Mission
To improve the legal response to survivors of sexual violence through advocacy, education, legal consultation and referral services.

What SVLC Does
Since 2002, SVLC has provided legal consultation and assistance to more than 2000 individuals and conducted more than 150 training events benefiting over 4,000 attorneys, prosecutors, advocates, judges, mental health providers, law enforcement officers, tribal members, law students and other professionals.

Core Services offered by SVLC
• Brief legal education and advice, and resource materials and referral information for sexual assault survivors
• Legal consultation, training, support and resources for legal professionals and advocates
• Advocacy for sexual assault victim rights at the state and national levels

Resources
Available at www.svlawcenter.org

• KNOW YOUR RIGHTS! INFORMATION FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

• UNDERSTANDING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTECTION ORDER

• SURVIVOR’S GUIDE TO FILING A CIVIL LAW SUIT

• BEYOND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: TRANSFORMING OUR NATION’S RESPONSE TO RAPE – ATTORNEY PRACTICE MANUAL

• BROCHURES FOR SURVIVORS

The Sexual Violence Law Center (SVLC) works with survivors, the legal community, and tribal governments and service agencies within Washington and throughout the United States to advance the legal rights of sexual assault victims.

We Need Your Support!
In order to obtain justice and restorative civil remedies for survivors of sexual violence, please make a tax deductible contribution to SVLC today!

Sexual Violence is common

1 in 3 women in Washington State have experienced sexual violence.

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Sexual violence is an epidemic in the United States. Our failure to recognize the immediate and long term impact of sexual violence in our communities fosters its prevalence and underscores many social problems. Sexual violence can affect a person’s sense of safety and privacy, their employment, education and ability to meet basic financial needs, as well as their mental and physical health.

Did you know?

- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused by age 18
- 85% of sexual abuse victims never report to the police
- 77% of rapes are committed by someone who is known to the victim
- Two-thirds of sexual assaults leave no physical injury
- Rape is the most costly crime to its victims, totaling $127 billion annually
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- Disparate Impact: In Washington State, 38% of women have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime.
- Youth: The highest incidence rate of sexual assault occurs between the ages of 12 – 18.
- Native American Women: Native women suffer higher rates of rape and sexual abuse than any other population.
- Women with Disabilities: Women with disabilities are raped and abused at least twice that of the general population of women.

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