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10th National Conference



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Independence, Ohio

June 8-10, 2018

Welcome to NARSOL's Tenth National Conference



NARSOL's national conferences provide annual opportunities to interact and network with researchers, mental health professionals, criminal justice practitioners, and advocates interested in informing public opinion and reforming current laws and policies affecting registered sex offenders and their families.

This year, registration begins on Thursday evening in the midst of our informal meet-and-greet. Other special activities include a catered awards banquet on Friday night and our tenth anniversary celebration on Saturday night.

This year's conference theme is *The Road to Independence | Reclaiming FULL liberties*.

Our workshops and plenary speakers offer a range of choices to help increase your skills and knowledge in areas such as litigation, lobbying, establishing support groups, and even starting your own business.

And, of course, there will be plenty of time to meet and mingle with other advocates.

Welcome to Ohio and enjoy the conference!



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2018 Conference Schedule

	Foyer	Salon 1	Salon 2	Salon 3	OTHER	
Thursday						
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Early Registration					
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm					Meet and Greet	
Friday						
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration Open					
9:00 am - 9:20 am		Opening Remarks & Announcements				
9:20 am - 10:50 am		Senators John Eklund and Mike Skindell with Lobbyist Connie Nolder - Advocacy in Action: Mock Legislative Committee Hearing*				
11:00 am - 12:00 pm		Connie Nolder-The Nuts and Bolts of Lobbying for Legislative Reform		Mark DeVan - Lessons Learned: "Sex is Different"		
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm		Lunch				
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm		John Rush-Employment Strategies for Registrants		Ian Friedman - Clearing Digital Pitfalls: Ethics in the New World of Social Media*		
2:10 pm - 3:10 pm		Jeffrey Gamso and Lea Bickerton - Recent Landmark Decisions and Their Implications for Rational Sexual Offense Laws*				
3:20 pm - 4:20 pm		Messaging and Strategic Alliances Part 1		Paul Dubbeling - History of Registration: A Lawyer's Perspective*		Fearless Demo Group
4:30 pm - 5:45 pm		Regional Meet and Greets		Regional Meet and Greets		Regional Meet and Greets
		*Approved for 5.5 hours CLE, including 1 hour ethics, professionalism or substance abuse				
5:45 pm - 6:30 pm	Break					
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm					Fellowship Banquet	
Saturday						
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration Open					
9:00 am - 9:10 am		Opening Announcements				
9:10 am - 10:10 am		Marc Dann - The Politics Behind the Adam Walsh Act				
10:20 am - 11:20 am		Messaging and Strategic Alliances Part 2		Tim Buckley - Beyond Treatment: Creating a Community of Accountability & Support		Fearless Demo Group
11:30 am - 12:30 am		Niki Clum - Keeping it Personal: Knowing and Swaying Your Lawmakers		Larry Anderson - How to Win Friends and Influence People in the Church		
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm		Lunch Break				
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm		David Feige - Framing Sex Offenders: The Complexities and Challenges of Talking About Registrants				
2:40 pm - 3:40 pm		Anne Nurse - CSA Prevention Training for Adults		Will Mingus - Own It! Starting Your Own Business		
3:50 pm - 4:50 pm		David Feige - Telling a Good Story		Larry Neely - The Adam Walsh Act: What It IS, and Is NOT		
4:50 pm - 7:00 pm		Dinner Break				
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm					Tenth Anniversary Celebration	
Sunday						
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration Open					
9:00 am - 10:00 am		Jeffrey Gamso - Bodyke & Beyond: A Decade of Un-Change		Lea Bickerton - After Muniz and Butler: Sex Offender Registration Issues in Pennsylvania		
10:10 am - 10:20 am		Final Announcements				
10:20 am - 11:20 am		Paul Dubbeling - Pressure Points: What's Likely to Work and Why?				

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Plenary Sessions

Advocacy in action: Mock legislative committee hearing

Advocacy in Action will present a bipartisan look behind the scenes of the state legislature, concluding in a mock judiciary committee hearing in front of two esteemed Ohio senators. Barb Wright of NARSOL will offer testimony in favor of legislation to establish a petition for youthful offenders for removal from the register, and Wendy Tarr of the Vincentian Ohio Action Network will offer testimony in opposition to the violent offender registry as originally introduced in Ohio. Although both bills are real, the mock hearing will focus on the process, not the substance, of advocating for reform. A Q&A period will follow the mock hearing, allowing the audience to ask the senators and lobbyist Connie Nolder questions about the process.

