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NVRDC Receives 2019 American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Frank Carrington Crime Victim Attorney Award

Washington, DC - The Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) has been awarded the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Frank Carrington Crime Victim Attorney Award. The Carrington Award recognizes attorneys or legal service providers and organizations who have either directly represented specific victims in criminal, juvenile, or appellate courts or who have worked to promote or implement policies to improve the treatment of crime victims in the criminal justice system.

NVRDC joins an esteemed group of past recipients of this award including: Frank Carrington (2008, posthumously); Richard Pompelio (2009); Jay Howell (2010); Susan Herman (2011); Mary Haviland (2012); Candace Mosley (2013); T. Markus Funk (2014); Lenore Anderson (2015); Stephanie Richard (2016); Heather Cartwright (2017) and Navy Victim's Legal Counsel Program (2018).

Founded in 2012, NVRDC's mission is to empower victims of all crimes to achieve survivor defined justice through a collaborative continuum of advocacy, case management and legal services. During the past seven years, NVRDC has supported over 3,500 crime victims and advocated for the enforcement of crime victim rights in the criminal justice system. "Our legal team is a unique model integrating free legal representation with vertical advocacy in order to empower survivors in the aftermath of victimization," said Bridgette Stumpf, NVRDC's Executive Director.

Frank Carrington is considered by many to be the "father of the crime victims' rights movement in America." He published *The Victim*, in 1975 to bring attention to the criminal justice system, and served on the Attorney General's Task Force on Violent Crime in 1981 and the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime in 1982. Said Stumpf, "Frank Carrington's impressive legacy is inspiring and we are honored to receive an award in his name. We are truly humbled to join previous awardees who have championed so much change in our movement."