

# OATH

I Thomas Lee Larsen am a member of a growing legion of disgruntled people unwilling to ever again, under any circumstances, give up any of my rights for fair, just, and equal treatment as guaranteed by our Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights. I pledge to closely adhere to VOCAL's Prime Directive in not allowing any violation of person, property, or money to go by unchecked or unpunished — no matter how minor, or regardless of the time span between offense and resolution. Nor will I allow myself to be unnecessarily aggravated or treated as a second class citizen in any double-standard kind of way.

As a follower of VOCAL, I promise to abide by its Guidelines and goals and agree to protect, first myself, and then other deserving individuals against all judicial system enemies, foreign and domestic, to the best of my abilities.

In responding to misdeeds, I will be ever mindful of the violator's original offense level, lest I be tempted to engage in over-behavior which I am actively protecting against. Whenever possible, I will first advise a prospective perpetrator of my zero tolerance status and suggest more benign avenues of behavior, or corrective measures if the misdeed has already been done. Under no circumstances will I purposely trick an abuse-inclined person into action if he or she is naive to possible side effects or consequences. Nor will I intentionally hide the fact that I am the *wrong* person to mistreat in any way. At all times, no matter what, I will continue to stand up for the things I believe in!

While it is preferable to return the violation personally upon the guilty culprit's doorstep in a timely manner — and nowhere else — I understand that some indirect, wider-reaching, methods of response designed to cost, inconvenience, embarrass, and/or aggravate a perpetrator, or organization he or she represents, are quite acceptable; even if years pass between the offense and resolution. But I accept VOCAL's firm position that any intentional response that physically hurts or injures another animal or person is not. I agree to abstain from such behavior to the best of my abilities and understand that if I falter, VOCAL will disavow any knowledge of my membership.

I take this OATH freely without any mental reservations or purpose of evasion.