The hearing will be conducted by Senator Eklund, sitting as the Chairman of the Mock Committee. Senator Eklund is a well-respected and influential legislator in the area of criminal justice reform. Senator Eklund was a member of the Ohio Criminal Justice Recodification Committee and is the primary sponsor of bills to modify criminal sentencing and corrections law.



Hon. John Eklund (R)
Ohio Senate, 18th district



Hon. Michael Skindell (D)
Ohio Senate, 23rd district



Connie Nolder
CRN Consulting, Ltd.

Sen. John Eklund (R-Munson Township) is currently serving his second term as State Senator for the 18th District, which is comprised of portions of Geauga and Lake Counties as well as all of Portage County. For the 132nd General Assembly, Senator Eklund has been tapped to serve as Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. In addition, Senator Eklund is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Public Utilities Committee, the Rules and Reference Committee, and the Finance General Government Subcommittee. For the 131st General Assembly, Senator Eklund served as Chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. He also serves on the Interstate Compact on Juveniles, the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission, and the Attorney General's Joint Study on Drug Use Prevention Education.

Michael J. Skindell (D-Lakewood) was reelected to serve Ohio's 23rd Senate District in November, 2014. Senator Skindell has long respected the laws of the state of Ohio - both how they are made, and how they are enforced. He previously served four terms as the Representative of Ohio's 13th House. Senator Skindell currently sits as the Ranking Minority Member on the Senate Finance Committee. He also sits on the Senate Agriculture, Senate Energy & Natural Resources, Senate Judiciary, and Senate Government Oversight and Reform committees.



Connie Nolder is a seasoned political strategist with CRN Consulting, Ltd, a legislative and government relations consulting firm in Columbus, Ohio, helping a diverse group of clients navigate the legislative process, government regulations and Statehouse politics. Nolder represents Families and Individuals for Reform (FAIR) and has counseled Ohio Rational Sex Offense Laws on strategies for addressing various legislative efforts. Nolder has successfully developed a proposal to allow certain low risk youthful offenders to petition for relief from registration and recruited Senator Eklund to introduce the proposed legislation. Senator Skindell is a co-sponsor of the bill. The bill is currently pending before the Ohio 132nd General Assembly.



From then to now . . .

By Paul Shannon, Chair

I remember it well. That first RSOL national conference in Boston. We were terrified.

Boston was, of course, ground zero for the clergy abuse scandal. The city was red hot with loathing toward "pedophiles," the flames fanned by the *Boston Globe* and the victim rights groups who ruled the roost when it came to sex offense issues. There was little opportunity to raise questions about whether hysteria was the best approach to this complex social problem or to talk about evidence-based practices or the humanity of people convicted of sex offenses or to question the truthfulness of the allegations flying around. Much of the good research available today had not yet been done.

Mythology around sex offenders filled the air. We were very fortunate that Suffolk Law School was willing to let us use their meeting room. But we feared that the people with pitchforks might charge the meeting at any time. We were extremely concerned about security. My recollection is that we did not even make the location of the conference known to registrants until the very last minute.

But our fears were overblown. There were no disruptions, and for perhaps the first time, registered persons and their families from around the country gathered together to learn, to share their experiences, and to support each other. (We tried to collaborate with a similar state conference that Texas Voices was holding simultaneously, but our Skype technology failed us.) Our keynote speakers were Dr. Fred Berlin of Johns Hopkins University and Dr. Jerome Miller, former director of the Department of Youth Services in Massachusetts. But the most important outcome of that very first conference was the

sense of solidarity that started to develop among most of the attendees, that healing sense that my family is not completely alone to deal with the shunning and pain. We were off and we were running.

And now, nine national conferences have followed: Washington, Missouri, New Mexico, California, Dallas (twice), Atlanta (twice), and here we are in Ohio. The only conference that was tense was New Mexico. But Brenda, our executive director, handled the media frenzy beautifully; Dolley (Tammy) was most gracious to two concerned women who showed up, and the furor about Albuquerque being invaded by child molesters actually resulted in more people coming to the conference. Over the years our conferences have become much better organized, and our technology has improved dramatically. Our presenters have been of the highest quality. Of course, inevitably, personality and strategic differences and changes in people's lives have led to the parting of ways among some dedicated advocates. But, for the most part, we all look forward to these conferences as a time to become more effective in addressing the most difficult issue in our society and to build a lasting community that stands together for fairness, common sense, and the humanity of all of us.

