ABA Aide Says Noncriminals Rights Slighted

MILWAUKEE, Wis, July 13 (AP) — An overemphasis on protecting the rights of accused criminals has resulted in a denial of rights to other persons, the president-elect of the American Bar Association told a conference of juvenile-court judges.

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"A consuming concern for the rights of those accused of crimes has made at least a lot of us tend to forget the rights of noncriminals and the victims of crimes," H. Chesterfield Smith of Bartow, Fla., said Tuesday. "The same individuals have an equivalent obligation to accomplish something on their own and that they, too, owe a debt to others which they are not repaying."