INNOVATIONS IN PROSECUTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NEW YORK STATE

January 16 & 17, 2020
New York City
The District Attorneys Association of New York, Sanctuary for Families and the New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition welcome you to “Innovations in Prosecuting Human Trafficking.”

This first-of-its-kind conference brings together prosecutors from throughout New York State to discuss best practices in prosecuting human trafficking and to build relationships for future collaborations in prosecuting this multi-jurisdictional crime. By focusing on innovative cases brought under New York’s statutory framework and on the experiences of experts from around the country, the conference will equip prosecutors with strategies to improve both the experiences of survivors participating in the criminal justice system and strategies to bring successful prosecutions that hold their exploiters accountable.

Our sincere thanks to the Manhattan District Attorneys Office for their incredible assistance in planning and making this conference possible.

Thank you as well to ECPAT-USA, Skadden Arps and Proskauer Rose for their generosity and assistance in planning and making this conference a success.

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Manhattan District Attorney  
Madeline Singas  
Nassau County District Attorney  
Letitia James  
New York State Attorney General |
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Acting Justice, New York State Supreme Court  
Rachel Lloyd  
Founder & President, Girls Education & Mentoring Services (GEMS) |
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Chief, Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District Attorney’s Office |
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Jefferson County District Attorney |
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Founder & CEO, 50 Eggs, Inc. |
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Director, Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives, Covenant House - New York & Vice President of Advocacy, Covenant House International  
Nora Cronin  
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Assistant Professor of Clinical Law & Director, Criminal Defense & Advocacy Clinic, Brooklyn Law School  
John Temple  
President & CEO, Guideposts |
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Director, Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives, Covenant House - New York & Vice President of Advocacy, Covenant House International  
Nora Cronin  
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Dorchen Leidholdt  
Director, Legal Center, Sanctuary for Families |
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Technologist & Founder, childsafe.ai |
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## Day 1 Cont. • Skadden Arps, 4 Times Square

### 4:00 - 4:45 PM
**Law Enforcement Approaches to Counter Demand**

- **Ben Gauen**  
  Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office  
  *Moderated by: Taina Bien-Aimé  
  Executive Director, Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)*

- **Marian Hatcher**  
  SPACE International USA Representative  

- **Robert Spectre**  
  Technologist & Founder, childsafe.ai  

- **Melanie Thompson**  
  Survivor Leader

### 5:00 - 6:30 PM
**Reception**

## Day 2 • Proskauer Rose, 11 Times Square

### 9:00 - 9:30 AM
**Opening Remarks**

- **Norma Ramos**  
  Deputy Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

- **Timothy D. Sini**  
  Suffolk County District Attorney

### 9:30 - 10:30 AM
**Sexual Exploitation of Children**

- **Leah Branch**  
  Supervising Attorney & Assistant District Attorney, Human Trafficking Unit, New York County District Attorney’s Office

- **Jess Dannhauser**  
  President & CEO, Graham Windham

- **Yiota Souras**  
  Senior Vice President, General Counsel, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

*Moderated by: Lori Cohen  
Executive Director, ECPAT-USA*

### 10:30 - 11:30 AM
**Victim-Centered Investigations**

- **Rebecca Bender**  
  Founder, Rebecca Bender Initiative

- **Christine Guida**  
  Senior Assistant District Attorney, Special Victims Bureau & Chief, Human Trafficking Unit, Nassau County District Attorney’s Office

- **Melissa Martinez, LCSW**  
  Clinical Social Worker, Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District Attorney’s Office