We're a long way from where we were in Boston almost a decade ago. NARSOL now has advocates and affiliates in many states. Our oldest and largest, Texas Voices, continues to stand tall against the craziness. Researchers and other professionals have emerged to pump out accurate information about sex offender laws into the mainstream. There are even sparks of hope in the courts. But the main work continues to be done by ordinary members of NARSOL confronting their legislators, the press, and the public with facts and conviction. We have a lot to do together to bring this country to its senses! And I am excited you are in Independence for our very first conference in Ohio. The country needs us, and we all need each other.

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Recent decisions & their implications for rational sexual offense laws

The basis for litigation reform and the results of civil rights litigation vary widely from state to state and jurisdiction to jurisdiction. By examining a number of challenges from the past couple of years, we will seek to understand the key constitutional arguments that have been made, what has been successful, and the reason why there are such disparate results between states and circuits.



Jeff Gamso
Criminal Defense Attorney

Jeff is a graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law. In years of private practice in Texas and Ohio, and now as an assistant public defender with the office of the Cuyahoga County [Ohio] Public Defender, he has been devoted to criminal defense. From 2000 to 2004, Jeff served on the Ohio Public Defender Commission. From 2004 to 2009 he was the Legal Director of the ACLU of Ohio. He has represented men and women in state and federal courts in Texas and Ohio and in the United States Supreme Court. He was lead counsel in *State v. Bodyke*, the case in which the Ohio Supreme Court first found portions of Ohio's Adam Walsh Act unconstitutional.



Lea Bickerton
Civil Rights Attorney

Lea is a law partner with her husband, William, in the Pittsburgh firm of Bickerton & Bickerton. She holds a B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh and earned her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 2005. After practicing for two years as a public defender in Allegheny County, Lea was a law clerk for a Pennsylvania superior court. Lea has represented defendants at every stage of the criminal process, from preliminary hearings to appeals. She's had the opportunity to litigate challenging issues related to the sex offender registry.

The politics behind the Adam Walsh Act

Marc brings to NARSOL his unique knowledge of the forces leading to adoption of the Adam Walsh Act in Ohio. Ohio was the first of eighteen states to adopt the Adam Walsh Act. Dann now regrets his role in the adoption of the AWA, and will discuss ways in which other states can avoid the politics behind the Adam Walsh Act and other sex offender registration laws.



Marc Dann
Former Attorney General, Ohio

Marc is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and a 1984 graduate of the University of Michigan, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history. He graduated from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1987. Elected Ohio's Attorney General in 2006, Marc became a national leader in the effort to hold banks and predatory lenders accountable for victimizing homeowners. Attorney Dann resigned as Attorney General in May, 2008. Today, Marc is an active member of SAGE (Society of Attorneys General Emeritus) and the Democratic Attorneys General Association.





As a proud and loyal affiliate of NARSOL, North Carolina RSOL is excited to be represented at the Ohio conference and looks forward to working with you as we fellowship and learn how to be better, stronger, and more effective advocates!

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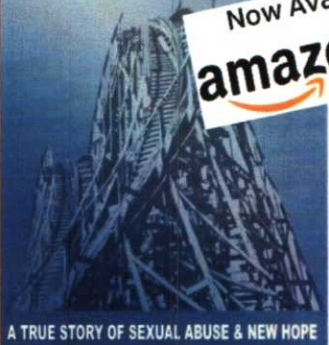


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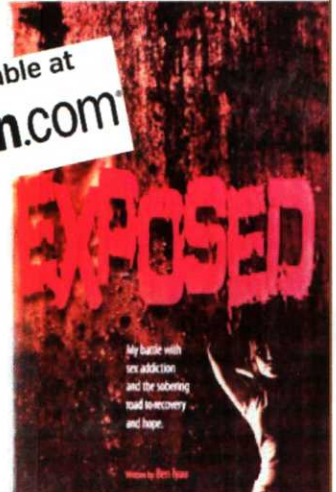
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Framing sex offenders: The complexities and challenges of talking about registrants

Talking about registrants and framing questions concerning sex offender policy are complex and divisive. This talk will aim to address the challenges involved with driving change, without fracturing coalitions, through media including journalism and films. The presentation will also include the showing of two of David's short films dispelling the myths of sex offender recidivism and showing the devastating effects of life on the registry.



