

# Overview of the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim’s Rights Act (CVRA) Articles<sup>1</sup>

The following table illustrates the major differences among the William Van Regenmorter Crime Victim’s Rights Act (CVRA) articles.

| CVRA  | Offense                                    | Offender   | Court   |
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| <b>CVRA, Article 1 (Felony Article)</b><br><a href="#">MCL 780.751–</a><br><a href="#">MCL 780.775</a>              | <b>Any felony</b>                          | Adult defendants charged with or convicted of felonies or juveniles at least 14 but less than 18 years old charged with a specified juvenile violation, where the prosecutor has filed a criminal complaint in District Court rather than a delinquency petition in the Family Division of Circuit Court (i.e., automatic waiver proceedings). | Criminal Division of Circuit Court (after arraignment and preliminary examination in District Court). |
| <b>CVRA, Article 2 (Juvenile Article)</b><br><a href="#">MCL 780.781–</a><br><a href="#">MCL 780.802</a>            | <b>Any felony and certain misdemeanors</b> | Juveniles less than 18 years old alleged or found to be within the court’s jurisdiction under the Juvenile Code, <a href="#">MCL 712A.2(a)(1)</a> , including individuals involved in designated proceedings.  | Family Division of Circuit Court.   |
| <b>CVRA, Article 3 (Serious Misdemeanor Article)</b><br><a href="#">MCL 780.811–</a><br><a href="#">MCL 780.834</a> | <b>Serious misdemeanors</b>                | Adult offenders charged with or convicted of serious misdemeanors.   | District Court.   |

<sup>1</sup> See the Michigan Judicial Institute’s [Crime Victim Rights Benchbook](#) for more information on the crime victim’s rights in Michigan.

