

REVIVER STATUTES

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Dear Church Leaders,

I am your insurance agent for your District office/HQ office, as well as insuring many of the churches in your group. I want to make you aware of a new LIABILITY problem that is surfacing in Louisiana. This concerns the time limit on filing/suing over an alleged sexual abuse/misconduct (SAM) incident. Most states have their own **Statue of Limitations** (time limit for filing lawsuit) for SAM claims, that varies from the date an individual becomes an adult (turns 18), or 3 years beyond that date, or 10 years beyond that date, etc.

As of this writing, 35 States have *REVIVER STATUTES* that amend the **statue of limitations** and broadened them to the point that a potential victim can sue a church over a SAM incident that happened in the 80's or 90's, or earlier. I have two Louisiana churches recently served with legal petitions over alleged sexual misconduct incidents occurring decades ago - 1999 for one church and 1984 for another church. Attorneys have exhausted their existing client base for SAM claims and have gotten public support to bend the time line backward to pull in new clients.

Share with your group's churches to be leery of anyone who shows up wanting to ask questions about old members of the church, or correspondence asking for insurance information, or any other details from old times. Unless you are served a legal petition requesting this, you do not have to respond to someone showing up and seeking old information about your church.

Below is a good map that shows the progress of this REVIVER STATUTE across the United States. Go to the link below and you can get more details on what action each state is taking in response to this.

<https://childusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-SOL-Tracker.pdf>

I expect this to explode and want my churches in the information loop as this begins to broaden.

Reach out to me if any questions.

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