David Feige
Attorney, Documentarian

David is an attorney, legal commentator, and author. He is the author of the memoir *Indefensible: One Lawyer's Journey into the Inferno of American Justice* and co-creator of the TNT legal drama *Raising the Bar*, both of which center on the life of the public defender. He is also the co-founder and board chair of The Bronx Freedom Fund, the first charitable bail organization in New York State. In 2016, David won the Albert Maysles New Documentary Director Award for *Untouchable*, a documentary feature he wrote, produced, and directed. The film premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival. He has appeared regularly on Court TV, MSNBC, and National Public Radio to comment on legal issues. He has also written about the law for newspapers such as the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Boston Globe* and magazines like *Fortune*, *Slate*, and *The Nation*.

Pressure points: What's likely to work and why?

Recently, there have been some very good judicial decisions affirming the rights of registered citizens. But while optimism for the future is appropriate, we must also temper it with caution. Bad cases make bad law. And this is certainly true when we consider the general political animosity toward registered sex offenders. It is vital to the future of reform that advocates seek out and bring challenges that are likely to build upon these successes and avoid those that, while just, are likely to harm rather than help.

In this presentation, Paul will discuss what legal and legislative challenges are the most likely to succeed so that we can establish winning strategies to pursue effectual change. By evaluating the relationship between legislative and legal action for reform, and strategies for effectively pursuing both, it's possible to set concrete, achievable goals that will advance the cause of this advocacy today, and in the critical years to come.



Paul Dubbeling
Civil Rights Attorney

Paul is a former U.S. Army Ranger and infantry officer. He attended law school on an Army scholarship, graduated summa cum laude from Indiana University in Bloomington in 2005, and earned his M.B.A. from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. He then served as JAG attorney for six years, including two tours in Afghanistan. After leaving the Army, Paul clerked for Judge Neil M. Gorsuch (now a Justice of the United States Supreme Court) before going into private practice. Since then, Paul successfully prosecuted *Does v. Cooper*, a federal lawsuit which struck down most of North Carolina's previous premises restrictions, and is currently lead counsel for NARSOL's legal challenge to the North Carolina registration laws, *Does v. Stein*. Paul is NARSOL's attorney.





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Workshops

The nuts and bolts of lobbying for legislative reform

By **Connie Nolder & Gina Wilt**
CRN Consulting, Ltd. (Friday)

Connie and Gina will present a seasoned lobbyist's view of the discussion started during the Advocacy in Action session, with a basic discussion of how a bill becomes law, coalition building, building a relationship with lawmakers, and strategies for advocacy.

Lessons learned: "Sex is different"

By **Mark DeVan, Attorney (Friday)**

As with capital crimes where "Death is Different," those defending sex charges must recognize that "Sex is Different." The defense of people investigated or charged with sexual offenses requires a level of understanding and advocacy not found in the defense of other cases. Those specific concerns and skills in advocacy are best learned through careful study of the statutes and rules that apply in sexual offense prosecutions and anecdotal stories that explain and exemplify what to do and not do to ensure the best possible result for a sexual offense client.

Employment strategies for registrants

By **John Rush, CEO**
Clean Turn Enterprises (Friday)

John came from a challenging background, but has risen above to become a leading figure in second chance employment, including employment for registrants. John will discuss Thinking Outside the Box, including such topics as Dispelling the Myths, Dismantling the Fears, Discerning the Talent, Disseminating the Message, and Deploying the Community.

Clearing digital pitfalls: Ethics in the new world of social media

By **Ian Friedman, Attorney (Friday)**

It is virtually impossible today to escape the power and reach of social media. It is no longer just a means to keep up with friends and colleagues. It is changing every facet of daily life. With such growth, it has

become very easy to run afoul of ethical restrictions and criminal laws. Online users need to understand the pitfalls of social media in order to avoid them. We will learn about normal everyday online activity that can violate the law and learn how to always navigate within legal bounds.

Messaging & strategic alliances, I

By **Laurie Jo Reynolds, Professor (Fri & Sat)**

Having an effective message is one of the most difficult tasks in any type of social reform, and having the wrong message can be disastrous for any movement. An effective message can change the conversation from one of "us vs them" and instead focus the conversation on common values.