*Moderated by: Carolina Holderness  
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                         | Courts                                                          | Hon. Amy Martoche: Justice, Buffalo City Court & Acting Justice, Erie County Court  
                         |                                  | Justin McNabney: Deputy Chief, Human Trafficking Response Unit, New York County District Attorney’s Office  
                         | Moderated by:                   | Hon. Toko Serita: Acting Justice, New York State Supreme Court  
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                         |                                  | Lori Cohen: Executive Director, ECPAT-USA  
                         |                                  | Estelle Davis: Counsel, Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs, New York State Department of Labor  
                         |                                  | Anita Teekah: Senior Director, Anti-Trafficking Program, Safe Horizon  
                         | Moderated by:                   | Jessica Melton: Assistant District Attorney, Queens County District Attorney’s Office  
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| 2:45 - 3:30 PM     | Expert Evidence                  | Dr. Chitra Raghavan: Professor of Psychology & Deputy Director, Forensic Mental Health Counseling Program, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
                         |                                  | Moderated by: Stephen Knoepfler: Chief of Human Trafficking Unit, Bronx County District Attorney’s Office  
                         |                                  |  |
| 3:30 - 4:30 PM     | Immigration Consequences         | Pooja Asnani: Deputy Director, Immigration Intervention Project, Sanctuary for Families  
                         | and Strategies                  | Amy Hseish: Deputy Director, Anti-Trafficking Initiative, Sanctuary for Families  
                         |                                  | Ryan Wall: Staff Attorney, Exploitation Intervention Project, Legal Aid Society  
                         |                                  | Shandra Woworuntu: Founder, Mentari Human Trafficking Survivor Empowerment Program  
                         | Moderated by:                   | Bill Silverman: Partner, Proskauer Rose LLP  
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| 4:30 - 4:45 PM     | Closing Remarks                  |  |

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Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., was first sworn in as the District Attorney of New York County on January 1, 2010. Mr. Vance’s achievements as District Attorney include the expansion of the Office’s Human Trafficking Response Unit; the creation of the first Conviction Integrity Program and Crime Strategies Unit in the five boroughs; the first convictions of individuals on State terror charges in New York; and the dismantling of multiple domestic and international cybercrime and identity theft operations. Using $12 billion obtained through penalties leveled against financial institutions that violated U.S. sanctions, Mr. Vance has made a series of significant investments in transformative criminal justice initiatives in New York City and nationally. These programs include the testing of backlogged rape kits nationwide; equipping every NYPD officer and patrol car with handheld mobile devices and tablets; reducing the number of individuals with mental and behavioral health issues in the criminal justice system; and enhancing security in New York City Public Housing Authority developments. Mr. Vance is a graduate of Yale University and Georgetown University Law Center.

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Madeline Singas

Madeline Singas was elected Nassau County District Attorney in 2015. As District Attorney, she has focused efforts on using innovative investigative strategies, collaborative partnerships, and intelligence-based prosecution models to address criminal prosecutions. Ms. Singas spent more than two decades as a courtroom prosecutor, having begun her career as an Assistant District Attorney in Queens. In 2006, she joined the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office as chief of Nassau’s newly-created Special Victims Bureau, bringing her expertise to serve the most vulnerable victims—children, the elderly, and victims of domestic and sexual abuse. In 2011, Ms. Singas was appointed Chief Assistant District Attorney, and worked to design and implement specialized programs for adolescent offenders, veterans, and those who suffer from mental illness or drug addiction. Ms. Singas is a graduate of Barnard College, Columbia University, and Fordham University Law School.

Letitia James

Letitia James was elected Attorney General for the State of New York in 2018. Previously, she was Public Advocate for the City of New York, serving as a watchdog over New York City government agencies and as an advocate for the City’s most vulnerable communities. Before holding the Public Advocate Office, Ms. James spent ten years representing the 35th Council District in Brooklyn as a City Council Member. Prior to this, she served as head of the Brooklyn Regional Office of the New York State Attorney General’s Office and as a public defender at the Legal Aid Society. Ms. James is a graduate of Lehman College and Howard University School of Law.

Day 2

Norma Ramos

Norma Ramos was appointed Deputy Secretary for Civil Rights in January 2016 and served in that capacity until January 2019. In this role Ms. Ramos was responsible for a full range of policy, legislative and operational matters relating to civil rights. She also oversaw the operations of the Board of Elections, the Division of Veterans Affairs, the Division of Human Rights along with overseeing the implementation of Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Executive Order 26 requiring the implementation of a statewide language access policy. Prior to her appointment to the Governor’s office Ms. Ramos was a long-standing human rights attorney who is a cofounder of New York City’s environmental justice movement and a leader in the movement to end human trafficking. She has written and spoken extensively about how the commercial sexual exploitation of women and girls is a core global injustice. She has appeared on a range of television and national radio programs. Ms. Ramos serves on the boards of anti-trafficking organizations including the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives. Most recently Norma was appointed to serve as Special Advisor to the Commissioner on Human Trafficking at the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, a New York State on agency that provides services to human trafficking victims.

