

## Motions for a New Trial and Appeals

The **prosecuting attorney** is responsible for notifying the victim:

**If the accused files a motion for new trial, an appeal of conviction, or an extraordinary motion for new trial**

**If the accused makes bail or recognizance release pending the motion or appeal disposition**

**The time and place of appellate court proceedings as well as any changes to time and place of proceedings**

**The result of the motion or appeal**

All rights specified under the Georgia Crime Victims' Bill of Rights are provided to victims in the event that a new trial is granted or conviction is reversed or remanded and returned to the trial court.

### Important Contact Information:

#### **Georgia Office of Victim Services**

*For offenders in State custody or under State supervision including: Georgia Department of Corrections, State Board of Pardons & Parole, and Department of Community Supervision*

[www.pap.georgia.gov](http://www.pap.georgia.gov)  
[victimservices@pap.ga.gov](mailto:victimservices@pap.ga.gov)

#### **Find your Local Sheriff's Office**

*For offenders in local county jails*

[www.georgiasheriffs.org/resources/sheriffs-by-county](http://www.georgiasheriffs.org/resources/sheriffs-by-county)

#### **Office of the Attorney General**

*For capital felony appeals before the Supreme Court of Georgia*

Crime Victim Notification Request Form:  
[www.law.ga.gov/victim-notification](http://www.law.ga.gov/victim-notification)

#### **Find your Local Prosecutor's Office**

[www.pacga.org/site/fyp](http://www.pacga.org/site/fyp)

## A Victim's Guide to **POST ADJUDICATION** in Georgia

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

*Parole, Corrections, Community Supervision*

*Custodial Issues*

*Inmate Communication Block*

*Capital Felony Appeals*

*Motions for a New Trial*

*Appeals*

*The Victim Services Program does not discriminate against individuals or groups on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex or disability. If you believe you have been the target of discrimination, you have the right to file a civil rights complaint. Information on how to file a civil rights complaint can be found on the Office of Justice Programs website.  
<http://www.ojp.gov/about/ocr/complaint.htm>*

### **PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' COUNCIL OF GEORGIA**

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***Crime victims have rights and needs, even after the offender is convicted. This brochure describes crime victims' rights, agency contact and resource information, and steps that can be taken toward victim notification, safety and recovery.***

### Georgia Office of Victim Services

For questions, information and forms related to the Georgia Department of Corrections, the State Board of Pardons & Parole, and the Department of Community Supervision (formerly State Probation), victims of crime may now contact one office, the **Georgia Office of Victim Services**. This office provides services and notification to victims of crime including:

#### **Victim Information Program (VIP):**

VIP is a 24-hour automated information system used by the Georgia Office of Victim Services that provides access to information about offenders. Once registered, victims will receive a VIP number. Using the VIP number, victims can call to obtain custody status at any time. If registered, the VIP will call the victim to notify of release of custody.

#### **Information and Notification:**

Victims may inquire about the parole process; express views and concerns to the agency prior to parole decisions; request and receive notification of case activity.

#### **Victims' Visitors Days:**

Victims' Visitors Days are events held across Georgia on various dates where victims can attend and receive

information regarding current offender status or register to receive notification of offender status.

The Georgia Office of Victim Services can also provide information concerning **Victim Offender Dialogue** and **Restitution** as a condition of parole or community supervision.

#### **Access Online Forms:**

Visit the GOVS website to access forms including:

- Victim Impact Statement
- Victim Notification Request
- Victim Change of Address Form

#### **Contact:**

To contact the Georgia Office of Victim Services, you can write letters or complete a victim impact statement along with the notification request form soon after the defendant enters the prison system.

#### **Georgia Office of Victim Services**

State Board of Pardons and Paroles  
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE  
Suite 458 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-651-6668  
VictimServices@pap.ga.gov  
www.pap.georgia.gov

***Notifications to victims can occur many years after conviction in some cases, so keeping your current contact information updated with the appropriate post-adjudication agencies is very important.***

### Office of Attorney General

The **Office of the Attorney General** represents the State of Georgia on all **capital felony appeals** before the Supreme Court of Georgia. Victims or family members have the right to request notification regarding case status on cases handled by the Attorney General's office. The victim must provide and keep current telephone numbers and addresses. The victim must also submit a written request to be notified of post-conviction proceedings and will be provided with a six-month status report. The crime victim notification request form can be found at [www.law.ga.gov/victim-notification](http://www.law.ga.gov/victim-notification). See *O.C.G.A. §17-17-12(b.1)*.

### Block Inmate Communication

Crime victims have the right to request to not receive communication (mail, text, electronic) from an inmate convicted of committing a criminal offense against such victim or a juvenile adjudicated by a juvenile court. The victim's right to request not to receive this communication can include any member of the victim's family or household and can extend through the term of the sentence imposed.

The **prosecuting attorney** must provide instructions to victims regarding how to make this request. The Department of Corrections and the Department of Juvenile Justice have certain statutory responsibilities to block mail to the victims from inmates once the request has been made. See *O.C.G.A. §17-17-12.1*.

### QUESTIONS ?

*If you have any questions about your rights and responsibilities as a crime victim in Georgia, PAC can help. Contact our office at: (770) 282-6364 or [info@pacga.org](mailto:info@pacga.org)*