History of registration: A lawyer's perspective

By **Paul Dubbeling, Attorney (Friday)**

Once there are lists, the governments will use them. The history of registration laws demonstrates this truism, but what does that mean from a legal perspective? How do prior cases affect upcoming ones in light of the rapid increase in both the extent and severity of registration laws?

Fearless demo group, I

Moderated discussion (Friday & Saturday)

These sessions, led by an experienced group of leaders, give participants a taste of how a Fearless support/advocacy group works. There will be a brief introduction describing meetings and protocols, then time to "practice" sharing, Fearless-style!

Regional "meet & greets"

Break-out session (Friday)

Attendees will break into groups based on their NARSOL region for an opportunity to meet their "neighbors" in the cause and build new connections.

Messaging & strategic alliances, II

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From RSOL to NARSOL: A brief history of our cause

The National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws (NARSOL) began in the late 1990's with a Boston group of civil libertarians, educators, and other professionals who were concerned about the growing panic being justified in the name of protecting children from sexual violation. Signed by more than 100 Boston-area professionals, the Call they drafted was intended to generate further discussion about the real dangers posed to children and substantial attacks on the civil liberties of American citizens.

In 2006, concerned that the problem had worsened, some of the original signatories began to circulate a revised document. In July 2007, Paul Shannon, a long-time peace activist and social justice educator in the Boston area, published his article entitled *It's Time to Reform Sex Offender Laws: An Urgent Call to Support the Well-being of Children and the Rights of Us All* in the online newsletter *Counterpunch*, and Reform Sex Offender Laws (RSOL) was officially born.

One of RSOL's founders, "Alex Marbury," had been a leader in a well-

known and controversial sexual rights organization many years before. But "Alex" left that organization a decade before the launch of RSOL. While some view this associative connection as a liability, Alex's intimate knowledge about the members of that organization proved valuable during RSOL's formative years, since he kept a close watch to ensure that none of its former leaders publicly signed our Statement. RSOL was founded upon, and continues to focus on, the post-conviction treatment of people who have been convicted of sexual offenses. Neither RSOL or NARSOL has ever taken a position regarding ages of consent and have strongly opposed illicit sexual activity of any kind, whatsoever.

RSOL eventually incorporated and continued to grow in its influence. It adopted bylaws, a vision, mission, and goals, a set of key assertions, and elected a board of directors as well as several working committees which move along its established agenda. We are now holding our ninth conference and have affiliate organizations in an increasing number of states.

In December, 2016, and in the effort

to eliminate the use of the phrase "sex offender," RSOL officially became NARSOL. But with the exact same mission and goals of RSOL, NARSOL continues the fight to bring change to oppressive sexual offense laws under a different banner.

There is much reason for hope. More legislators, journalists, and media sources at the local and national level are questioning and disputing the myths that are the basis of today's failed public policy. We have witnessed some promising judicial decisions at the state and federal levels. And we firmly believe that our hope for substantial change is now close to a tipping point.

We reflect on our history with immense pride. We embrace the promises the future holds, a future where a single transgression no longer results in a lifetime loss of human dignity, respect, and fundamental rights; a future where those who are falsely accused may find true justice; and a future where those who have taken responsibility for the harm they have inflicted on others will discover again the hope for meaningful redemption.

RSOLGA, proud host of two previous conferences, sends warm greetings to everyone in Independence, Ohio for the Tenth National Conference of NARSOL!



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This year's speakers and workshops include materials that some individuals may disagree with and which may be considered controversial. We ask that you be respectful and show appreciation to everyone who has volunteered their time to be with us. We encourage open discussion and your right to express disagreement; however, we ask that you please not use profanity or insult our presenters. Failure to adhere to basic rules of decorum may result in the cancellation of your conference registration.

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Beyond treatment: Creating a community of accountability and support

By Tim Buckley, Author (Saturday)

Reentry from prison is fraught with hardship. To increase public safety and lower recidivism, communities are adding layers of support and accountability to the reentry process. It is important for social workers and counselors working with registrants to be invited into the larger community of accountability and support. And when the community understands and fulfills its mission for accountability and support, even those accused of offenses but not convicted, can find that same community structure and even reconciliation within the community. Learn how one treatment provider became a catalyst for change with clients, as well as in the state legislature and in county government. Going beyond your job description takes courage, time, and risk. But the rewards pay off in terms of client success and community growth.

