



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENT COMPONENTS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL *ang*

SUBJECT: Amendment to the 2005 Attorney General Guidelines for
Victim and Witness Assistance

The 2005 *Attorney General Guidelines for Victim and Witness Assistance* are hereby amended by:

- (1) Adding the words "or the Superior Court of the District of Columbia" to the end of the first sentence of article II.D.1, so that the sentence reads:

For purposes of enforcing the rights enumerated in article I.B, a victim is "a person directly and proximately harmed as a result of the commission of a Federal offense or an offense in the District of Columbia" (18 U.S.C. § 3771(e)) if the offense is charged in Federal district court or the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

and

- (2) By appending a footnote to the above-referenced sentence with the following text:

All officers and employees of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, including the Superior Court Division, shall comply with all relevant obligations of 18 U.S.C. § 3771.