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## **Sex offense group brings conference to NC** *Nation's largest sex offender advocacy will be in RTP this week*

**Raleigh, North Carolina | June 12, 2022**—On June 16, attorneys, academics, and leading researchers on existing policies for the surveillance of people previously convicted of a sexual offense will convene at the Sheraton Imperial in Research Triangle Park for the **14th national conference** of the National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws (**NARSOL**).

In coordination with **North Carolina RSOL**, NARSOL's state affiliate, the 14th national gathering of reform advocates will be the largest to date with more than 200 people expected to be in attendance. Media professionals with valid credentials are invited to observe the conference after checking in at the registration table.

The focus of the conference themed ***From acorn to oak*** is to reform existing sex offender laws throughout the nation that deny civil rights to nearly a million registered people, and impact their families, friends, and loved ones. The conference will include national experts, workshops, and panel discussions. More information about the schedule of events and presenters' content can be found on the **conference website**.

The **Raleigh 2022** conference will feature **Dr. Chrysanthi Leon**, deputy dean and professor of sociology and criminal justice at the University of Delaware, **Glenn Martin**, founder and past president of JustLeadershipUSA, **Dr. Kristan Russell**, professor and research scientist at Prairie View A&M University, and **Prof. Ira Ellman**, Distinguished Affiliated Scholar, Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley, and author of the 2015 article "Frightening and High" challenging the Supreme Court's reliance on false crime statistics in its *McKune v. Lile* opinion.

Rounding out the list of featured speakers is NARSOL's attorney and civil rights litigator **Paul Dubbeling** who will be making his sixth appearance at a national conference. Mr. Dubbeling's practice is home-based in Chapel Hill, N.C.

NARSOL is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization exclusively dedicated to defending the rights of registered people and their families. NARSOL opposes dehumanizing registries and works to eliminate discrimination, banishment, and vigilantism against persons

accused or convicted of sexual offenses through the use of impact litigation, public education, legislative advocacy, and media outreach in order to reintegrate and reconcile affected individuals and restore their constitutional rights.

“NARSOL’s conferences are excellent opportunities for registered people and family members to learn about the laws and policies that affect their daily lives,” stated Brenda Jones, Executive Director.

“My first opportunity to attend a NARSOL conference was in Los Angeles in 2013. It was wonderful! Attending the conference was a transformative experience for me. I went from being a close friend and strong supporter to someone with a face and a space to fill. In short, I found a new family and that’s really what these conferences are all about,” said Robin Vander Wall, NARSOL’s chair and president of North Carolina RSOL.

"People who've been previously convicted of a sexually-based offense but have done their time and completed their criminal sentences continue to live as second class citizens. Because of flawed laws and useless policies, they are targeted in their own homes, denied access to public spaces, banished from certain social media platforms, and denied the same fundamental constitutional rights guaranteed to American citizens," Vander Wall continued. "We are determined to bring an end to public pillory in the United States!"

Past national conferences have been held in Boston, Washington, D.C., St. Louis, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Houston, Cleveland, and Albuquerque.

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