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Keeping it personal: Knowing and swaying your lawmakers

**By Niki Clum, Legislative Liaison
Ohio Public Defender (Saturday)**

Asking for criminal justice reform that assists individuals convicted of a crime is not a politically popular position. In order to achieve change, advocates must earn the trust of lawmakers and provide them with convincing arguments. Learn how to establish productive relationships with lawmakers, and present arguments that they will find compelling.

How to win friends and influence people in the church

By Larry Anderson, Life Coach (Saturday)

Finding a connection within a local church is a great and rewarding accomplishment. For a registered citizen it is very important to build a team of spiritual and emotional support that helps with

accountability and personal growth. Everybody needs a foundation, and the church is a great starting point. Many registered citizens feel disenfranchised and disconnected from the church. Isolation is one of the greatest schemes the enemy uses to keep individuals trapped in a non-productive cycle. Although most churches address the issue of registered citizens in the church from a secular view, there are still many congregations that will welcome with open arms and unconditional love. This workshop is designed to help you identify what's healthy and what's not as it pertains to registered citizens choosing a local church.

CSA prevention training for adults

By Anne Nurse, Ph.D. (Saturday)

Increasingly, child-serving organizations like sports leagues, schools, and churches are requiring sexual abuse prevention training for employees and volunteers. In this workshop we will discuss the purpose of these trainings and the kinds of material they cover. The facilitator will discuss results from an evaluation research project she conducted on one national program. Data will be presented about the accuracy of the public's knowledge of CSA and the impact of training on that knowledge. Emphasis will be given to the implications these programs have for shaping public opinion toward sexual offense laws.

Own it! Starting your own business

**By Will Mingus, President, HomePro
Telecomm. & LT Publishing (Saturday)**

Starting your own business has lots of benefits. Being your own boss means no one can fire you except for YOU. But starting a business can seem daunting at first. Learn how make that business a reality. We will discuss the process - from cultivating an idea, to coming up with financing, to developing a business model, to filing the legal paperwork. This overview presentation will take some of the mystery out of starting your own business.

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Telling a good story

By David Feige, Documentarian (Saturday)

Feige will follow up "Framing Sex Offenders: The Complexities and Challenges of Talking About Registrants" with a more personal approach involving audience members with a story to tell. The workshop is designed to talk about participant stories and initiatives and brainstorm framing and messaging solutions and talking points.

The Adam Walsh Act: What it IS, and what it is NOT

By Larry Neely, Paralegal (Saturday)

This workshop is intended to help participants understand the basics of the federal Adam Walsh Act (AWA). We will look at: (1) some of the reasons Congress enacted the AWA; (2) the basic registration requirements of the AWA; and (3) some common misunderstandings regarding what people think is required by the AWA but is actually imposed by the states.

Bodyke & beyond: A decade of un-change

By Jeff Gamso, Attorney (Sunday)

The landmark decisions in *State v. Bodyke* and *State v. Williams* returned thousands of Megan's law registrants to the classification that existed prior to the enactment of the Adam Walsh Act. But in the years that followed, inconsistencies and uncertainties flourished, making registration duties confusing for all registrants, regardless when they were convicted. This workshop will provide answers to that question NARSOL has been asking all year: Can They Do That?

After Muniz and Butler: Sex offender registration issues in PA

By Lea Bickerton, Attorney (Sunday)

We will review the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's *Commonwealth v. Muniz* decision, *Commonwealth v. Butler* and observe the most important legal conclusions made, and Pennsylvania's Act 10 law. Then we will discuss the ramifications of Act 10 and the constitutional issues that remain after its implementation.



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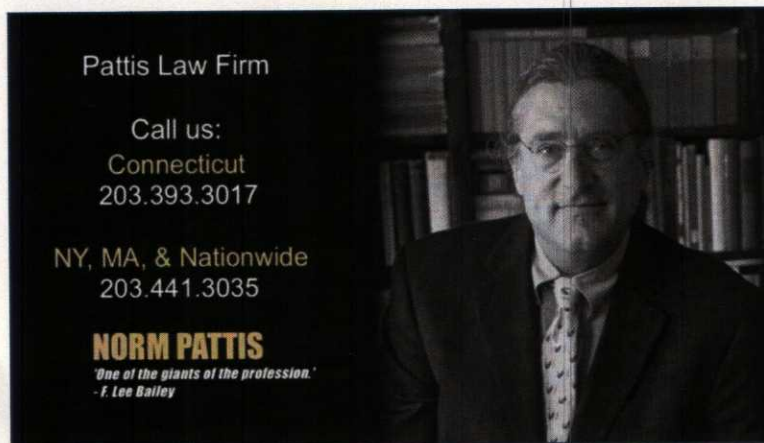
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Will Mingus decided it was time to be his own boss after working for someone else for many years. He has started three separate “for profit” companies, as well as incorporating two non-profit organizations.

