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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to announce that the Attorney General's Office is preparing to present the annual Attorney General's Distinguished Service Awards. The awards will be presented in Phoenix at our office's Victims' Rights Week recognition event honoring *National Crime Victims' Rights Week* sometime during the week of April 2-8, 2017.

On behalf of the Attorney General, I invite you to nominate candidates whose service to crime victims merits recognition in one of the several categories outlined in the enclosed materials. We ask that you consider how well the nominees meet not only the letter but also the "spirit" of the Distinguished Service Award categories. In addition to direct service providers, we encourage you to consider members of other professions - such as the media, the judiciary, health care, and others - for recognition as dedicated and deserving professionals serving crime victims.

Please bring the work of these special individuals or groups to our attention, even if they have been nominated in years past and not selected. To assist you in the nomination process, we have enclosed the award category descriptions and nomination form.

An individual may submit more than one nomination. Individuals and groups may nominate themselves. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 3, 2017.** Nomination forms must be postmarked (if mailed) or received (if faxed or emailed) by that date.

The Distinguished Service awards provide an opportunity for those of us involved in victim assistance and victims' rights to reflect on what we do and what we have accomplished, and to re-energize our efforts for the work yet to be done. It is a time of celebration and learning of individual and group achievements encouraging each of us to strive for excellence in fulfilling our responsibilities to victims.

Thank you for your assistance in the nomination effort.

Sincerely,

Kirstin Flores  
Director

**2017 ATTORNEY GENERAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS  
FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO CRIME VICTIMS**

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:**

Thank you for your interest in the Arizona Attorney General's Distinguished Service Awards. The Attorney General's Office of Victim Services requests that a **letter of nomination** and completed **Nomination Form** be submitted to assist in the nomination process. Each nomination must be mailed and postmarked to our office by **Friday, February 3, 2017**. Recipients of the 2017 Distinguished Service Awards will be selected on the basis of the content of the submissions and the selected nominees will be invited to the National Crime Victims' Rights Week event during the week of April 2-8, 2017 in Phoenix.

## **AWARD CATEGORIES:**

In recognition of commitment, exemplary service, and contribution to preserving and protecting victims' rights to justice and due process, and to improving the treatment of crime victims, nominations are being sought from the following award categories:

### **Advocacy/**

#### **Direct Services:**

Where an individual or group of individuals has evidenced passion and perseverance in facilitating victim justice and healing by both promoting and ensuring victims' legal rights as well as crucial services to meet victims' needs for recovery from the shattering effects of crime. [Nominees for this category may be professional service providers or volunteers.]

### **Service**

#### **Coordination:**

Where a group of individuals or an organization has been instrumental in establishing comprehensive, coordinated, multi-disciplinary approaches to serving crime victims within its community or jurisdiction.

### **Innovative**

#### **Practices:**

Where an individual, a group of individuals, or an organization has developed programs to serve victims in a new way, provided services where none previously existed, or used technology to assist victims.

### **Public Policy:**

Where an individual, a group of individuals, or an organization has made an invaluable contribution or played a critical role in ensuring public policy reforms, including legislative enactments, aimed at improving the treatment of crime victims.

### **Leadership:**

Where an individual, a group of individuals, or an organization -- while endeavoring to assure better treatment of crime victims -- has exercised principles and practices of effective leadership (vision, initiative, commitment, excellence, service-to-others, cooperation, integrity, etc.), thereby serving as a model or setting an example for others.

## **NOMINATION INFORMATION:**

**Please attach a letter of nomination, not to exceed two (2) pages, about why your nominee should be honored for the appropriate category. Include in your letter:**

- Relationship of nominee to your organization or other relevant programs.
- Specific activities undertaken by your nominee on behalf of crime victims and what makes those activities or efforts exemplary and beneficial to crime victims.
- Impact of your nominee's efforts including influence on attitudes, policies, practices, etc.; uniqueness of your nominee's contribution.
- If your nominee is a paid professional in the victim service field, an explanation of how his or her contributions qualify as "beyond the call of duty."
- Length of nominee's involvement in such efforts or activities.

# NOMINATION FORM

## AWARD CATEGORY [check one]:

Advocacy Direct Services     Service Coordination     Innovative Practices     Public Policy     Leadership

## NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Supervisor, Agency/Program Director, or Organization Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Name of Person Submitting Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination form(s) and letter(s) must be postmarked no later than **Friday, February 3, 2017 to:**

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Phoenix, Arizona 85007  
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