

# A VICTIM'S OPTIONS

**PROS / CONS**

	DON'T TELL	TELL LEADERS	Tell CARE Group Trauma informed law firm	TELL ATTORNEY	TELL PUBLIC/ Media
Awareness	No Awareness	No Awareness	Awareness	Awareness	Awareness
Accountability	No Accountability	No or Partial Accountability	Accountability for legal and moral	Accountability for legal	Rare Accountability
Support	Minimum or No Support	Emotional support Prayer support or no Support	Resources & Support	Varying Resources	Minimum or No Support
Representation	No Representation	Represents Entity	Represents Victim	Represents Victim	Represents News &/or Self
Who is protected?	Goal Self Protect	Goal Protect Entity/ Perp/etc.	Goal Protect Victim & Others	Goal Protect Victim & Others	Goal Protect Others
Outcomes	No Outcomes	No or Partial Outcomes	Slow Outcomes	Slow Outcomes	Fast Partial Outcomes
What happens to victims story?	Story is Protected & Not Validated	Story is Vulnerable to being Shared without Consent	Story is Protected, & Directed by Victim	Story is Protected & Directed by Victim	Story is Public & Often Unremovable
Who is helping?	No one else	Biased Non-Professionals	Attorneys & Professional Advocates	Attorneys	Reporters or Amateur Advocates
Who is in charge of Advocate process?	Victim Directed	Self Directed	Victim Directed	Victim Directed	Public Directed
Training with Trauma?	-	Some are Trauma-Aware	Trauma-Informed	Trauma-Aware	Some are Trauma-Aware
Focus of help?	Survival Focused	Self-Preservation Focused	Restoring Victim Focused	Earning Money Focused	News-Cycle Focused
Confidentiality?	Confidential	No Promise of Confidentiality	Attorney-Client Privilege	Attorney-Client Privilege	No Confidentiality
Assistance in future prevention?	May Not Know of Other Victims	May Not Know of Other Victims	Confirms if Other Victims Exist	Single or Few Victims	Unverified Victims
Scrutiny or validation?	No Scrutiny	Scrutinized	Validated	Validated	Scrutinized & Validated
Short term or Long Term Strategy	No Strategy	No Strategy	Long-Term Strategy	Long-Term Strategy	Short-Term Strategy
Helpful Healing process?	Self-Paced Healing	Victims Often Retraumatized	Self-Paced Healing	Self-Paced Healing	Victims Often Retraumatized
Facts Refuted or Validated?	Vulnerable to Gaslighting and Doubt	Facts Refuted or Minimized	Facts Validated	Facts Validated	Facts Unverified or Partially Verified
Who can Victims talk to?	Self talk when in trauma can be difficult?	Anyone can talk to a leader or Pastor	For All Victims of All Forms of Abuse	Only for Victims bringing Lawsuits	Only Brave Victims
Who will help victims story get shared?	Self directed	Shares as the leader sees fit	Aids in Going Public Safely	Aids in Going Public Safely	Goes Public Vulnerably