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Ian Friedman has earned a fierce reputation for successfully defending individuals and organizations in complex criminal matters, including sex crimes litigation. Based in Cleveland, he has served as counsel across Ohio, the United States, and internationally. He is a frequent lecturer, author, commentator, and expert witness called upon to address important legal issues. In addition to his practice, Ian is an adjunct professor at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law where he teaches Computers & Criminal Law.

John Rush, the president and CEO of Clean Turn Enterprises, a second chance employer in Columbus, Ohio, is a social entrepreneur with a distinct focus on changing the paradigm of how we think about the relationship between business and the social sector. After serving as a Sergeant in the US Marine Corps, John focused his career on creating small businesses focused on creating employment for men and women formerly impacted by homelessness, incarceration, human trafficking, domestic violence, and other challenges. Over the last decade, John has served on several non-profit boards and assisted with the creation and/or growth of nearly thirty social enterprises in Chicago, Cleveland, and Columbus.

Larry Neely serves on the board of directors of Liberty and Justice Coalition, NARSOL’s New Mexico affiliate, and is currently employed as a paralegal. In addition, Larry contracts with the law office of the New Mexico Public Defender (LOPD) as a SORNA expert. Larry provided substantial assistance to Nancy Forster, a Maryland civil rights attorney, as she spearheaded two successful challenges against that state’s registration requirements.

Laurie Jo Reynolds is a policy advocate whose work challenges the demonization, warehousing, and social exclusion of people in the criminal legal system through community organizing and cultural change, focusing on the retributive extremes of solitary confinement and public conviction registries. She was the organizer of Tamms Year Ten, the grassroots legislative campaign to close the notorious Illinois supermax, which Governor Pat Quinn shuttered in 2013. Currently a Soros Artist Fellow, she organizes against the harm of registries and related restrictions and for policies that truly prevent victimization. She received fellowships and grants from Open Society Foundations, Creative Capital, United States Artists, as well as Creative Time’s Annenberg Prize for Art and Social Change. Reynolds is an assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Mark DeVan has worked tirelessly as a criminal defense attorney for clients facing investigation or prosecution for sex crimes in state and federal courts throughout Ohio. Mark has been recognized in the Best Lawyers in America, Ohio Super Lawyers, and Marquis Who’s Who in American Law. He has also served as president of the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and on various committees of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Niki Clum is the legislative liaison for the office of the Ohio Public Defender. She holds a B.A. in psychology from the Ohio State University, and a J.D. from George Mason University. Prior to law school, Niki worked in policy as the director of constituent action for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. Prior to joining OPD, Niki worked as a prosecutor for the City of Delaware and Union County. In September of 2017, Niki joined OPD’s Policy and Outreach Division. At OPD, Niki is a member of the Kids in Adult Prison Working Group.

Pastor **Larry Anderson** is America’s first and most sought after life coach for registrants and their spouses. He is also an activist and the founder of Knowing the Registry, a two part initiative to educate and deploy church leaders in building healthy relationships and congregations with sex offenders. He is also founder and director of the P.O.W.E.R Coaching Academy, a 12 week self-assessment and empowerment course for people whose lives are altered by felonies and life discontinuities. He is a passionate leader and lives in Chattanooga Tennessee. For more information, visit www.larryandersononline.com.

Tim Buckley is a self employed writer and communications consultant. Author of four books, the most recent is *S.O. The New Scarlet Letters: Sex Offenders, Their Treatment and Our Challenge* (2018). The co-author of that book is Marilyn Callahan, LCSW, a pioneer in treatment for those convicted of sex-related crimes. In addition to writing, Tim also teaches and consults on the topics of nonviolent communication (NVC) and mindfulness. NVC is a skill-based personal growth program that focuses on developing awareness, emotional intelligence, and empathy. He volunteers as a senior trainer for the Oregon Prison Project, which brings NVC into five state prisons and into community reentry settings. Tim and his wife have been contractors for the Oregon Department of Corrections and other “trauma-informed care” organizations, training staff in workplace resiliency, emotional intelligence, and mindfulness.