Timothy D. Sini

Timothy D. Sini was elected as the Suffolk County District Attorney on November 7, 2017 and assumed office on January 1, 2018. Prior to District Attorney Sini’s election, he served as the 13th Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department, which is the 11th largest police department in the nation. As Police Commissioner, District Attorney Sini restored integrity to the leadership of the Police Department, reduced crime to the lowest level in recorded history, improved community relations, and enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department through improving processes and investing in technology. District Attorney Sini started his career in law enforcement as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York.
HON. FERNANDO CAMACHO
Judge Fernando Camacho is the Acting Justice of New York State Supreme Court. Judge Camacho began his career in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office before moving to private practice with Balsam Felber and Fabian. After two years, he was appointed first to the New York City Criminal Court, then to the Queens County Criminal Court, the New York State Court of Claims, and served as Acting Supreme Court Justice in Queens County Supreme Court. Judge Camacho graduated from Columbia University and Fordham Law School.

JAYNE BIGELSON
Jayne Bigelson is the Director of Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives at the Covenant House in New York and the Vice President of Advocacy at the Covenant House International. Covenant House provides housing and supportive services to youth facing homelessness, many of whom are trafficked. Prior to joining Covenant House, Ms. Bigelson assisted in the drafting of a strategic plan to address the needs of commercially sexually exploited children in the New York City child welfare system for the Administration for Children’s Services (ACS). Ms. Bigelson was the Director of Communications and Public Affairs for the New York City Bar Association for over 7 years. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School.

JESSICA BLAIN-LEWIS
Jessica Blain-Lewis is the Bureau Chief of the Street Crimes Unit in the District Attorney’s Office in Albany County. Previously she worked in the Financial Crimes Unit and the Major Offenses Unit. Ms. Blain-Lewis graduated from Plattsburgh State University and Albany Law School.

LEAH BRANCH
Leah Branch is a Supervising Attorney and an Assistant District Attorney in the Human Trafficking Unit of the New York County DA’s Office. Previously, she served as a law clerk for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Ms. Branch graduated from Furman University and The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law.

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LORI COHEN
Lori Cohen is the Executive Director of ECPAT-USA. Prior to her current role, she created and directed the Anti-Trafficking Initiative at Sanctuary for Families, Center for Battered Women’s Legal Services. Ms. Cohen has been closely engaged in anti-trafficking policy advocacy on federal, state, and local levels. She has conducted trainings in the US and abroad for audiences as diverse as child welfare advocates, attorneys, judges, bankers, law enforcement, medical practitioners, Mexican congressional representatives, inmates at a state women’s correctional facility, and Russian LGBTQ activists. Ms. Cohen graduated from Yale University and Yale Law School.
NORA CRONIN

Nora Cronin oversees the Response to Human Trafficking program of the Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance at NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Prior to holding this position, she served in Governor Cuomo’s Office of Public Safety. She also served as a Senior Trial Attorney at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office (Brooklyn). In addition to her work with New York State, she serves as an adjunct professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice where she teaches a graduate class on the issue of human trafficking. Ms. Cronin graduated from Mary Washington College and received her J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law.

JESS DANNHAUSER

Jess Dannhauser is the President and CEO of Graham Windham, a mission-driven organization focused on building the foundation for success in life with NYC children and youth, in close partnership with families and communities. Mr. Dannhauser earned his MSW at University of California, Berkeley and his BA at Duke University.

ESTELLE DAVIS

Estelle Davis joined the Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs at the Department of Labor in 2014 as Counsel, where she provides legal support for various programs including labor trafficking and U/T visa certifications. Previously Ms. Davis worked at Cabrini providing legal assistance and social services to immigrant populations. She has also experience in Trafficking and Domestic Violence cases through Safe Horizon. Her work in legal services has encompassed children’s rights, women’s rights, human rights, and criminal justice reform. Ms. Davis graduated from the University of Washington and the City University of New York School of Law at Queens College.

