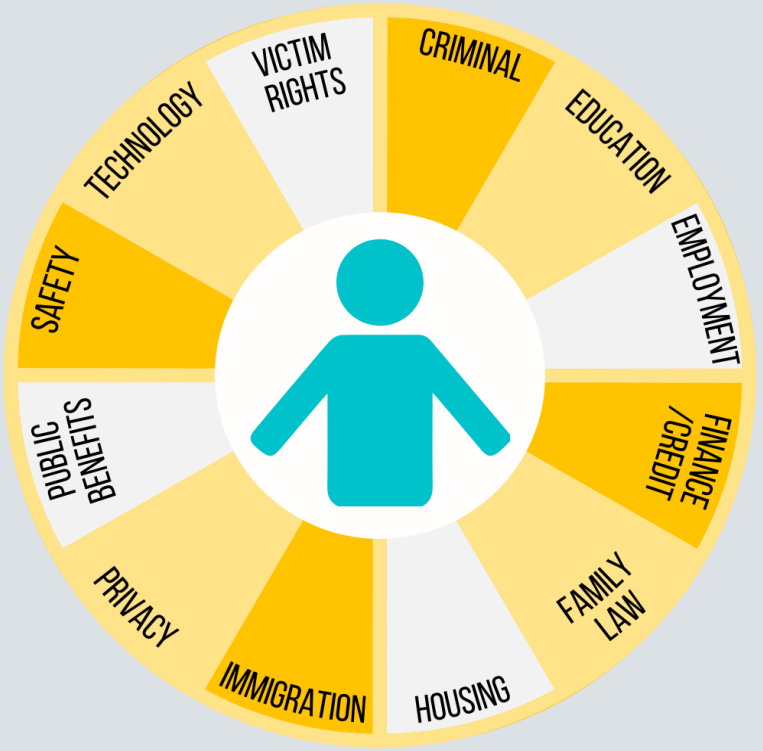
About us



Litigation Advocacy Education

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Our Values

- Trauma-informed
- Holistic
- Survivor-centered
- Rooted in anti-oppression, and race and gender equity

Who We Serve

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Who We Serve

Victims and survivors of sexual violence

- All ages, genders
- Self-identifying
- No income requirement
- Broadly defined
    - Sexual assault, sexual harassment, molestation, grooming, stalking and cyber-stalking with sexual component, sex trafficking....

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Priorities

Those who face the most barriers accessing justice:

- Indigent, housing insecure
- Mental illness
- Protected class: race, gender, sex, age, disability, national origin, religion, pregnancy
- LGBTQ+
- Other access to justice barriers, such as age, multiple legal issues, isolation or lack of support, opposing party has an attorney

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Areas of Law

- Civil protection orders
- Criminal privacy
- Immigration
- Employment
- Education
- Housing
- Other situations related to a survivor's safety or stability

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Holistic Legal Services

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Legal Line “Hotline”

Phone | 206-312-7852 or 844-991-7852 (toll free)

Email | LegalLine@svlawcenter.org

- Statewide, WA based
- Free and confidential (not mandatory reporters)
- For survivors and professional providers supporting survivors
- Not a crisis line

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Legal Line “Brief Services”

Can include:

- Reviewing documents
- Help completing paperwork
- Editing or drafting
- Providing templates or legal authority (memorandum of law)
- Preparing them for court so they can represent themselves

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Legal Line “Technical Assistance”

- Legal Line for professional providers (advocates, attorneys, judges, therapists, etc.) **who are supporting a survivor**
- Can provide templates, legal authority

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Full Representation

- We represent the client
- Client agreement
- Responsible for matter
- Trial and appellate (representation and amicus)

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Systemic Reform

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Systemic Reform

SVLC aims to improve the **systemic response** to victims of sexual violence, particularly in the court system, but also in social services, law enforcement, and the community.

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Systemic Reform - Approach

- Litigation – trial level and appeals
- Non-litigation advocacy
  - Community outreach
  - Committees and boards
  - Policy and legislation
- Training and education
  - Lunch Matters
  - Specialized training

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How to Refer Clients

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Referral Process

- **Survivors** can self-refer through Legal Line
  - Can take up to 30 days for a response (but usually faster), depending on volume
- **Providers** can complete a referral form and email it to the Legal Line
  - Staff cases every Wednesday, based on area(s) of law, application of equity principles, and staff capacity
  - Contact survivor directly by the next business day after staffing (**confidentiality**)

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Contact SVLC

Legal Line

Free legal information, referrals and consultations by phone:

844-991-SVLC (7852) (toll-free)

206-312-SVLC (7852)

Free legal information, referrals and consultation by email:

LegalLine@svlawcenter.org

Website

Information and resources at www.svlawcenter.org

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Questions or thoughts?

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Thank you!

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