

DIANE LEONARD, CHAIRPERSON

Diane Leonard was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She met and married her husband, Don, while working for the Postal Inspection Service. Don was an Agent with the U.S. Secret Service and shortly after their marriage, Don was transferred to Washington, D.C. While in Washington, Diane worked at Postal Service Headquarters.

In 1989, when Don was transferred to Oklahoma City, Diane continued her Sales Rep business, covering the states of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

On April 19, 1995, Diane's husband, Don, was killed in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City. Three weeks after the bombing, she began working with a small group of bombing victims on Death Penalty Reform. During this effort, she spoke at several news conferences in Washington, D.C., and also lobbied many members of Congress. In April, 1996, the week after the first anniversary of the bombing, Diane was asked by the White House to be on stage with President Clinton when he signed the Anti-Terrorism Bill into law, which included Death Penalty Reform.

Shortly after Death Penalty Reform was signed into law, Diane left her Sales Rep business and became a Victim/Witness Coordinator for the Oklahoma Attorney General.

After the events of September 11, 2001, Diane worked with victims' families at the Family Center in New York on two different occasions. She assisted during the Death Certificate process, on the ferries taking families to Ground Zero, and during the Urn distribution process.

Diane has three stepsons, speaks around the country, and teaches Death Notification to Police Departments. She is self-

employed as a Glass Artist and is Chairman of the Oklahoma Crime Victims Compensation Board.

N. ANN LOWRANCE, MEMBER

Ann Lowrance has worked with victims of interpersonal violence for over 27 years. She is currently teaching at OSU-OKC. Prior to taking the teaching position at OSU-OKC She served as the Executive Director of Project Safe, Inc. in Shawnee. She also served as Director of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for 16 years. In her capacity, she was responsible for domestic violence and sexual assault programs throughout the state, and the mental health response to the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Ann holds a Masters degree in Family Relations and Child Development from Oklahoma State University, and has post graduate studies in Psychology of Women.

She has spoken extensively at state and national events on the subjects of domestic violence and sexual assault, has served as an expert witness and has published on both subjects. She has also presented on victims of crimes and response to disasters.

Ms. Lowrance was cited by the United States Department of Justice for "Outstanding Dedication and Service to Crime Victims". The Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault named an award in her honor. She serves or was a member of the following organizations: Oklahoma Crime Victim Compensation Board; Attorney General's Task Force on Domestic Violence; Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (Chair); Joint Legislative Task Force on Victim Protective Orders; Oklahoma Child Abuse Training

Coordination Council; Oklahoma Council on Violence Prevention; Oklahoma Court Appointed Special Advocates Association Board of Directors Executive Committee; Victim's of Crime Act Board; Advisory Committee for Sex Offender Management; Oklahoma State Medical Association Domestic Violence Committee.

NICHOLAS GARRETT, MEMBER

Mr. Garrett was born in Lawton, OK. He graduated from O.S.U. with a Bachelors Science in Banking and Finance in 1964. From there he graduated from O.U. Law School with Juris Doctor (J.D.) in Jan. 1967.

Nick spent two years in the District Attorney's office of Comanche County and has been in principle practice in Lawton thereafter. He was admitted to practice Western District of OK in 1970, the 10th circuit in 1972, Supreme Court of United States in 1973.

Currently he sits as a member on the Oklahoma Crime Victims Compensation Board.