BENJAMIN GAUEN

Benjamin Gauen is the Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney at King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office (Seattle, WA), and oversees human trafficking investigations and prosecutions in King County, Washington. Mr. Gauen is working to eradicate exploitation by coordinating and trying felony Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation cases and partnering with several task forces and groups including the Ending Exploitation Collaborative, which focuses on prevention and education. He has been a prosecutor for over nine years, and has spent his career focusing on domestic violence, sex crimes, and human trafficking. Mr. Gauen is on the Board of Directors of the University Beyond Bars.

CHRISTINE GUIDA

Christine Guida is a Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Special Victims Bureau and the Chief of the Human Trafficking Unit at the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office. Ms. Guida is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all sex and labor trafficking cases at the District Attorney’s Office. She received the 2018 Nassau County Prosecutor of the Year award from the Columbia Police Association and has received citations from the Town of Oyster Bay and the Nassau County Office of the County Executive for her dedicated work on trafficking cases. She is a graduate of Boston College and Saint John’s University School of Law.

MARIAN HATCHER

Marian Hatcher has been with the Cook County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO) for 12 years. She is Senior Project Manager for the Office of Public Policy and the Human Trafficking Coordinator. She coordinates several of CCSO’s anti-trafficking efforts like the “National Johns Suppression Initiative,” a nationwide effort with 70 arresting agencies and more than 100 partners targeting the buyers of sex as the driving force of sex trafficking and prostitution. Ms. Hatcher facilitated training for the Office for Victims of Crime (OVCS) U.S. Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, I.C.E.; Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Diplomatic Security Service, and U.S. Department of State. Ms. Hatcher has been honored by the FBI for outstanding assistance with their investigative efforts; by John Marshall Law School for her role in developing a sustainable legal internship on Human Trafficking with the Sheriff’s Office; and by Shared Hope International with their Path Breaker Award presented to individuals who have dedicated themselves to tackling the demand that drives domestic minor sex trafficking using the multi-pronged approach of prevention, restoration and justice.

AMY HSEISH

Amy Hseish is a Senior Staff Attorney with Sanctuary for Families’ Anti-Trafficking Initiative. Previously she worked as a health and human rights consultant. Ms. Hseish graduated from Barnard College and Brooklyn Law School.

CAROLINA HOLDERNESS

Carolina Holderness is Chief of the Human Trafficking Response Unit at the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office. Ms. Holderness has prosecuted a variety of crimes, including domestic violence incidents, sexual assaults, and homicides, in addition to sex and labor trafficking. As Chief of the Human Trafficking Response Unit, Ms. Holderness has developed innovative investigative techniques that use proactive screening tools to identify trafficking networks. With these techniques, and in partnership with state and federal law enforcement agencies, the Unit has prosecuted dozens of traffickers since its formation. Ms. Holderness has also spearheaded collaborations with technologists, financial institutions, and service providers; these partnerships have resulted in evidence-based prosecutions of traffickers and in better support for survivors in the criminal justice process. She is a graduate of Columbia Law School.

STEPHEN KNOEPFLER

Stephen Knoepfler is Chief of Human Trafficking Unit of the Bronx County District Attorney’s Office, where he oversees a social worker and four Assistant District Attorneys in combating human trafficking in the Bronx through trauma-informed, survivor-centered, investigatory prosecution. Established in April 2019 and falling within the Bronx D.A.’s Office’s Special Victims Division, the Human Trafficking Unit focuses on rescuing and providing social services and resources to victims of sex trafficking and labor trafficking, as well as investigating, apprehending, and convicting those who promote, profit from, or patronize the commercial sex trade. In 2018, he led a Frye hearing on whether the psychological phenomenon of traumatic bonding is generally accepted in the psychological community; the favorable ruling
set a precedent for allowing expert testimony on this phenomenon in all future special victim cases. Prior to becoming the Chief of the Unit, Mr. Knoefler prosecuted and supervised the prosecution of organized crime and public corruption cases for over eight years.

**LEIGH LATIMER**

Leigh Latimer is the supervising attorney at the Legal Aid Society’s Exploitation Intervention Project, which is the first effort by a public defender office to address the systemic criminalization of victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation.

