Kentucky's 2007 Victims Assistance Conference

Working Together for Victims of Crime

March 27-29
Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort
1800 Newtown Pike
Lexington, Kentucky

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Office of the Attorney General, Office of Victims Advocacy
Gregory D. Stumbo, Attorney General

Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Grants Management Division
Brigadier General Norman E. Arflack, Secretary of Justice

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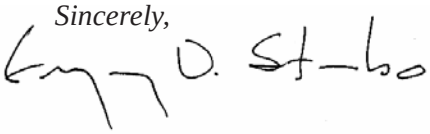
Gregory D. Stumbo is Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Prior to serving as Attorney General, he had a long and distinguished career in the Kentucky General Assembly and was the state's longest-serving and youngest House Majority Floor Leader. As Attorney General, Stumbo created the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation (KBI) which works to combat the illegal drug trade, public corruption and recover millions of dollars lost to Medicaid fraud. He drafted legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2005 that forbids the sale and shipment of drugs by unlicensed Internet pharmacies. KBI agents have seized more than one million dollars in drugs shipped to Kentucky from such pharmacies. Attorney General Stumbo formed an i-Shield Task Force to get "cybersafety" information to schools and communities (www.ag.ky.gov/cybersafety). He conducted a child sexual predator sting where eight men were arrested after chatting online and soliciting sex from someone they thought was a 13-year-old girl. Stumbo developed price gouging legislation to limit price increases during a declared national or local emergency. It became law in 2004. In just the first two years of his administration, Stumbo recovered nearly $28 million in Medicaid state funds. He created a Medicaid fraud tip line (1-877-ABUSE-TIP). Stumbo serves as Chair of the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board.

Dear Victim Service Provider,

I am excited to announce that the Office of the Attorney General will host its ninth annual Victims Assistance Conference. Judging from positive feedback following past conferences, it is apparent that the speakers and presentations have been of interest and benefit to attendees. My staff and I remain committed to offering quality training to service providers and others as a way to further empower victims and garner them the respect and professionalism they deserve. Topics this year include: working with victims of crime who have developmental and other disabilities, and successful prosecution of related cases; successful investigation and prosecution of sexual assault, domestic violence, child sexual abuse, elder abuse and stalking cases; dependency, abuse and neglect for non-lawyers; crime victim compensation; victim trauma; civil remedies and legal representation for crime victims; dating violence; and, identity theft. Please enjoy this year's conference and give us your opinions through the conference evaluation forms, or by contacting my office.

Sincerely,



Featured Speakers

Sandy Bromley, J.D.
Stalking Resource Center, Nat'l. Center for Victims of Crime, Washington, D.C.

Cate Bartholomew, J.D.
National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse, Alexandria,VA

Mike McCarty, B.A.
Safe Hiring Solutions, LLC
Danville, IN

Wendy Murphy, J.D.
New England School of Law, Boston, MA and CBS News and CNN Legal Analyst

Barbara Rubel, M.A., B.C.E.T.S., C.B.S
Griefwork Center, Kendall Park, NJ

Program

Tuesday, March 27

10:00 - 11:30
- VOCA and VAWA grantee meeting with Lisa Cobb, Tanya Dickinson, Donna Langley and Diane Tilley Marcus

10:30 - 1:00	REGISTRATION
1:00 - 1:15	WELCOME AND INTROS Attorney General Gregory D. Stumbo Brigadier General Norman E. Arflack, Secretary of Justice & Public Safety Cabinet
1:15 - 2:45	GENERAL SESSION I *Sex Crimes and the Media: When Truth and Legal Strategies Collide* Wendy Murphy
2:45 - 3:00	BREAK
3:00 - 4:30	GENERAL SESSION II *Building Resiliency in Crime Victims* Barbara Rubel
5:30 - 7:30	Dessert Bar and Evening Discussion with Barbara Rubel *The Sweet Side of Stress Management*

Wednesday, March 28

8:30 - 9:45	BREAKOUT SESSIONS I
9:45 - 10:00	BREAK
10:00 - 11:15	BREAKOUT SESSIONS II
11:15 - 1:15	LUNCH *(on your own)*
1:15 - 2:30	BREAKOUT SESSIONS III
2:30 - 2:45	BREAK
2:45 - 4:00	BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV

Thursday, March 29

8:30 - 9:45	BREAKOUT SESSIONS V
9:45 - 10:00	BREAK
10:00 - 11:45	GENERAL SESSION III *The Role of Humor in Coping: Where There is Laughter There is Hope* Bob Mitchell
11:45 -12:00	Wrap-up

This conference qualifies for 13.0 CEU hours. It also qualifies for a total of 7.75 CLE hours. From the total, Session V "Ethics and Documentation" qualifies for 1.25 hours of ethics.

