

**WHEN A CRIMINAL IS CHARGED,  
THEY'RE GIVEN A LIST OF RIGHTS.**



**BUT WHAT ABOUT RIGHTS FOR  
VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES?**

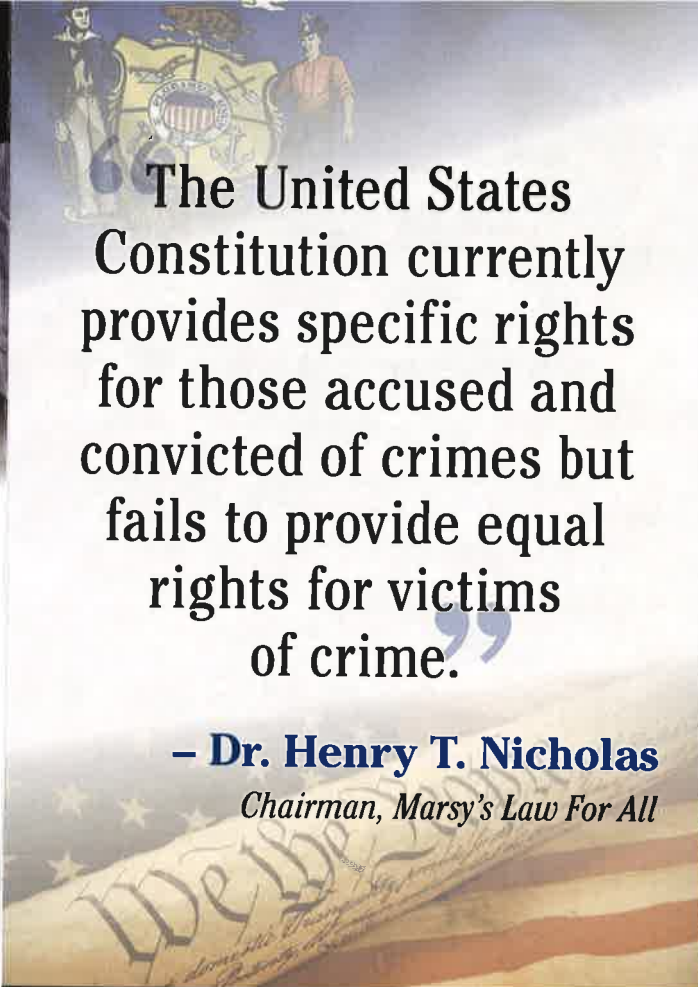
Marsalee "**Marsy**" Ann Nicholas was a beautiful, vibrant University of California Santa Barbara student who was stalked and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983.

Only a week after Marsy was murdered, her brother and mother, Marcella, walked into a grocery store after visiting Marsy's grave and were confronted by the accused murderer.

They had no idea he'd been released on bail.

Marsy's story is typical of the pain and suffering that family members of murder victims endure.

It's time to put Marsy's Law in the Wisconsin State Constitution. Ask your Legislator to support AJR 47/SJR 53.





The United States Constitution currently provides specific rights for those accused and convicted of crimes but fails to provide equal rights for victims of crime."

**- Dr. Henry T. Nicholas**  
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**EQUAL RIGHTS  
FOR  
CRIME VICTIMS**



**Support**

**AJR 47 & SJR 53**

# WISCONSIN



## WHO WE ARE

Marsy's Law for Wisconsin is a grassroots movement working with a broad coalition of Wisconsinites seeking to secure equal rights for victims of crime. Our coalition is working with Attorney General Brad Schimel and the Department of Justice's Office of Crime Victim Services, and includes victims, victim advocates, law enforcement, state legislators and other policymakers, and members of local communities all across Wisconsin. Our state has a long history of leading on this issue, and our legislation will make sure those rights are truly equal to those of the accused while reinforcing and building upon the progress already made – a Wisconsin solution.

## ENDORSEMENTS:

- Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- Wisconsin District Attorneys Association
- Badger State Sheriffs' Association
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- Wisconsin Professional Police Association
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- Milwaukee Police Association
- Golden House of Green Bay
- Wisconsin Troopers Association
- H.E.L.P. of Door County
- Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association
- Sojourner Family Peace Center
- Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association
- Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Police

IN WISCONSIN IN 2015,  
THERE WERE 17,647 VIOLENT  
CRIMES COMMITTED.

## SUPPORT MARSY'S LAW TO GIVE EQUAL RIGHTS TO VICTIMS.

**THE RIGHT** to be treated with courtesy, fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice proceedings.

**THE RIGHT** to receive information about their rights and the services available to crime victims.

**THE RIGHT** to receive timely notification of proceedings and other major developments in their case.

**THE RIGHT** to receive timely notification of changes to the offender's custodial status.

**THE RIGHT** to be present at court proceedings. The right to provide input to the prosecutor.

**THE RIGHT** to be heard at plea or sentencing proceedings or any process that may result in the offender's release.

**THE RIGHT** to restitution.



NOTIFICATION, STANDING, & A VOICE



JOIN US IN PROVIDING CRIME  
VICTIMS WITH EQUAL RIGHTS.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: Won't Marsy's Law burden our justice system with higher costs?**

A: No. The infrastructure required to carry out victims' rights already exists across Wisconsin, because our state already recognizes many of these rights and has led the way in protecting victims. There is already a system in place for notifying victims of legal proceedings, for instance.

**Q: Since Wisconsin is recognized as having strong victims' rights laws already, why is it necessary to pass a new amendment?**

A: It's true that Wisconsin led the way with the nation's first Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, and also has a constitutional amendment and various state laws to protect victims of crime. But as time has gone on, new ways that victims are mistreated or overlooked by our justice system have emerged – and in some cases, existing rights don't stand up to the rights of the accused because they aren't stated strongly enough or aren't in the state Constitution. Marsy's Law for Wisconsin is about giving victims constitutional standing equal to that of accused and convicted criminals – no more, no less. Marsy's Law for Wisconsin will put victims' rights on the same legal level as the rights of the accused, guaranteeing they are respected and protected.