

Legal Services

Attorney services include, but are not limited to, advice and counsel, and short-term representation for the following legal matters:

- ✔ Sexual Violence Protection Orders
- ✔ Campus Sexual Assault Issues
- ✔ Employment Matters
- ✔ Criminal Justice Advocacy
- ✔ Referral for Fee Generating Cases
- ✔ Privacy Issues
- ✔ Housing Issues
- ✔ Financial Matters
- ✔ Referrals for Immigration Issues
- ✔ General Legal Advocacy



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Sexual Violence Legal Assistance Project



Providing short-term
legal assistance for victims
of sexual assault.



What is the Sexual Violence Legal Assistance Project?

Survivors of rape and sexual assault often face more than criminal justice issues – they may also have other legal problems resulting from the crime. Common legal issues that confront victims involve safety, employment, family law, financial housing, immigration, privacy or educational concerns.

To address these needs and fill existing gaps, PCAR launched the Sexual Violence Legal Assistance Project (SV LAP) in 2018 through a generous grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

SV LAP attorneys are committed to providing holistic legal services to survivors of sexual violence.

The project targets areas where legal services are unavailable and will prioritize survivors of non-intimate partner violence, to fill existing gaps in legal service provision.

How Our Services Work

We encourage centers to refer survivors for legal services and/or a legal consultation. Sexual abuse survivors can call SV LAP Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. When a survivor calls SV LAP, they will be asked to complete an intake form with an attorney or a paralegal. All information provided will be kept confidential. Following the intake an attorney will review the information and make arrangements to meet with or speak with the survivor.

To contact SV LAP, call **717-901-6784**



Checklist for Advocates

Please use this checklist to help a survivor identify what non-criminal issues may affect them. If a survivor mentions any of the following issues, you may want to consider legal services as an option:

- Safety Concerns
- Sexual Violence Protection Order
- Employment Issues
- Sexual Harassment Issues
- Housing Issues
- Financial Issues
- Restitution or Victim Compensation Issues
- Immigration Issues
- Navigating the criminal justice system
- Campus Sexual Assault issues