



ADVOCATE/SURVIVOR COURT CONFIDENTIALITY



IC 35-37-6-9 - Testimonial Privileges: Victim Advocates may not be compelled to testify or produce records about any survivor client they may (or may not) have provided services to.

IC 34-60-1-4. - Role of victim advocate: In any civil proceeding, a court may allow a victim advocate to attend the proceeding, sit with the victim, and confer with the victim as necessary. A victim advocate is not considered to be practicing law when performing the services described.

IC 35-37-6-17 - Indiana's Victim Confidentiality Statute: "You cannot confirm or deny you have served any individual." (*This privilege created by Indiana law is also in federal law and has been upheld by the Indiana Supreme Court*). Even acknowledging the person has been a client or recipient of your services is a violation.

If you are being pressured, ask for a brief recess to consult with ICADV counsel.

For additional legal assistance and questions please contact Kerry Hyatt Bennett - kbennett@icadvinc.org.