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## Moore & Van Allen Receives Mecklenburg County Bar 2022 Collaborative Pro Bono Award for Human Trafficking Project

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Moore & Van Allen PLLC (MVA) is pleased to announce that the firm is a recipient of a 2022 Mecklenburg County Bar (MCB) Pro Bono Award for Outstanding Collaborative Project for its Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project.

Led by MVA attorneys Sarah Byrne and Chris Thompson and involving more than 200 volunteer attorneys and legal professionals, the Human Trafficking Pro Bono Project assists survivors with the legal services they would need to get their lives back, including criminal record expungement, name changes, and victim-witness advocacy.

“We are very proud of this recognition from the Mecklenburg County Bar for the significant work that our attorneys and staff have put toward pro bono services for victims of human trafficking,” said Thomas L. Mitchell, MVA’s managing partner and chair of the firm’s Management Committee. “We hope our effort inspires others to dedicate more time and resources to pro bono representation in general and specifically to address the very serious problem of human trafficking in our local community and worldwide.”

The MCB Pro Bono Awards celebrate MCB members’ work and commitment toward volunteerism, community support, and placement for nonprofits and individual clients who cannot afford representation and are not served elsewhere. The MCB Pro Bono Awards recipients were determined by the MCB’s Pro Bono & Legal Recruitment Committee. All award winners were recognized May 26 at the MCB Annual Meeting.

Moore & Van Allen fully embraces its responsibility to drive positive community change and prioritize pro bono and hands-on volunteer opportunities. The firm is committed to meeting the needs of the most vulnerable in its community through its signature pro bono and public service projects; community partners; national, state, and local bar associations; and its attorneys and staff who continue to uphold the firm founders’ tradition and legacy of service.