

Today the National Center for Victims of Crime launched **VictimLaw**, a comprehensive, on-line database of state, federal, and tribal victims' rights laws and protections, developed with funding from the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

**VictimLaw** is a unique and groundbreaking resource, offering free, user-friendly access to information that until now has been difficult to locate. The database--located at <http://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.

Researchers 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.

The launch of **VictimLaw** coincides with National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 22-28, an annual observance commemorated in communities throughout the country.

For more information about **VictimLaw** and opportunities to promote use of the database, please see [www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB\\_VictimLaw170](http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_VictimLaw170).