

E-mail the completed form to VictimsRights@nmlegalaid.org

LEGAL SERVICES REQUESTED: _____ Date: _____

1. **Client Name:** _____
2. Address: _____
3. City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
4. Date of Birth: _____ Phone (safe: **Y N**) _____ Cell (safe: **Y N**) _____
6. **Perpetrator Name:** _____
7. Address: _____
8. City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
9. Phone: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____
10. Client relationship to Perpetrator: wife, husband, partner, child, parent or other (explain). _____

11. Where and when did the most recent incident take place:

- a. Place: _____ Date: _____
 - b. Were the police called: **Y / N** When: _____ Agency: _____
 - c. Was the Perpetrator Arrested: **Y / N** Are there criminal charges: **Y / N**
- IF YES please answer questions on page 2.**
- d. Type of Abuse (or attach Temporary) _____

12. If you have witnesses, please provide names and contact information: _____

13. Any other evidence (eg. pictures, medical bills, repair bills, MOV): _____

14. Does client have other legal needs: _____

15. Is there a Temporary Restraining Order: **Y / N** DV # _____

- a. Hearing Dates: _____
- b. Times: _____ Judge/Commissioner: _____

16. Is there an Order of Protection in place: **Y / N** DV # _____

- a. Hearing Dates: _____
- b. Times: _____ Judge/Commissioner: _____

17. Other information: _____

Referred by Advocate: _____ Agency: _____

Southern New Mexico Crime Victims Legal Assistance

(NM Legal Aid and Victim's Rights Project)

If you have questions please call (505) 545-8553 or (575) 680-1988

The Southern NM Crime Victims Legal Assistance program provides holistic legal services to crime victims in Southern New Mexico, including:

- Information and referral;
- No-cost consultations with our staff attorneys;
- Where applicable, direct representation in New Mexico's criminal, civil, and administrative courts.

Practice areas include, but are not limited to: victims' rights enforcement, immigration, employment, education, family law and financial recovery.

Request for Assistance to Assert Victim's Rights in the Criminal Justice System

1) Have you been a victim of crime? **Y/N**

OR Has your minor child been a victim of a crime? **Y/N**

OR Are you the spouse, child, sibling, parent or grandparent of a minor victim, a homicide victim, or a victim who is incompetent? **Y/N**

2) Has someone been charged with the crime? **Y/N** Perpetrator Name: _____

3) What crime/s was charged? _____

4) Date of Violation: _____

5) Court/Judge: _____ Court Case #: _____

6) Prosecutor: _____ Defense Attorney: _____

As a victim of crime in New Mexico, you have certain rights. Your immigration status should not affect your access to the criminal or juvenile justice systems.

Victim's Rights in New Mexico:

The right to be notified if an arrest has been made.

The right to be treated with dignity and respect and to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.

The right to timely disposition of the case.

If you request, you have a right to be notified of any and all court hearings.

The right to attend any court hearing the accused can attend.

The right to confer with the prosecution.

The right to make a statement at certain hearings regarding your safety, entry of a plea agreement or change of plea, at sentencing and at all post-sentencing hearings.

The right to restitution from the person convicted that caused the victim's loss or injury.

The right to have the prosecuting attorney notify your employer, if requested, of the necessity of your cooperation and testimony in a court proceeding that may require your absence from work.

The right to promptly receive any personal property belonging to you that is being held for evidentiary purposes, unless there are compelling reasons for retention of the victim's property.