**DORCHEN LEIDHOLDT**

Dorchen Leidholdt has served as the Director of the Center for Battered Women’s Legal Services at Sanctuary for Families in New York City since 1994. The Center’s anti-trafficking initiative has provided direct representation to hundreds of victims of sex and labor trafficking and has helped found the New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition, of which Ms. Leidholdt is co-chair. Ms. Leidholdt has lectured internationally on an array of issues regarding gender violence. She co-edited the fourth, fifth, and sixth editions of the Lawyers Manual on Domestic Violence and the first edition of the Lawyers Manual on Human Trafficking. A former public defender, Ms. Leidholdt previously taught criminal procedure at the City University School of Law. Her numerous awards include the United Nations Capitol Association Human Rights award; the New York City Bar Association’s Legal Services award; and the City of New York award for outstanding leadership in breaking the cycle of domestic violence. Ms. Leidholdt received her law degree from New York University School of Law.

**RACHEL LLOYD**

Rachel Lloyd is a leading child sex trafficking advocate and founder of Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS), the largest U.S. organization offering direct services to American girls and young women survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking. Ms. Lloyd played a key role in the successful passage of New York State’s groundbreaking Safe Harbor Act for Sexually Exploited Youth, the first law in the country to end the prosecution of child victims of sex trafficking.

**MELISSA MARTINEZ**

Melissa Martinez is a licensed clinical social worker assigned to the Human Trafficking Response Unit (“HTRU”) at the New York County District Attorney’s Office. Ms. Martinez began her career in the Office in 2009 as an advocate providing support and case management to victims of all crimes including domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and kidnapping. Since 2010, she has worked directly with sex and labor trafficked children and adults. Inspired by this work, she returned to school and received her MSW from the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College in 2012. In 2014, District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. formed HTRU and assigned Ms. Martinez as the first-ever HTRU social worker. In this role, she pioneered the integration of social work and victim advocacy into the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking at the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office. She has lectured on the topic of human trafficking and victim-centered prosecutions and has provided trainings to prosecutors, police, schools, service providers, and child protective services. Ms. Martinez has also designed and delivered course curriculum on the topic of human trafficking for masters level social worker students at Columbia University’s School of Social Work.

**HON. AMY MARTOCHE**

Judge Martoche has been a Buffalo City Court judge since 2011 and is also an Acting County Court Judge. In her capacity as an Acting County Court Judge, she founded and presides over the Human Trafficking Intervention HUB Court, handling cases from throughout Erie County. She previously presided over Buffalo’s Domestic Violence Part, where she adjudicated more than 8,000 cases. Before joining the bench, Judge Martoche was a partner at the law firm of Connors & Vilardo, LLP, where her practice focused on civil litigation, professional defense, and white-collar criminal defense. Before she returned to Buffalo in 2001, Judge Martoche worked in Washington, DC and she also served as a confidential law clerk to the Hon. Frederick J. Scullin, Jr. (N.D.N.Y.) from 1999-2000. Judge Martoche received her B.S. from Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations, then spent three years in rural Louisiana as a teacher, corps member, and program director with the Teach for America program. Judge Martoche is a graduate of the University at Buffalo School of Law.

**MARY MAZZIO**

Mary Mazzio is an award-winning documentary film director and Founder and CEO of 50 Eggs, Inc. Ms. Mazzio’s most recent documentary, which she wrote, directed, and produced, is I Am Jane Doe, [currently on Netflix] which chronicles the battle that several mothers waged against Backpage.com after their daughters became ensnared in the sex trade. Ms. Mazzio was formerly a partner with the law firm of Brown Rudnick, and she has served on the Boards of Directors of several nonprofit organizations. She is an Olympic athlete for Rowing and a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Georgetown Law School.

**JUSTIN MCNABNEY**

Justin McNabney is Deputy Chief, Human Trafficking Response Unit in the Manhattan DA’s Office. Prior to assuming this role, he prosecuted a range of violent crimes including sex trafficking and promoting prostitution. Before joining the DA’s office, he clerked at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and was a litigator at Munger, Tolles & Olson. Mr. McNabney graduated from DePauw University, Stanford University Graduate School of Education, and Stanford Law School.

**JESSICA MELTON**

Jessica Melton is an Assistant District Attorney in the Queens DA’s Office and serves as Chief of the District Attorney’s Human Trafficking Unit. Ms. Melton graduated from St. John’s University School of Law.

