



Justice for Crime Victims, Inadequate Security Litigation

Our lawyers represent victims of violent crimes in cases against shopping malls, hotels, apartment buildings, and other commercial buildings where substandard security measures allowed criminals to victimize patrons.

We understand crime victims and fight for them. Peter Everett has testified before Congress on legislation designed to regulate the security guard industry and has addressed victim's rights issues on CNN's Larry King Live, ABC's 20-20 and The Oprah Winfrey Show. He has published several works in this area, including articles entitled "Establishing the Standard of Care in Inadequate Security Cases," published in the *Journal of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association*, and "Direct Examination of Security Experts" and "Violence Comes to the Mall," published in *Trial* magazine. Mr. Everett served for ten years as a member of the Executive Committee of the Inadequate Security Litigation Group of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) and co-chaired that national litigation group for 5 years. He has acted as lead counsel or assisted in the representation of clients in inadequate security matters in Arizona, California, Florida, New York, the District of Columbia, Maryland, and West Virginia, as well as in federal and state courts in Virginia.

We work with counselors, grief therapists, law enforcement professionals, security experts, former FBIprofilers, private investigators, the media, and other professionals to understand the crime, its impact upon our clients, and the criminal history of the premises that led to the crime. Business owners who turn a blind eye to crime and allow their tenants and patrons to suffer the consequences will be brought to justice.

In the wake of a violent crime, many victims and their families don't know where to turn for the critical legal advice they'll need to guide them through what can be an intimidating and confusing time. Choices injured persons and their families make following an injury or wrongful death can have a lasting impact on their rights to civil justice for damages and injuries. Defendants have insurance companies to protect them—you deserve an advocate as well.

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