

The Future of Prosecution-Based Victim Assistance Programs: Where Are We Headed?

Please join the Prosecuting Attorneys' Council's Victim Services Committee to discuss objectives, goals, ideas, concerns, legislative issues, and priorities for the upcoming year. There is no fee associated with attending this meeting.*

WHEN: **Thursday**
October 9, 2008
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (morning session)
1:30 PM (afternoon session)

WHERE: **State Bar Building**
104 Marietta Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
3rd Floor, Auditorium (conference level)
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WHO: **District Attorneys, Solicitors-General**
and Victim Assistance Program Directors

RSVP: **In order to plan for lunch, please email**
anewman@pacga.org by October 3

IMPORTANT: *Lunch will be provided following the morning session. Invited guests will include members of the Senate Victim's Rights Study Committee. The afternoon session will be a joint meeting with the Senate Victim's Rights Study Committee.*

*Chairman **Pete Skandalakis**, District Attorney, Coweta Judicial Circuit
Barry Morgan, Solicitor General, Cobb County
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Kim McCoy, VWAP Director, Cobb Judicial Circuit
Carla Leggett, VWAP Director, Southern Judicial Circuit
Linda Tipton, VWAP Director, Coweta Judicial Circuit

Topics to Discuss:

1. VISION

- Crime Victims' Bill of Rights
- Staying at the forefront of victims' services
- Victim advocates and prosecutors working together
- Regional trainings

2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Grant writing
- Coordination of efforts through association of statewide victim advocates
- Clearinghouse for information

3. LEGISLATION

- The legislative process
- Issues to be addressed with the Senate Victim's Rights Study Committee:
 - Status of 5% Victim Assistance Fund
 - Restitution
 - Victims' compensation
 - Statute of limitations on child abuse & molestation cases
 - SB 432 & SB 119
 - The Crime Victims' Bill of Rights and state certification: What does it mean to us?