Important General Information

Location: Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort, 1800 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY. ***Cost:*** This conference is funded through a federal grant (2004-VA-GX-0027) awarded by the Victims of Crime Act, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice; the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet (Grant # 2004-WF-AX0019) awarded by the Violence Against Women Act, The Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice; the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet; and the Office of Victims Advocacy, Office of the Attorney General. There is no registration fee for this conference, however, lodging, transportation and meals are not provided. ***Lodging:*** A block of rooms has been reserved at Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort with a conference rate of $84 plus applicable taxes for single, double, triple and quad. Conference participants staying at the hotel must make their own reservations by calling Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort, (859) 231-5100, and securing them with a personal credit card. Be sure to identify yourself as a Victim Assistance Conference participant. Reserve your room immediately; this block of rooms is on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be released on Monday, March 5. ***Conference Registration:*** **Registration for the conference must be made with the Attorney General's Office. The deadline is Monday, March 5, 2007. Absolutely no registration will be taken beyond that date. If registration is mailed, it must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 2, 2007. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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Important Information

- Registration is limited to 400 people. **Pre-registration is required**.
- You must send this registration form to the Office of Victims Advocacy in order to be registered for the conference. **Registration with the hotel does not register you for the conference.**
- Confirmation for the conference will be sent by the Office of Victims Advocacy through postcard or e-mail. Confirmation for your room, if applicable, must be obtained from the hotel.
- There will be a free dessert bar, featuring a chocolate fountain, on Tuesday night, March 27, with a discussion led by Barbara Rubel, of the Griefwork Center, in New Jersey, on the topic of *The Sweet Side of Stress Management*. **Registration is limited and required, so you must indicate on the registration form below if you plan to attend.**

Conference Timeline

- Deadline for hotel registration is Monday, March 5, 2007. Call the Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort, (859) 231-5100, and reserve your room with a personal credit card.
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REGISTRATION FORM

(Please type or print legibly. This form may be duplicated)

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

ZipCode: _____ **Telephone:**_____ **E-mail:**_____

(Needed for confirmation)

Please indicate 1st and 2nd choice of the following breakout sessions (select two from each column):

Wed. 8:30 - 9:45	Wed. 10:00 - 11:15	Wed. 1:15 - 2:30	Wed. 2:45 - 4:00	Thurs. 8:30 - 9:45
____I A	____II A	____III A	____IV A	____V A
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Please complete this form and return to:
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☐ **I will attend the Tuesday, March 27 discussion led by Barbara Rubel, on the topic of *The Sweet Side of Stress Management*. (Registration is limited and required)**

☐ **I give permission for my name and contact information to be included in the conference materials.**

I have the following special needs:

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS I
Wednesday, 8:30 - 9:45

A. Identity Theft
Lori Farris., B.S. / Office of the Attorney General, Office of Consumer Protection
This workshop will provide the basics on the fastest growing crime in the nation, including how it works, who the perpetrators are and how to protect yourself.

B. Prosecuting Cases Involving Victims Who are Elderly or Vulnerable Adults
Pam Murphy, J.D. / Office of the Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Division
This workshop will familiarize attendees with the "Attorney General's Manual for Prosecution of Crimes Against the Elderly." Information will be provided on the roles and responsibilities of various professionals who are involved in the detection, investigation and prosecution of crimes against the elderly and vulnerable adults.

C. Victims' Rights and Prosecutors' Worries: Are Third-party Lawyers a Benefit or a Burden?
Wendy Murphy, J.D. / New England School of Law
This workshop will discuss why prosecutors often describe a queasy feeling when they hear a victim has retained "private counsel," and what can be done to enhance victims' experiences with the system while ensuring the integrity of the process for all parties.

D. The Link Between Child Abuse, Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse: Strengthening the Case for Prosecution
Cate Bartholomew, J.D. / National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse
This workshop will address how witnessing and experiencing domestic violence impacts children, as well as covering the link between incidences of child abuse, domestic violence and animal abuse.

