Attorneys Discuss Legal Options for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse in Pennsylvania

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Philadelphia, PA ? Ashley DiLiberto, Esq. - The Abuse Lawyer PA is hosting an upcoming informational session to educate adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse about their legal rights and options in Pennsylvania. This event will address the current legal landscape and highlight potential legislative changes that could significantly impact survivors' ability to seek justice. The session aims to empower survivors with knowledge and resources to navigate the legal system effectively.

"Many adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse in Pennsylvania are unaware of their legal options," said Ashley DiLiberto, Esq. "With potential changes on the horizon, it's crucial that survivors understand both their current rights and how proposed legislation could affect their ability to pursue justice."

Under existing Pennsylvania law, survivors of childhood sexual abuse can file civil lawsuits against their abusers up to the age of 55. However, new legislative efforts propose removing the statute of limitations entirely, potentially opening a two-year "lookback window" during which survivors could file claims regardless of when the abuse occurred. This development could be life-changing for survivors who were previously barred from seeking justice due to legal time constraints.

The informational session will cover several key topics, including current legal options for adult survivors under Pennsylvania law, proposed legislation and its potential impact on survivors' rights, the concept of "delayed disclosure" and its relevance to the statute of limitations reform, and resources available to survivors, including counseling and support services.

DiLiberto emphasized the importance of understanding these issues: "Many survivors do not come forward until later in life. Our laws must reflect the reality of how trauma affects disclosure timelines. Providing survivors with information and legal guidance is a crucial part of ensuring they receive the justice they deserve."

The event will also feature representatives from respected local support organizations, including WOAR Philadelphia Center Against Sexual Violence, which provides crisis support, counseling, and trauma therapy services, and the Philadelphia Sexual Assault Response Center (PSARC), which offers forensic examinations and medical care for sexual assault survivors in Pennsylvania in a professional, trauma-informed setting.

"While we focus on the legal aspects, it?s equally important that survivors know about the support services available to them," DiLiberto added. "Healing is a multifaceted process, and we want to ensure survivors have access to all the resources they need, both legal and emotional."

The date and time of the informational session will be determined at a later date, and updates will be available on the firm's website.

For more information about the event or to schedule a confidential legal consultation, survivors can contact Ashley DiLiberto, Esq. Her firm provides free initial consultations to help survivors understand their legal rights and explore potential courses of action. These consultations offer a safe and supportive environment where survivors can discuss their experiences, ask questions, and receive guidance on the next steps in their legal journey.

Ashley DiLiberto and her firm are based in Philadelphia and specialize in representing survivors of sexual abuse. With a compassionate and survivor-focused approach, the firm is committed to advocating for justice and ensuring survivors have access to legal representation and critical support resources. The legal team understands the profound impact of sexual abuse and works diligently to hold perpetrators and negligent institutions accountable.

In addition to legal advocacy, the firm provides connections to essential support services, including counseling, survivor networks, and trauma-informed care. By prioritizing survivors? needs and offering personalized legal strategies, Ashley DiLiberto and her team empower survivors to take back control of their lives. Their dedication to justice ensures that survivors have a strong legal ally in their pursuit of accountability, healing, and closure.

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