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An Act Concerning the Rights of Crime Victims and Violation of Probation or Conditional Discharge Proceedings

Crime victims' right addressed: The right to attend all court proceedings the accused has the right to attend.

This proposal was submitted during the 2019 Legislative Session, HOUSE BILL NO. 7314, AN ACT CONCERNING A CRIME VICTIM'S PARTICIPATORY RIGHTS IN A VIOLATION OF PROBATION OR CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE HEARING. The proposal was voted favorably by the Judiciary Committee, however, the House did not take action on the proposal before the end of the session. The OVA collaborated with the Judicial Branch on the proposal.

An Act Concerning Victims of Identity Theft

Crime victims' right addressed: The right to information about the arrest, conviction, sentence, imprisonment and released of the accused.

This proposal was submitted during the 2019 Legislative Session, HOUSE BILL NO. 7349, AN ACT CONCERNING IDENTITY THEFT VICTIM ACCESS TO RECORDS. With input from the OVA, the proposal was introduced by the CT Sentencing Commission. The proposal was voted favorably by the Judiciary committee and House of Representatives, however, the Senate did not take action on the proposal before the end of the session.

Amend Section 1 of PUBLIC ACT NO. 19-187 AN ACT CONCERNING CONFIDENTIALITY IN THE CASE OF A DISCRETIONARY TRANSFER OF A JUVENILE'S CASE TO THE REGULAR CRIMINAL DOCKET AND IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (HOUSE BILL NO. 7389)

With input from the OVA, the Judicial Branch will include a proposal in their 2020 Legislative Package to rectify this matter, and the OVA will continue to work with those to ensure that the Constitutional and statutory rights of crime victims are honored and respected as required by the Constitution of the State of Connecticut.