

# OFFICE OF THE VICTIM ADVOCATE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM



The Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA) was statutorily established in 1998 as an independent state agency charged with the promotion and protection of the constitutional and statutory rights of crime victims in Connecticut.

## The OVA:

- Provides oversight of state and private agencies.
- Provides advocacy to crime victims when a violation of their rights is at issue.
- Receives and reviews complaints of persons concerning the actions of any state agency or other entity that provides services to crime victims.
- Conducts programs of public education on the rights of crime victims.
- Undertakes legislative advocacy when necessary.
- Recommends systemic changes in state policies to ensure the proper treatment and protection of crime victims.



# Providing direct experience in the criminal justice process

## WHAT IS THE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM ?

- Allows you to shadow agency staff on the job, with opportunities to attend court hearings, meetings, special events and the State Capitol during legislative session.
- Is an opportunity for you to learn about the constitutional and statutory rights of crime victims in the state of Connecticut through an informational session.
- Build an understanding of CT crime victim services and providers.
- Build an understanding of the CT criminal justice process.

## ELIGIBILITY

Anyone 18 years of age or older with an interest in the criminal justice system and crime victim rights.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume and application to:

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