

Welcome to the website for the Scouting Survivors Trust

Welcome to the website for the Scouting Survivors Trust. I am pleased to tell you that the plan of reorganization in the Boy Scouts bankruptcy cases is now effective and the settlement trust to be created under that plan, the Scouting Survivors Trust, is now in existence. Both actions occurred on April 19, 2023. I am the trustee of the Scouting Survivors Trust and have assumed my responsibilities as trustee.

I am also pleased to tell you that two well-qualified individuals who will work closely with me in evaluating the claims of the survivors of scouting sexual abuse have also assumed their responsibilities. They are the Hon. Michael Reagan (Ret.) and Randi Ilyse Roth. Judge Reagan is a retired chief federal district judge with considerable experience in managing and evaluating serious personal injury cases, including sexual assaults. Ms. Roth is a practicing attorney who has extensive experience in building and implementing claims processes in large, complex cases.

Over the coming weeks and months, Judge Reagan, Ms. Roth, and I will be working hard to get the Scouting Settlement Trust up and running. We will interview and hire the teams of people that we will be working with over the next few years in order to receive and evaluate the claims of the survivors of scouting sexual abuse, collect and manage the assets that the Scouting Survivors Trust now owns, and liquidate those assets in order to maximize the amount of cash that will be available to distribute to the survivors of scouting sexual abuse. It is a big job and it will take time to do it right.

While we recognize that the scouting bankruptcy cases took a long time to resolve and that many of the survivors of scouting sexual abuse have been waiting decades for recognition of, and responses to, their sexual abuse claims, we ask those survivors to be patient with us as we begin our very important jobs of assisting them in telling us about their claims so that we may evaluate them fairly, consistently, and as efficiently as possible. We will keep you informed of our progress on this website, so please check back regularly. If you have retained an attorney to assist you with this process you should stay in communication with them.

The harm experienced by the survivors of scouting sexual abuse is heartbreaking and tragic. While we cannot undo that harm, we can commit to all survivors that the Scouting Survivors Trust will take the time to thoughtfully review all of the details of the claims they submit, and we will treat them with fairness, respect, and compassion.

Respectfully,
Hon. Barbara J. Houser (Ret.)
Trustee