Complainant  The person who filed the CVRB complaint.

Crime  An act committed in this state which, if committed by a competent adult, would constitute a crime, as defined in s. 939.12. See Wis. Stat. § 950.02(4).

Respondent  The person or agency against whom a CVRB complaint is filed.

Victim  Important Note: Victim is defined in both state statute and the state constitution in slightly different ways. Those differences matter in some situations and an individual may need legal guidance to fully understand their rights/status given their circumstances. The following is not legal analysis. It is provided as a starting point to show that for the purpose of rights and services, the term victim can be broad in Wisconsin. To read the language, see Wis. Const. Art. I., sec 9m 1. and Wis. Stat. § 950.02(4).

- A victim is a person against whom a crime has been committed.
- If the person against whom the crime was committed is a child, victim also means a parent, legal guardian, legal custodian, or other lawful representative of the child.
- If the person against whom the crime was committed is physically or emotionally unable to exercise his or her rights, victim also means a person designated by that person, his or her spouse, child, sibling, parent, legal guardian, or other lawful representative.
- If the person against whom the crime was committed is deceased, victim means a spouse, child, sibling, parent, legal guardian, or other lawful representative or a person who resided with the deceased.
- If the person against whom the crime was committed has been adjudicated incompetent in this state, victim means the legal guardian of the person or other lawful representative.
- Victim does not include the person charged with or alleged to have committed the crime.
- The constitution further states that victim does not include the accused or a person who the court finds would not act in the best interests of a victim who is deceased, incompetent, a minor, or physically or emotionally unable to exercise his or her constitutional victim rights.