

National Summit on Human Trafficking and the State Courts

Relevant Pro Bono Efforts

The following are highlights of certain relevant pro bono efforts in the area of human trafficking and are not meant to be comprehensive nor even a fair sample of all the great work firms are doing in this area.

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Alston & Bird volunteer lawyers are passionate about serving immigrant victims of human trafficking. Not only do our attorneys seek legal relief for pro bono clients, we work closely with social service organizations and local law agencies to produce life-changing holistic solutions that may include temporary housing, job placement, record expungement and financial assistance. The firm is proud to have made an incredible impact in the lives of dozens of disenfranchised young women.

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Confronting Modern Slavery in America is a targeted campaign to raise awareness about human trafficking in the United States, provide legal resources, share innovative models, and support legislative reform to prosecute traffickers, prevent modern slavery and protect victims. Our unique model of advocacy and coalition building is centered on the belief that we can have a broader and more informed impact – through improved legislation and victim services – if we work together.

VS. – a pro bono project of the Cadwalader Center for Community Service (“CCCS”) – is a coalition builder that exists to help those individuals and organizations that work around the clock for change. We believe that by helping these champions of change – by bringing them together to share their stories, their innovative ideas, what has worked and what has not worked – we can expand their impact and significantly improve legislation and victim services. The newly launched VS. State Guide is our latest tool aimed at coordinating the efforts of the organizations and individuals working tirelessly to put an end to this injustice. The Guide features an interactive map offering state-specific information and resources and state profiles highlighting current human trafficking laws and proposed legislation. For more information see www.vsconfronts.org.

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In the last few years, more than 100 Cleary Gottlieb lawyers have represented more than 45 trafficking survivors in vacating prostitution convictions, fighting criminal charges, seeking immigration relief, and appealing adverse employment decisions and SSI denials. Working with Sanctuary for Families, Cleary Gottlieb lawyers also screen foreign-born defendants in the Queens Human Trafficking Intervention Court for immigration relief.

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Davis Polk & Wardwell has a robust pro bono program through which its attorneys assist victims of human trafficking. Davis Polk lawyers participate in an immigration screening program at the Queens Family Justice Center that is part of a larger diversion effort for trafficking victims created by the Supreme Court, Queens County, Human Trafficking Intervention Court; help trafficking victims obtain immigration relief through the T-visa program; and have brought a civil suit for damages against traffickers in one case.

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GT serves as counsel to the New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition, which is a diverse group of organizations that advocate changes in the law and public policy to help protect victims and bring perpetrators to justice. The firm also provides legal assistance to trafficking victims through its partnership with organizations such as Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), Sanctuary for Families and the New York City Bar Justice Center. In one case, the firm brought suit in the federal court on behalf of a trafficking victim against her traffickers.

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Holland & Knight has an internal cross-office and cross-specialty pro bono practice group dedicated to improving the firm's ability to offer coordinated pro bono and community service to victims of human trafficking. The firm has been working to represent individual victims of

human trafficking since 2007. Today Holland & Knight partners with various nonprofits to identify human trafficking pro bono opportunities, ranging from Kristi House in Miami to the Thomson Reuters Foundation in New York. The firm works with nonprofits and corporations to help businesses clean their supply chains of human trafficking. Members of the firm are also active leaders in community-based efforts to fight human trafficking. For example, Orlando Partner Jim Seay formed the Greater Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force (GOHTTF) after discovering the seriousness of human trafficking in Florida, which is ranked third in the nation for the number of calls received by the National Human Trafficking Resource Center. The GOHTTF now has more than 60 dedicated members from the business, nonprofit, and government sectors. Jim has devoted nearly 500 pro bono hours to the cause since its inception.

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A team of attorneys from Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman LLP represents a Spanish-speaking victim of sex trafficking who is cooperating with the U.S. Attorney's Office in an ongoing criminal investigation involving her trafficker and a larger international trafficking ring. The case was referred to Kasowitz by Sanctuary for Families. Kasowitz attorneys are assisting the client as she cooperates with law enforcement by, among other things, advocating on her behalf with the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Department of Homeland Security. Kasowitz attorneys have accompanied the client to all of her meetings with the U.S. Attorney's Office and Homeland Security and have counseled her so that she understands the criminal justice process. As a result of the client's cooperation with law enforcement, she has been granted Continued Presence and employment authorization. Kasowitz attorneys are also assisting the client in preparing a T-visa application and other related immigration filings.

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Kirkland & Ellis LLP has a long-standing commitment to providing pro bono legal services to persons of limited means, including through its extensive anti-trafficking work in its offices worldwide. Among its many contributions in the anti-trafficking area, Kirkland obtained vacatur of prior crimes for a survivor of sex trafficking -- the first-ever relief granted under the Illinois Justice for Victims of Sex Trafficking Crimes Act. Kirkland was pleased to be able to help set up a foundation to provide shelter and support services for young girls who are the victims of trafficking. Kirkland attorneys also recently obtained a T-visa for the victim of labor trafficking in a particularly difficult case involving a woman being exploited by a foreign diplomat. Here in New York, Kirkland is proud to have been a founding firm of the Human Trafficking Intervention Pilot Project, a project undertaken in conjunction with the New York State Courts, Sanctuary for Families, and seven other law firms. Through this program, trained volunteer attorneys screen individuals arrested for prostitution, seeking to identify trafficking victims and assist them with comprehensive legal assistance. This legal assistance is critical to diverting

victims from their exploitation as commercial sex workers. Since its inception in mid-2014, 32 Kirkland attorneys and law clerks, have provided pro bono legal services through this program in the New York Trafficking Intervention Courts in both Queens and Brooklyn, interviewing dozens of clients, and identifying several trafficking victims. The anti-trafficking efforts to which over 100 of the firm's attorneys have devoted thousands of hours of legal service have included applications for T and U visas, and making available other legal remedies that help trafficking victims to recover from their exploitation. The firm is passionate about, and greatly values opportunities to assist in, efforts to end the scourge of human trafficking.

