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**First Lawsuits Under New *Child Victims Act* Focus of Friday News Conference; Joined By Sex Abuse Survivors-Plaintiffs, Local Lawyers To Discuss Claims, Defendants, Next Steps**

## **Summary**

The decades-long wait for justice for countless Maryland child sexual abuse survivors is entering its most crucial phase yet with the filing of the first civil lawsuits against their attackers - and enablers - under the state's new **Child Victims Act (CVA) of 2023**. The law -- that eliminated the onerous statute of limitations and age restrictions for victims filing child sexual abuse claims -- becomes effective at 12:01 a.m., Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. In light of the timing, and intense interest in the new legislation and the unfolding litigation, the local survivors' legal team comprised of [Jenner Law](#), [Grant & Eisenhofer](#), and [Baird, Mandalas, Brockstedt & Federico](#), is holding a joint news conference **Friday, September 29**, to preview its first group of authenticated survivors' filings (they will be *e-filed* on October 1) under the CVA. In addition to hearing from the trial attorneys, the plaintiffs, survivors, and their advocates, will discuss what the CVA and the lawsuits mean to them and their loved ones.

## **When & Where**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. ET / Friday, September 29, 2023

Place: [Jenner Law](#) / Meadow Mill, 3600 Clipper Mill Rd., Suite 240,  
Baltimore, 21211

## **Participants**

- Survivors-Plaintiffs
- Attorneys-Advocates: Reviewing the filings, related litigation, and path forward
  - [Robert K. Jenner](#) and [Mary Beth Diaz](#), Jenner Law
  - [Steven J. Kelly](#), Grant & Eisenhofer
  - [Phil Federico](#), Baird Mandalas Brockstedt & Federico
  - [Kurt Wolfgang](#), Exec. Director, Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center
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## **Q&A**

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