

Crime Victims Advocacy

Our crime victims advocacy attorneys assist individuals and families who have been harmed by criminal conduct in Chester County and the surrounding areas. Whether you have experienced domestic abuse, assault, fraud, or another form of victimization, our practice ensures that you are supported, protected, and fully informed throughout the legal process.

Guiding Victims Through the Criminal Justice Process

While the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania prosecutes crimes on behalf of the public, it is important to understand that the crime victim is not the client of the Commonwealth. The District Attorney's Office represents the state, not the individual victim. This means that even when a victim wishes for charges to move forward or be withdrawn, the Commonwealth can still proceed, reduce, or dismiss charges without the victim's consent.

Our office provides comprehensive advocacy for victims who need guidance, protection, and representation, including:

- Filing and litigating Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders against domestic abusers;
- Appearing in court on your behalf for PFA hearings, bail hearings, and sentencing proceedings;
- Communicating directly with prosecutors, ADAs, and the court to advocate for your safety and your wishes;
- Requesting bail conditions and protective measures to prevent further contact or harm
- Assisting with Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) claims for eligible expenses;
- Ensuring compliance with the Pennsylvania Crime Victims Act and protecting your statutory rights;
- Supporting you in plea discussions, restitution matters, and sentencing hearings; and
- Coordinating with civil counsel when you have potential claims for damages or restitution.

Why Choose Us for Victims Advocacy

Comprehensive Approach: A true one-stop resource that handles PFAs, court appearances, communication with law enforcement, and ongoing case monitoring.

Personal Attention: Each case is handled in a manner to ensure consistent communication and advocacy.

Focused on Safety and Justice: Every decision and strategy is centered around protecting you and pursuing accountability for what happened.

Crime Victims Advocacy Lawyers

Daniel J. Yarnall

Related Articles

Protection from Abuse (PFA)