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In 2009, Lowenstein Sandler expanded its historic commitment to pro bono work by creating the Lowenstein Center for the Public Interest. The Center maximizes the impact of the firm's pro bono work by focusing pro bono efforts and deepening the firm's partnerships with leading nonprofit and community organizations. The firm works through a variety of channels to help prevent human trafficking and to support those who have been victimized by it. For example, the firm represents:

- **Free the Slaves**, a leading global advocacy organization, in research aimed at identifying and exposing slave-made goods, in hosting a symposium on Slavery, Law, and International Supply Chains, and in a variety of employment and corporate matters;
- **Asylum seekers** who fled conditions of slavery in their home countries;
- **Unaccompanied immigrant children**, many of whom have been trafficked at some point in their journey to the United States; and
- **Trafficking victims** who are assisting in the prosecution of their traffickers or seeking compensation from them.

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Lawyers in Morrison & Foerster's Los Angeles office are representing five Mexican farmworkers in a civil lawsuit against an Idaho-based forestry company for trafficking them and exploiting their labor. The suit alleges that the defendants recruited the workers with promises of a decent wage as well as visa, travel and food expenses, but then held them captive, virtually without pay, in poor working conditions in remote regions of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The workers' experience is a catalogue of horrors: working 12-13 hour days six days a week; suffering repeated, dangerous chemical exposures that burned their skin; sleeping on the ground in tents; drinking untreated river water and being fed sometimes rotten food. Their captors were

armed and kept the workers in a state of terror, shooting weapons into the air at night and threatening the workers with harm to themselves and their families if they slowed their work, did not work, or left the site. Most of their paltry earnings were taken back for supposed expenses that the employer had promised to pay for. The lawsuit, filed in April 2014, alleges unlawful trafficking and forced labor under federal and state law as well as involuntary servitude, forced labor, and trafficking as violations of international law that are actionable under the Alien Tort Claims Act. Additional claims include fraud, RICO, unjust enrichment and wage and hour violations. The case was referred to the firm by the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST).

Morrison & Foerster's Tokyo office is providing legal services to two anti-trafficking groups. Lighthouse Japan provides direct assistance to victims of human trafficking, conducts training sessions for Japanese police officers so that they are better informed about trafficking and advocates to end human trafficking in Japan. The Kamanohoshi Project is a Tokyo-based organization that seeks to end the trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and children, as well as to protect victims of trafficking. The Project focuses on programs in Cambodia and India, especially Mumbai, which has increasingly become a trafficking center. Its website is www.kamonohashi-project.net/english/.

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Orrick's pro bono program devotes substantial resources to world-wide anti-trafficking work in three areas: (1) direct representation of trafficking survivors; (2) innovative public policy work seeking to promote solutions to the world-wide trafficking problem; and (3) representation of nongovernmental organizations who are advocating for trafficking victims and seeking solutions to this major area of crisis. Orrick has represented and continues to represent individual trafficking survivors in court matters seeking civil remedies against their traffickers, as well as administrative immigration applications to gain lawful status based on their status as trafficking victims. An example of our policy work in this area is a project that involved more than thirty lawyers in twelve of our offices, representing the International Bar Association's ("IBA") Presidential Task Force on Human Trafficking. Orrick lawyers analyzed the domestic laws of ninety (90) countries to determine the extent of compliance with the United Nations Palermo Protocol, and to recommend which two countries the IBA should conduct anti-trafficking training in this year (2015). An Orrick attorney serves as the recording secretary to the Task Force as a result of our work on this project. We represent NGOs in this area in a comprehensive fashion, providing the full scope of representation that we offer our paying clients for the organizations having positive impact in addressing trafficking around the world.

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Troutman Sanders' commitment to providing pro bono legal services to trafficking victims includes leadership on nonprofit organizations such as Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN) and Latin American Association (LAA). Our leadership includes serving as founding board members and board chair in addition to serving on boards of directors and advisory committees. Volunteer attorneys in multiple offices have assisted trafficking victims in matters referred from these organizations and others. We recognize that trafficking is a serious issue in many cities, including those in which we have offices, and that providing pro bono legal services is critical to this vulnerable population.

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Since its launch in 2012, White & Case's multi-faceted, multi-office initiative to fight human trafficking and modern-day slavery has involved more than 250 lawyers and legal staff in 30 offices worldwide. The initiative is designed not only to provide access to justice to human trafficking victims and support to leading anti-trafficking NGOs, but to bring about systemic change in the ways in which human-trafficking cases are prosecuted and how countries offer protections to their domestic workers.

On access to justice, White & Case has partnered with The Human Trafficking Pro Bono Legal Center to provide direct representation to human-trafficking victims. To promote the rule of law in the area of anti-human trafficking and domestic worker rights, our lawyers researched and summarized human trafficking case law in 163 countries to create a comprehensive, worldwide online database of human trafficking court cases for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. On another project, lawyers across six offices reviewed laws and regulations in seven countries relating to domestic workers' rights; this work product ultimately led to the strengthening of domestic worker legal protections in the Philippines. Lawyers across our network are also providing general intellectual property and corporate advice to Hagar International, Freeland Foundation and End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT).