Moore & Van Allen's Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project



For almost a decade, **Moore & Van Allen** has been a leading law firm offering comprehensive legal services to human trafficking survivors.

Project areas of service include victim-witness advocacy, expunction analysis, national referrals for local counsel, and other civil law matters including immigration, custody, public benefits, and name change petitions.

Many survivors experience financial exploitation along with trafficking, leaving them with bad credit status, which can lead to instability and risk for re-victimization. Due to new federal law and national partnerships, the Project assists survivors with credit repair. The Project also works closely with the Finance Against Slavery & Trafficking Initiative and participating banks to connect survivors to safe banking as part of the Survivor Inclusion Initiative. This initiative helps clients build good credit after bad in their pursuit of financial security and independence.

In addition to direct representation and support, the Project provides training on human trafficking and victim legal and financial inclusion needs and engages in legislative advocacy at the state and federal level to systemically increase access to justice for trafficking survivors.

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 legal and regulatory compliance and social responsibility.

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"Survivors have criminal charges, they have civil needs, and then they've just got a whole lot of trust issues with the justice system. If I didn't have a pro bono lawyer, I would not have been able to move on and get back into society. It's not just me fighting for myself anymore, and that's what really helped."

- Project Client

Named Legal Trailblazer because of the "unique perspective at the intersection of banking and human trafficking"

- American Lawyer Magazine

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.



Lexington Law is a national credit repair provider with in-depth experience and technology capability. This partnership has leveled up the volume of survivors across the country who can access free credit repair services.



The Survivor Inclusion Initiative (SII) is a global financial access project administered by the United Nations University Centre for Policy Research. Project leader Sarah Byrne consults on the SII and serves as a referral source for banks and survivors.





