

Description and Agenda of Human Trafficking CLE

Human Trafficking is both a foreign and domestic issue. In 2019, the State of South Carolina reported that almost 700 victims of trafficking were identified by Federal, State, and Local law enforcement. This is a 360% increase from the number of victims identified in 2018. One of the driving forces behind the dramatic increase in identified victims is that law enforcement and service providers are beginning to understand how to properly identify victims of trafficking.

Oftentimes victims of trafficking are overlooked, unheard, and lack knowledge of available resources. When they are encountered by law enforcement, victims are generally re-traumatized and met with doubt when they share their story. As a result, they either share very little, or nothing at all. This training is intended to inform attorneys of what human trafficking is, how their services may assist victims, and some of the common legal needs trafficking victims have.

The CLE will be held on Friday, November 13, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am. The following is the speaker line up:

- 10:00-10:10 Welcome and introductions: **Pamela Larson**
- 10:10–11:10 Human Trafficking 101/Introduction to Victim Rights: **The Honorable Kristi Harrington (R)**
- 11:10-12:10 Human Trafficking and Criminal Law: **Jamie Schoen**
- 12:10-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 Human Trafficking and Family Law: **The Honorable Michele Forsythe**
- 2:00-3:00 Human Trafficking and Immigration Law: **Tricia Ravenhorst**

Speaker Introductions

The Honorable Kristi Harrington, Retired Circuit Court Judge

On June 30, 2018, Judge Harrington retired from the bench after serving two terms as a circuit court judge. She is a certified mediator and a certified arbitrator, owning her own Alternative Dispute Resolution practice. She is on the American Arbitration Association Judicial Panel. She is the Judicial and Legal Content Specialist at Darkness to Light, a non-profit organization that educates adults on how to identify and prevent child sexual abuse. During her tenure on the bench, she tried to verdict over 250 jury trials and completed numerous non-jury criminal and civil matters. She was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Violence Against Women as the sole circuit judge, working to reduce the number of assaults and deaths of women in the state. She also served on the Common Pleas Docket Reform Committee and was part of the McArthur Foundation grant to reduce incarceration rates.

Judge Harrington has also taught locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally. She has presented statewide on such topics as child sexual assault prevention and prosecution. Judge Harrington is a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Charleston School of Law where she teaches a variety of classes, such as Advanced Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Trial Advocacy, and Alternatives to Incarceration.

Jamie Schoen, Assistant U.S. Attorney South Carolina District

Jamie Lea Schoen is an Assistant United States Attorney assigned to the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force and is the designated point of contact for human trafficking matters in the Low-country. Schoen has worked on human trafficking crimes in the United States and internationally. In addition to her efforts prosecuting human trafficking cases in South Carolina, Schoen assisted attorneys in Southeast Asia with labor trafficking prosecutions through International Justice Mission and aided the Special Rapporteur for Violence Against Women for the United Nations during her visit to the United States in 2009. Schoen has provided trainings on human trafficking to law enforcement, schools, and attorneys both in and out of South Carolina. Schoen has received national honors for her work, including the 2017 ATF Honor Award for prosecutions of violent firearm offenders and the 2016 Ilene and Michael Shaw Federal Bar Association Young Lawyer Public Service Award for her involvement in the federal drug court mentor program. Prior to her work as a prosecutor, Schoen served as a law clerk to the Honorable David C. Norton in Charleston, SC. Schoen is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and served as the Coordinator for UVA's Human Rights Program. She graduated magna cum laude from Furman University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

The Honorable Michele Forsythe

Judge Michèle Patrão Forsythe is a first-generation American, fluent in Spanish and Portuguese, and also studied French. She graduated from the University of Maryland Baltimore County with a B.A. in Political Science, minoring in International Affairs. She attended the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Judge Forsythe worked at The White House and The United States Senate. She worked for the Department of Defense, assigned to Fort Meade. She graduated from University of South Carolina School of Law.

Judge Forsythe was associate attorney at Query Sautter Gliserman & Price, LLC. She tried numerous cases in the Family Court, the Court of Common Pleas, the Court of General Sessions, the United States District Court, and argued before the Fourth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals. After 10 years, Judge Forsythe left the law firm of Query Sautter Forsythe, LLC, upon her election to the South Carolina Family Court.

Among other associations, Judge Forsythe is a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; the South Carolina Family Court Bench Bar Committee; the South Carolina Interstate Commission for Juveniles; and the James L. Petigru Inn of Court. Judge Forsythe is a South Carolina Liberty Fellow.

Tricia Ravenhorst, South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA) General Counsel

Tricia earned her Juris Doctor and Master of Arts in Political Science/Certification in Latin American Studies from Duke University and her Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs from Florida State University. Ms. Ravenhorst is licensed to practice before both federal and state courts in South Carolina and is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the National Association for Victim's Rights Attorneys. She currently serves on the SC Human Trafficking Task Force and the Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force.