



# Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project

Recognized as a leading law firm offering comprehensive legal services to human trafficking victims, **Moore & Van Allen** continues to meet the high demand to support victims of this horrific crime. Moore & Van Allen developed the MVA Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project in late 2013. Today, the Project has a volunteer base of over 90 attorneys and staff and has assisted victims in over 100 matters.

Areas of service for the Project include victim-witness advocacy, expunction analysis, and other civil law matters including immigration and name change petitions. In addition to providing direct legal representation, Project leaders educate governmental, academic and community organizations about the work and ways to engage. Sarah Byrne and Sally Hentz also serve on the Charlotte Metropolitan Human Trafficking Task Force which is a multidisciplinary collaboration led by the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

Examples of client service successes: helping several young victims obtain immigration status to remain in the United States after the prosecution of the trafficker; having an erroneous criminal charge dismissed from a young mother's record so she could obtain employment after victimization; and resolving legal matters that were keeping a client from pursuing her educational goals.

Moore & Van Allen will continue to lead the charge in providing pro bono legal support for survivors of human trafficking and hopes to see more firms get involved in this most rewarding pro bono opportunity.

For more information about the Project, please contact Sarah Byrne at [sarahbyrne@mvalaw.com](mailto:sarahbyrne@mvalaw.com) or Chris Thompson at [christhompson@mvalaw.com](mailto:christhompson@mvalaw.com).

*"We set out to provide comprehensive legal services to victims of both sex- and labor-trafficking, helping wherever we can. A holistic approach to our clients' needs best supports their path to justice and healing."*

**- Sarah Byrne**  
Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project Leader



*"Until joining the project, I was unaware of the horrifying prevalence of human trafficking in the US -- and specifically in the Charlotte area. Though the need for victim legal services is vast and cannot be met by any one law firm, I am proud that our attorneys have been so willing to assist wherever possible and have made such a difference in the lives of our pro bono clients through this project."*

**- Chris Thompson**  
Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project Leader



*"Trafficking survivors need someone to listen to their stories and to not judge them because of their pasts. My life has been better, because I allow it to collide with theirs and I get to know our clients as regular people, which is exactly what they are."*

**— Sally Hentz**  
Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project Leader



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