



## **Survivors of Abuse NY Addresses Boarding School Sexual Abuse Cases in New York**

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Survivors of Abuse NY announced ongoing legal efforts to assist survivors of sexual abuse that occurred in boarding schools and residential educational settings throughout New York. Based in New York City, the organization represents individuals in civil actions that hold both perpetrators and institutions accountable for misconduct. The announcement underscores the firm's continued commitment to increasing public awareness of survivors' rights under state law and to promoting institutional accountability in educational environments.

"Boarding school sexual abuse cases require detailed investigation and a deep understanding of how institutional structures operate," said Thomas Giuffra, Esq., attorney at Survivors of Abuse NY. "Our focus is on ensuring that survivors understand the legal options available to them and that schools are held responsible when they fail to protect students in their care."

Civil cases involving sexual abuse in boarding schools often include claims against educators, administrators,

or staff members who exploited positions of authority. These cases also frequently involve allegations that the institution failed to prevent, detect, or respond to misconduct. Survivors of Abuse NY investigates whether appropriate safety policies were implemented, whether prior complaints were ignored, and whether institutions complied with their reporting obligations. When failures are identified, legal action seeks to secure accountability while driving improvements to institutional oversight and child protection standards.

Boarding schools, because of their residential nature, have a heightened responsibility to ensure the safety of students. Unlike day schools, these institutions provide both academic and living environments, creating extended contact between staff and students. Courts in New York often examine whether administrators adequately supervised employees, conducted background checks, and enforced behavioral standards. Civil litigation in these cases can also explore whether outside agencies or accrediting bodies were notified of misconduct, and whether any corrective measures were taken after initial reports of abuse.

Survivors of Abuse NY's representation model is built around trauma-informed legal advocacy. Attorneys within the firm work closely with survivors, mental health professionals, and investigators to ensure that each case is approached with care and sensitivity. The organization emphasizes open communication, confidentiality, and survivor autonomy throughout the legal process. This approach helps ensure that the pursuit of justice also contributes to the emotional healing and empowerment of those affected.

Legislative reforms in New York have expanded the ability of survivors to bring forward claims involving historical abuse in schools and other institutions. The Child Victims Act (CVA) and the Adult Survivors Act (ASA) extended statutes of limitation and created temporary filing windows for previously time-barred cases. These laws have allowed many survivors of boarding school abuse to pursue civil claims for the first time, even decades after the incidents occurred. Survivors of Abuse NY continues to provide education and outreach explaining how these laws apply and how survivors can seek accountability under the state's legal framework.

Cases involving boarding school sexual abuse often reveal systemic problems, including patterns of concealment and institutional loyalty that prioritize reputation over student safety. Civil actions in these cases can uncover evidence such as internal communications, disciplinary records, and prior investigations that demonstrate failures in oversight. Successful litigation not only provides justice for survivors but also helps to establish reforms in hiring practices, staff training, and reporting procedures within the education sector.

Survivors of Abuse NY also engages in educational initiatives to raise awareness about institutional responsibility and survivor rights. The organization's programs include informational sessions, publications, and community partnerships designed to inform the public about the civil justice process. These efforts promote a clearer understanding of how civil law operates alongside criminal proceedings and how survivors can take legal action to achieve accountability and systemic change.

Attorney Thomas Giuffra, Esq., has extensive experience handling civil litigation involving institutional misconduct and professional negligence. His work with survivors of sexual abuse in educational, medical, and religious institutions has helped shape policies that prioritize transparency and ethical accountability. Under his leadership, Survivors of Abuse NY continues to advocate for fairness and reform, ensuring that survivors' voices are represented in both courtrooms and broader policy discussions.

Survivors of Abuse NY remains dedicated to representing survivors of boarding school sexual abuse and to strengthening institutional standards across New York. Through a combination of education, advocacy, and litigation, the organization works to ensure that survivors understand their legal rights and that institutions fulfill their duties of care to those they serve.

For more information, visit the Survivors of Abuse NY website. To learn more about legal representation for survivors of institutional abuse, contact Survivors of Abuse NY directly.

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