E. Interviewing Offenders
Captain Matt Sparks / Kentucky State Police
This workshop is designed to teach the officer with basic interviewing training some advanced techniques for interviewing the suspected offender. The attendee will learn effective methods to improve success in obtaining confessions, including the appropriate setting for a suspect interview, important police background work, and psychological elements of an effective interview.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS II
Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:15

A. When Tragedy Strikes: Supporting Survivors After Sudden Loss
Barbara Rubel, M.A., B.C.E.T.S., C.B.S. / Griefwork Center, Inc.
This workshop will help participants understand the impact of sudden, unexpected death, and how individuals cope with loss and carry on in the face of tragedy. Participants will learn about the experience of the sudden-loss survivor and identify effective ways to provide support.

B. Nursing Home Abuse
Pam Murphy, J.D. / Office of the Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Division
This workshop will focus on the abuse, neglect and exploitation of nursing home residents. The "typical" complaint will be described, and recommendations on how to strengthen complaints will be provided. These recommendations will include specific tips on documenting quality-of-care issues so that more substantive complaints can be provided to DCBS, law enforcement and prosecutors.

C. Rape and the Failure of Reform: What's Still Wrong and What YOU Can Do About It
Wendy Murphy, J.D. / New England School of Law
This workshop will discuss why – in more than 30 years since activists proposed reform aimed at improving the justice system for victims of sex crimes – there are still the same low reporting, prosecution and conviction rates, and what should be done differently to effectuate real change.

D. Child Sexual Abuse: Memory and Suggestibility: Defending the Investigative Interview
Cate Bartholomew, J.D. / National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse
This workshop will provide an overview of research in the field of children's memory and suggestibility, and address how to defend the forensic interview against suggestibility attacks.

E. Adult Sexual Assault Intervention and Investigations
Mike McCarty, B.A. / Safe Hiring Solutions
This workshop will explore report rates of sexual assault and how communities can increase these rates; why victims do the things they do; how "our stuff" impacts the investigation; and how to conduct a victim sensitive investigation that will hold the offenders accountable for their crimes.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS III
Wednesday, 1:15 - 2:30

A. Personal Safety
David James / Office of the Attorney General, KY Bureau of Investigation
This workshop will discuss how to stay safe at home, at work and while carrying out your daily activities. Ways to stay aware of your surroundings, to defend yourself against an attack, and workplace violence will also be covered.

B. Disabilities 101: What Crime Victim Service Programs Need to Know, Part I
Amy DiLorenzo, M.A.; Rae Williams, B.A. / Cabinet for Health and Family Services
This workshop will provide professionals with a further understanding of individuals with disabilities. Topics covered will be the different types of disabilities, including intellectual, developmental and emotional. Specific definitions and characteristics of various disabilities will be discussed. "People First Language" will be used to demonstrate the empowerment of positive language.

C. Preventing Teen Dating Violence
Mike McCarty, B.A. / Safe Hiring Solutions
This workshop will explore the scope of teen dating violence, including where we learn violent and abusive behaviors, cost of male education, date rape and date rape drugs, and an overview of methods for implementing programs to prevent dating violence.

D. Effective Use of the Expert Witness
Cate Bartholomew, J.D. / National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse
This workshop will address how to effectively utilize the testimony of medical, scientific and psychological expert witnesses to improve the presentation of evidence at trial.

E. Stalking and Technology
Sandy Bromley, J.D. / Stalking Resource Center, National Center for Victims of Crime
This workshop will explain how technological advances have provided stalkers with increased ability to track, spy on, and gain information about their victims. Many stalkers use the information they gain to assist them in committing further crimes, such as sexual assault. Focus will be on how offenders use technologies such as phones, computers, video cameras, and global positioning systems. Preventative measures, safety planning and legal remedies will also be discussed.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS IV
Wednesday, 2:45 - 4:00

A. The Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) Invites You to Explore: Footprints of a Disaster
Renelle B. Grubbs, M.S.W., L.C.S.W. / KCCRB
This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn about the KCCRB and its role as the lead disaster behavioral health coordination agency for the Commonwealth. In addition, an application of assessment principles in disasters, utilizing Katrina as a case study; predictors of PTSD; risk factors associated with pre and post-exposure to large-scale devastation and human suffering; principles of early intervention; delivery of psychological first aid and self care will also be provided.

B. Disabilities 101: Program and Agency Considerations for Crime Victim Service Providers, Part II
Amy DiLorenzo, M.A.; Rae Williams, B.A. / Cabinet for Health and Family Services
This workshop will provide an overview of the prevalence of sexual assault on individuals with disabilities, and will be geared toward professionals who work with survivors of these crimes. Also addressed will be systemic and community barriers experienced by these survivors of sexual assault and effective strategies that may be implemented.

