

## **Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates Judicial Candidate Survey**

The Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates (WCCVA) is a non-profit organization, established in 1984. WCCVA is comprised of individuals, agencies and organizations that are working together to improve services for ALL victims of crime and to strengthen victims' rights.

WCCVA keeps our members informed about elected officials and candidates who support victims' services and rights. To do this we ask you to take a few moments of your valuable time to complete the following survey. The survey is only 5 questions.

**Return your completed survey to:  
WCCVA SURVEY c/o PO Box 796 Marysville, WA 98270-0796  
-or- E-mail your completed survey to [WCCVASURVEY@aol.com](mailto:WCCVASURVEY@aol.com)  
Deadline for Receipt = August 16, 2002**

WCCVA will publish the results of our candidate survey and distribute a report to our membership. We will also make it available to interested individuals, organizations and the media. Candidates who fail to respond will be documented as "UNRESPONSIVE" on the final survey report.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with the members of the Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates and the citizens of the State of Washington.

Your name: Doug Schafer

Today's Date: August 17, 2002 Email: [doug@doug4justice.org](mailto:doug@doug4justice.org)

Position running for: State Supreme Court, Position 4

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If you prefer to have this survey sent to you via e-mail, please email WCCVA at: [wccvasurvey@aol.com](mailto:wccvasurvey@aol.com). Also, feel free to provide your answers via e-mail by providing all information requested in this survey and clearly identifying the questions your responses are to. For more information about the WCCVA, please visit our website:

**<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/WCCVA>.**

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1. In your opinion, how necessary is it to involve the following stakeholders during the Criminal and Civil Court Rule making process? Please rate their importance on a scale of **1(low) – 5(high)**:

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Judges                 | 5 |
| Prosecutors            | 5 |
| Defense Attorneys      | 5 |
| Trial Attorneys        | 5 |
| Crime Victim Advocates | 5 |
| Legislators            | 5 |

Please explain: *Each group of persons that is impacted by court rules, and that can add constructive input to the rule-making process, should be affirmatively encouraged to participate in it. I include Legislators because they speak most authoritatively for the general public.*

2. Washington State currently has the shortest and least flexible Speedy Trial Court Rules of any state in the Nation. If elected, would you be willing to revise the Court Rules on Speedy Trial?

Yes  X  No

Please explain: *I believe that I share the attitude of most members of the public who are unable to understand why our state should have such an extreme rule. I assume that there is a range of state rules on the speedy-trial subject. I see no reason why Washington should not be in the middle of the range, if not at the opposite extreme than it is now.*

3. RCW 7.69.030 (15) provides victims and survivors of victims to entry of an order of restitution in ALL felony cases, even when the offender is sentenced to confinement, unless extraordinary circumstances exist which make restitution inappropriate in the court's judgment. Additional statutes provide for mandatory restitution orders in juvenile cases.

a. Will you support a legislative proposal to remove the "extraordinary circumstances" language from the statute?  X  Yes   No

b. Please explain your philosophy on restitution and, if you answered NO above, please provide examples of what you might consider to be "extraordinary circumstances" that would make restitution inappropriate:

*It's simple -- those who cause harm to others ought to compensate their victims for the harm or loss suffered to the greatest extent that they can. In civil matters, those who harm others are compelled to make their victims whole if they can. It should work the same way in criminal matters.*

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4. [RCW 7.69.030](#) (13) and (14) provide victims and survivors of victims the right to provide a victim impact statement or report to the court.

Please explain your views on Victim Impact Statements and identify any limitations you believe may apply to VIS:

*In my non-criminal law practice to date I have not had reason to learn enough about the subject to hold informed views on it. I will learn if elected to the State Supreme Court. My initial impression is that I see no reason why VIS's should not be considered at the stages of a criminal proceeding noted in those statutory provisions.*

5. In 1989, Washington voters overwhelmingly ratified an amendment to our state Constitution (Article 1, Section 35) which provides victims of felony crimes specific rights to be informed of and to attend trial and all court proceedings the defendant has a right to attend, and to make a statement at sentencing and any proceeding where the defendant's release is considered. Additionally, state statutes provide victims specific rights within the Criminal Justice processes.

What do you believe is the proper role of crime victims in the criminal justice system?

*I believe that they serve as a very graphic and very personal reminder to all persons involved in the criminal justice system -- particularly judges -- that the system exists to protect society and to prevent criminals from harming the law-abiding members of society. I also believe, intuitively, that when victims observe appropriate justice meted out against those who have caused them harm or devastation, that it helps them heal from the trauma that they experienced.*

Thank you!