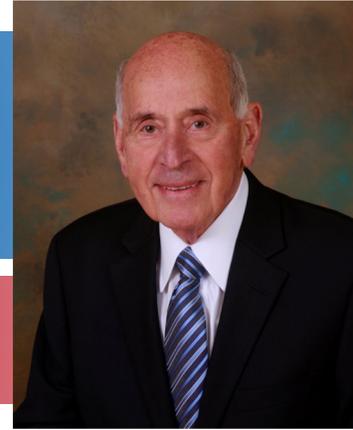


# 20th Annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference



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### May 10-11, 2017



We are pleased to announce former Kansas Attorney General **Robert Stephan** and **Chief Justice Richard Barajas (Ret)** as general session speakers.

### **“The Underlying Power of Victim Rights”**

In this keynote address, two distinguished leaders in the field of Victim Rights will inspire a greater understanding of victims' fundamental rights, and how we, as criminal justice professionals, can assist victims in asserting their rights as they transition from victimization to empowerment. The presenter's personal stories of challenges and persistence will both illustrate the progress achieved and the vision necessary to be effective advocates for those we serve.

Former Kansas Attorney General Robert T. Stephan has the distinction of being the longest serving Kansas Attorney General, serving from 1979 to 1995 and being elected four times in that capacity. Prior to becoming Attorney General, Stephan served as a District Court Judge in Sedgwick County. He has been a licensed attorney for over 50 years. As Attorney General, Stephan worked tirelessly toward enhancing victims' rights. He first established the Kansas Attorney General's Victim Rights Task Force in 1987. Through the leadership of Attorney General Stephan, this multi-disciplinary task force developed recommendations that led to many changes for victims in Kansas, and culminated in the 1992 Kansas Constitutional Amendment for Victims' Rights.

Chief Justice Barajas (Ret.) has made helping victims heal his life-long professional mission. He and his former law clerk, Scott A. Nelson, are authors of the Baylor Law Review article entitled “The Proposed Crime Victims' Federal Constitutional Amendment: Working Toward a Proper Balance.” Most importantly, he has been actively associated with the National Organization for Victims Assistance for over twenty-five years, as a general member, an elected board member, an advisory board member and currently serves as executive director. He has served as the national chair of the NOVA Task Force on Identity Theft, a task force to examine the effects of identity theft victimization and services which may be afforded those crime victims. A nationally recognized lecturer on the proper balancing of the constitutional rights between the criminal defendant and the intended victim, Chief Justice Barajas was honored by the President of the United States at a White House ceremony as a national recipient of the Presidential Award for Victim Services.



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