



POST-CONVICTION ADVOCACY

INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS

Minnesota Alliance on Crime is contracted with the State of Minnesota to provide advocacy and services to crime victims and their families in cases that are being heard by the Clemency Review Commission (CRC).

Victims and their families can be as involved as they want to be. They can request updates on the process at each stage, or opt out of future notifications. The Post-Conviction Advocate can offer the victims and their families background information, emotional support, and resources as needed in each situation.

The Post-Conviction Advocate is able to meet in person or virtually to discuss any matters that victims have questions about or to help prepare for the CRC hearing. The advocate may also be able to share information in the clemency application, including the applicant's reasons for seeking clemency, their education and work history, family and community involvement, and other information provided by the applicant.

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CRC PROCESS

APPLICATION SUBMITTED

First, CRC staff confirms eligibility and reviews records to verify the information.

Crime victims or their surviving family members will be asked whether or not they support clemency, as well as how they would like to participate in the review process.

CRC HEARING

At the hearing, the applicant will have approximately 10 minutes to tell the Commission members why they are a good candidate for a pardon or commutation.

Victims and/or their families will also be able to speak or write a letter saying whether they support or do not support a pardon or commutation.

The Commission will ask questions of the applicant and other testifiers. At the end of the hearing, the Commission will vote on whether to recommend that the Board of Pardons grant or deny the pardon or commutation request.

AFTER THE HEARING

The Commission's recommendation will be sent to the Board of Pardons.

The Board meets at least two times per year (typically in May and December) and makes the final decision to grant or deny a pardon or commutation. Only the Board of Pardons has the authority to grant or deny a pardon or commutation.