

Speak up for Justice

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No one has the right to invade your privacy. At least they shouldn't. Voyeurism should be illegal. Unfortunately, it isn't in some states. Jolene Jang was a victim of "upskirting" in Seattle in 2000, when a man video taped underneath her dress without her knowledge. At the time, the perpetrator was arrested for attempted theft, but authorities later discovered he had filmed up the skirts of victims ranging in age from preschool girls to adult women. Studies indicate rapists are often first voyeurs.

The sex offender was convicted of voyeurism. Shockingly, his appeal resulted in a unanimous "not guilty" verdict by the Washington State Supreme Court because Jang was in a public place. His upskirting history dated back to 1977. Even with hard evidence – the video tape, a witness, and the identified suspect, the law failed Jang and the other victims.

Infuriated by the injustice, Jang educated herself on how to change the law to help protect other potential victims. She used her entrepreneurial skills launch a grassroots campaign to raise public awareness about privacy issues in public places.

Jang's quest in this landmark case attracted the producers of *Oprah*, *Good Morning America*, *Today Show* among many others. Her efforts ultimately resulted in the passage of Washington State Voyeurism Bill (ESHB 1001) in May 2003. Before her hard work to revise the law, six to eight states had laws prohibiting videotaping underneath people's clothing. The ripple effect inspired others to come forward to help pass state and federal voyeurism legislation that was signed by President Bush in December 2004. Australia and New Zealand followed by creating laws in 2006.

Currently, the majority of states have laws protecting people's privacy, but there is still progress to be made. From the time of the incident in 2000, to the bill passage and even now, Jang continues to educate people on voyeurism issues. She offers insight into how to assess their situation, change perspectives, and find the motivation to persist when faced with adversity.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Assess your situation – you must make smart decisions, not everything is worth the fight. Learn key questions to ask yourself.
2. Identify your support team – it can be intimidating, lonely, and depressing; do you have people and organizations to support you?
3. Find your motivation to succeed – in many situations, you may not see any progress, but that does not mean you are not making a difference. Learn how to change your perspective to keep yourself motivated.
4. Discover your power – your voice can carry across the globe.

AUDIENCES

Women's Groups
Minority Organizations
Domestic Abuse and Violence Organizations
Victims Advocacies
Campus Residential Life
Pan-Hellenic (College Greek System)
Safety Issues
Entrepreneurs

SESSION

Motivational and Empowerment Keynote
1 hour
Or 3-hour workshop

Requirements: projector, sound system, lapel microphone, cordless microphone, and AV Professional.

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