



Moore & Van Allen's Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project

Recognized as a leading law firm offering comprehensive legal services to human trafficking survivors, **Moore & Van Allen** continues to meet the high demand to support victims of this horrific crime. Moore & Van Allen developed the Moore & Van Allen Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project in 2013. Today, the Project has assisted clients in hundreds of matters.

Areas of service for the Project include victim-witness advocacy, expunction analysis, and other civil law matters including immigration, custody, public benefits and name change petitions. Through collaboration with the Charlotte Triage Pro Bono Partnership, the Project doubled its volunteers and provides survivor support in non-legal matters such as credit restoration.

Client service successes include working with prosecutors and law enforcement to ensure that victim witness rights are protected at all stages of the criminal process; expunging criminal records that pose obstacles to employment, housing and education; and asserting parental rights.

The Project accepts referrals from community partners, federal and local law enforcement agencies, and national human trafficking legal aid organizations. All clients must be supported by a referring agency to be eligible for Project services.

Moore & Van Allen also advises organizations on their response to human trafficking to ensure regulatory compliance and social responsibility.

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Charlotte Triage is a partnership between corporate legal departments and law firms created to support Legal Aid of North Carolina-Charlotte and the Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy. It has brought together dozens of local law firms, led by McGuireWoods and Moore & Van Allen, and corporate legal departments, led by Bank of America, Duke Energy, Husqvarna Group, and Wells Fargo, to raise awareness of the unmet legal needs in the community and drive intentional pro bono volunteerism in those areas.



Moore & Van Allen is proud to serve as a founding member of the National Survivor Law Collective. Founded in 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Survivor Law Collective (NSL Collective) is composed of U.S. organizations focused on providing free legal services to survivors of all forms of human trafficking.



"We 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



"Moore & Van Allen proved a community that values the importance of the individual . . . we found in you great friends."

- Project Client

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