C. Civil Remedies
Mary Jo Gleason, J.D. /Brandeis School of Law; Elizabeth Hughes, J.D. / Gess Mattingly & Atchison, PSC
This workshop will provide an overview of civil remedies available to victims of violence. These remedies exist outside the criminal system but, in general, do not preclude it.

D. Enhancing System Responses to Stalking
Sandy Bromley, J.D. / Stalking Resource Center, National Center for Victims of Crime
This workshop will discuss how stalking is a crime often misunderstood, minimized or missed entirely. Addressed will be the crime of stalking, including stalking behaviors, prevalence and lethality. Focus will be on the impact of stalking on victims and ways advocates, law enforcement and prosecutors can incorporate safety planning and threat assessment into their work to keep stalking victims safe and hold offenders accountable.

E. Intervention and Investigation in Domestic Violence Cases
Mike McCarty, B.A. / Safe Hiring Solutions
This workshop will explore why victims of domestic violence do the things they do, how we can increase report rates in our communities, effectively investigating and prosecuting abusers, and reducing our rates of recidivism and domestic violence homicide.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS V
Thursday, 8:30 - 9:45

A. Ethics and Documentation
Bob Mitchell, A.C.S.W. / Consultant
This workshop will provide a practical, and sometimes humorous, approach to the importance of ethical behavior by providing an understanding of professional values. Focus will be on understanding and complying with a code of ethics, including integrity, competence, record keeping, confidentiality, billing and sexual relationships. Consideration will also be given to reducing risk exposure related to unethical actions, paybacks to funding sources, and malpractice suits.

B. Domestic Violence Victims and Mental Health
Darlene Thomas, M.S.S.W. / Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program
This workshop will explore the challenges for the chronically mentally ill who are also domestic violence victims. Information includes risk factors, domestic violence shelters' strengths and limitations, and systemic responses and barriers.

C. Crime Victims Compensation
G Mitchell Mattingly, J.D. / Crime Victims Compenstion Board
This workshop will include discussion of general requirements for filing, processing and the decision-making process of claims presented to the Crime Victims Compensation Board. Also included will be a general outline of statutory and regulatory guidelines, who are eligible claimants, what expenses may be considered, typical issues and claims with which the board and its staff are confronted.

D. Understanding Family Court: Dependency, Neglect and Abuse Statutes
Lyn Guarnieri, J.D. / Administrative Office of the Courts
This workshop will give an overview of Kentucky DNA statutes and the child welfare system and is geared toward law enforcement, victim advocates, prosecutors and other professionals who do not normally participate in Family Court proceedings. Highlights will include discussion on legal timelines and other considerations when working with child victims involved in criminal abuse or domestic violence cases, as well as on-going Family Court cases in which parental rights may be terminated due to such violence.

E. Investigating Elder Abuse Cases
Ann L.Gutierrez, B.A. / Lexington Division of Police
This workshop will identify the definition of adult and what crimes are addressed under KRS 209. Examined will be reporting requirements and the investigative role of law enforcement and adult protective services as joint investigators. The conclusion will provide an overview of possible civil remedies for protection beyond the scope of criminal statutes.

GENERAL SESSIONS

GENERAL SESSION I
Tuesday, 1:15 - 2:45

Sex Crimes and the Media: When Truth and Legal Strategies Collide
Wendy Murphy, J.D.
This session will discuss how media coverage of many high profile criminal cases is misleading or false, the reasons behind unfair media coverage, and how the victim can receive fair treatment by the press.

GENERAL SESSION II
Tuesday, 3:00 - 4:30

Building Resiliency in Crime Victims
Barbara Rubel, M.A., B.C.E.T.S., C.B.S. / Griefwork Center, Inc.
This session will present strategies to enhance resiliency in crime victims and professionals who support them, and discuss characteristics of individuals who are faced with crisis, stress and grief, and yet bounce back. Using the Palette of Grief®, participants will learn to identify strengths, attitudes and meaning that foster resiliency.

GENERAL SESSION III
Thursday, 10:00 - 11:45

The Role of Humor in Coping: Where There is Laughter There is Hope
Bob Mitchell, A.C.S.W. / Consultant
This session will discuss the demanding and draining nature of advocacy work and the difficult and sensitive situations these professionals must confront. The presenter will use both serious and fun approaches to demonstrate that humor is an appropriate and even mentally-healthy tool to use in certain situations and relationships. An emphasis will be on skill-building, providing attendees with immediate take-home value. While this presentation contains strong content, it will not include or promote "off-color" or "put-down" humor.

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