



# Your Legal Rights



## by George Allen Moore Injury Attorney **PAYBACK**

A crime victim's ability to obtain compensation from the perpetrator of the crime originated in Kentish Law of the 7th-century England. This law is stipulated that money or property be extracted from criminals and paid directly to the victims of their offenses as punishment. The thinking behind this manner of compensation was that, if it were the victims who were most directly injured by the crimes, then they (and not the government) should receive compensation. Today, current law has modified this thinking into the perception that crime is directed against society as a whole. However, if victims wish to extract compensation

for any wrong done to them, they must use civil courts to do so.

Have you been the victim of a crime or injury? Talk to a legal professional for advice about your options within our legal system. For sound legal assistance, call our office for a free initial consultation. We concentrate on personal injury cases and for your convenience, we offer hospital and in home visits.

**HINT:** If you have suffered a loss or injury as the result of a crime, you can go beyond criminal prosecution and sue for damages in civil court in order to receive a damage award.

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