

Human Trafficking, Forced Labor and Corporate Responsibility

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Human trafficking is the commercial exploitation of people. The U.S. State Department estimates that there are at least 12.3 million adults and children who are victims of forced labor, bonded labor, and commercial sexual servitude at any given time, making it the second largest illegal industry in the world, generating approximately \$31.6 billion annually. No country is exempt from the pandemic of human trafficking. Washington State itself, with its international border, airport and seaport, and the prevalence of trade related occupations and the demand for agricultural labor in outlying areas, is an unwilling participant in this egregious human rights violation.

This continuing education will provide legal and business professionals with a better understanding of human trafficking and the current efforts to combat it. Panels will review the federal and state legal framework regarding human trafficking; the prosecution of trafficking cases; multi-agency and victim service providers collaboration; regulatory and compliance risks for businesses; corporate social responsibility and best practices; and ethical issues for legal professionals raised by human trafficking.

Agenda

- 8:30 – 8:50 Check-in
- 8:50 – 9:00 Welcome: Human Trafficking a Decade Later
Velma Veloria (Former Washington State Representative)
Introduced by Sutapa Basu (Executive Director, UW Women’s Center)
- 9:00 – 9:25 Human Trafficking 101
- Panelists: What is Trafficking?
Sara Curran (Professor, UW Jackson School of Int’l Studies)
- Efforts to Unify State Law
Anita Ramasastry (D. Wayne and Anne Gittinger Professor of Law, UW School of Law, and Vice Chair of the Drafting Committee on the Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking of the Uniform Law Commission)
- Moderator: Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles (WA State Senator for the 36th Legislative District)
- 9:30-11:00 Businesses and Human Trafficking
- Panelists: The Role of Businesses and Trade Alliance in Trafficking Awareness
Gael Tarleton (Commissioner, Port of Seattle)
- Advising Business on Regulatory and Non-Compliance Risks
T. Markus Funk (Partner, Perkins Coie’s Litigation practice and a member of the firm’s Investigations & White Collar Defense group)
- Trafficking and CSR –Costco’s Experience with a Supplier Code of Conduct
Arthur D. Jackson, Jr. (Vice President of General Administration, Costco Wholesale Corporation)
- Trafficking and low-wage worker jobs
Betty Lock (Regional Administrator, U.S. Dept. of Labor Women’s Bureau)
- Moderator: Kellye Testy (Dean & James W. Mifflin University Professor, UW School of Law)
- 11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:30 Successes and Challenges in Identifying & Prosecuting Human Trafficking Cases

Panelists: Trafficked Migrant Workers
William R. Tamayo (Regional Attorney, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission)

Sexual Exploitation of Minors
Sean O'Donnell (King County Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney)

Forced Domestic Servitude
Bruce Miyake (Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Washington)

Moderator: Mark Niles (Dean, Seattle University School of Law)

12:30 – 1:45 Lunch and Keynote Speaker

Hidden from Sight: The Dependency of Industries on Exploitable Workers
Nancy Leppink, Deputy Wage & Hour Administrator, United States Department of Labor

Introduced by the Hon. Bobbe Bridge (Former Associate Justice of the Washington Supreme Court; Founding President and CEO, Center for Children & Youth Justice)

1:50-3:20 The Importance of Multi-Agency and Service Providers Collaboration

Panelists: Collaborating Regionally and Nationally to Tackle Trafficking
Kathleen Morris (IRC's WA Anti-Trafficking Response Network)

Rights and Access to Services of Trafficking Victims
Emma Catague (Community Organizing Program Manager, Asian & Pacific Islander Chaya)

Immigration Legal Services to Trafficking Victims
Jorge Baron (Executive Director, Northwest Immigrants' Rights Project)

The Role of Medical and Social Service Providers
Suzanne T. Poppema, MD (UW Women's Center Advisory Board; Immediate Past Chair of Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health)

Moderator: Rep. Phyllis Kenney (WA State Representative for the 46th Legislative District)

3:20 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 4:30 Human Trafficking and Ethical Issues for Legal Professionals: A Roundtable Discussion

Panelists will address ethical and professional questions raised by the prosecution of trafficking victims engaged in sex work; counseling and representing undocumented trafficking victims; and advising businesses who may be directly or indirectly benefiting from trafficking

Sean O'Donnell (King County Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney)

Bruce Miyake (Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Washington)

Walter Peale (Attorney at Law, Peale Law Firm)

Jorge Baron (Executive Director, Northwest Immigrants' Rights Project)

T. Markus Funk (Partner, Perkins Coie's Litigation practice)

Moderator: Dana Raigrodski (Assistant Director, UW School of Law)

4:30-4:45 Concluding Remarks

Sutapa Basu (Executive Director, UW Women's Center)