Wendy Tarr, director of the Vincentian Ohio Action Network (VOAN), has worked throughout the Midwest with faith communities as a community organizer for 13 years, focused primarily on economic justice, immigration, and criminal justice reform issues. Wendy led a coalition of opponents and interested parties to influence amendments to the proposed violent offender bill.



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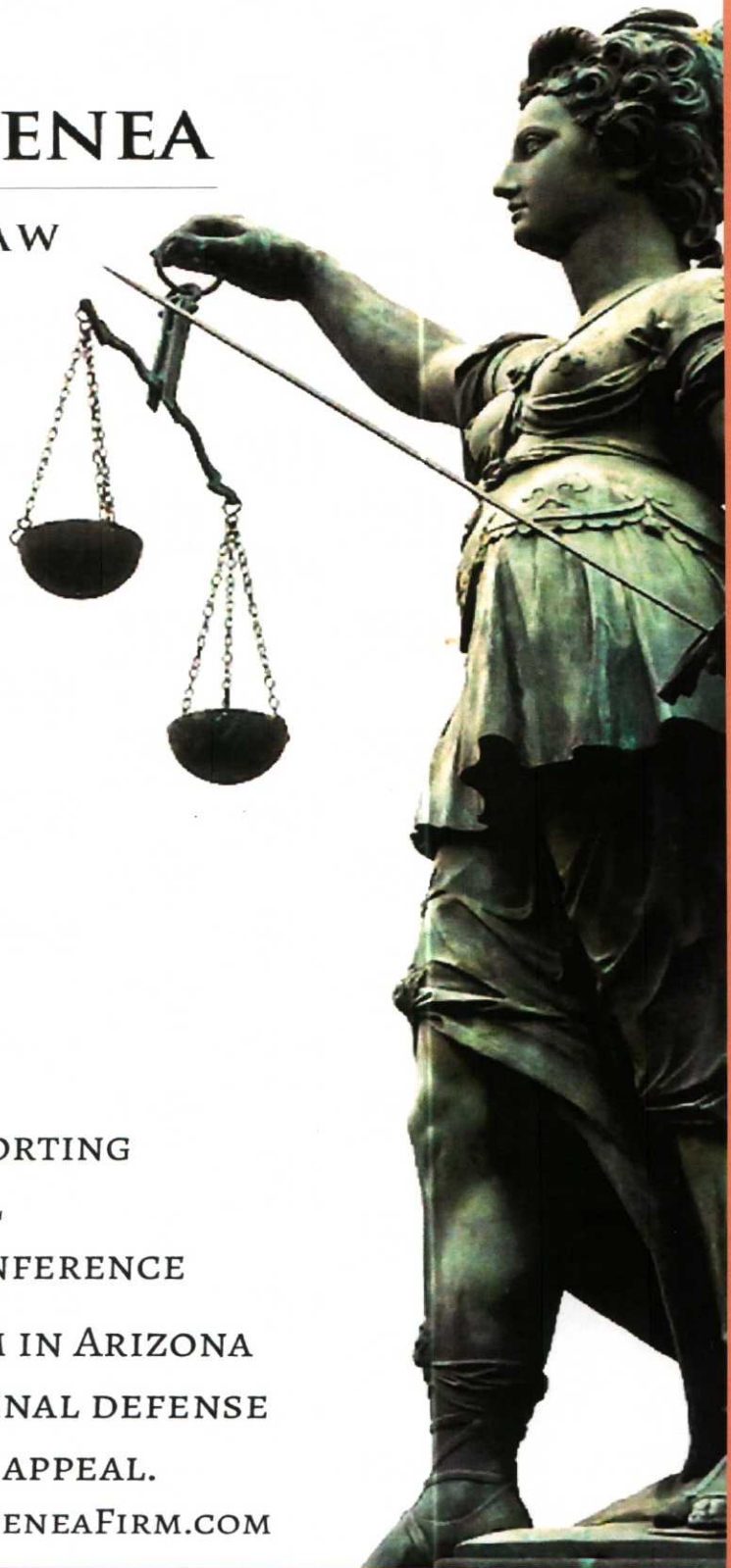
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