**KRISTYNA MILLS**

Kristyna Mills is the Jefferson County District Attorney, a position she has held since 2015. She has been at the Office since January 1997 and was promoted to Chief Assistant District Attorney in 2000. In addition to her employment, Ms. Mills is a regular instructor at the St.
disputes through trials and appeals in jurisdictions around the country, oversees major internal

Richard Rothman is a senior counsel in Weil’s Complex Commercial Litigation practice, RICHARD ROTHMAN

University.

Eric Rosenbaum is the chief of the DNA Prosecutions Unit in the Queens County District Attorney’s Office Special Victims Bureau in Kew Gardens. He also is on the Legislative Committee of the New York State District Attorneys Association; he specializes in policy and legislative development in the areas of forensic DNA, sexual assault and family violence. Mr. Rosenbaum graduated from Williams College and received his law degree from Fordham University.

ERIC ROSENBAUM

Rosenbaum graduated from Williams College and received his law degree from Fordham University.

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Dr. Chitra Raghavan is a full professor of psychology at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York and the Deputy Director of the Forensic Mental Health Counseling Program. She is a practicing psychologist and deemed an expert by the courts in intimate partner violence, sex trafficking, coercive control, trauma, and trauma bonding. Her research and testimony has created case law in New York State. Dr. Raghavan conducts research on power dynamics in intimate partner abuse, sexual assault, sex trafficking and related traumatic outcomes, and she has written over forty scientific articles and authored two books. Dr. Raghavan obtained her doctorate in Clinical and Community Psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and furthered her postdoctorate training at Yale University.

DR. CHITRA RAGHAVAN

KATE MOGULESCU

Kate Mogulescu is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Law and directs the Criminal Defense & Advocacy Clinic at Brooklyn Law School. Her work and scholarship focus largely on gender and reentry issues in the criminal legal system, with special attention paid to human trafficking and sex work. Clinic clients are also survivors of human trafficking and other criminalized victims of gender-based violence seeking post-conviction relief. Prior to joining the faculty at Brooklyn Law School, Professor Mogulescu worked as a public defender at The Legal Aid Society for 14 years. In 2011, she created the Exploitation Intervention Project to specifically represent both victims of exploitation and sex workers facing prosecution. She also founded and continues to lead the Survivor Reentry Project at the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence, a national training and technical assistance initiative on post-conviction advocacy for survivors of trafficking.

YIOTA SOURAS

Yiota Souras joined the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in 2006 and serves as Senior Vice President, General Counsel. Previously, she spent seven years practicing corporate litigation and conducting white-collar investigations at law firms in New York and Washington, D.C. Ms. Souras graduated from The Johns Hopkins University and Fordham University School of Law.

YIOTA SOURAS

Bill Silverman is a partner at Proskauer responsible for leading the firm’s global pro bono efforts. He has worked extensively on government investigations and white collar criminal matters, as well as complex civil litigation in federal and state courts. He also served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he led criminal investigations, conducted trials and handled Second Circuit appeals. Mr. Silverman graduated from Brown University and New York University School of Law.

BILL SILVERMAN

ROB SPECTRE

Rob Spectre is a Brooklyn-based technologist building childsaf.ai, the artificial intelligence platform protecting children from predators online. A 13-year veteran of software startups - such as Boxee and Twilio - before founding childsaf.ai, Mr. Spectre spent a year as a technical consultant for counter-human trafficking units across the United States. Learning from the wisdom and experience of those law enforcement partners, Mr. Spectre creates machine-learning software that starves the macroeconomy fueling modern slavery of its wealth, anonymity investigations, and coordinates multiple judicial and regulatory proceedings. He is currently the Senior Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of Graham Windham, the oldest non-sectarian child welfare agency in the U.S.; a member of the Executive Advisory Committee of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR); and a member of the Washington University Law School National Council. He has done extensive pro bono work throughout his career, is currently leading a significant representation of a victim of human trafficking, and is leading the Firm’s human trafficking initiative. Mr. Rothman is a graduate of Tufts University and received his J.D. from Washington University School of Law.

HON. TOKO SERITA

Judge Toko Serita is a New York State Acting Supreme Court Justice who presides over three problem solving courts in Queens County Criminal Court - a drug court, a mental health recovery court, as well as the Queens Human Trafficking Intervention Court (HTIC). A leading judicial expert on human trafficking, since 2008 Justice Serita has presided over the oldest and largest court in this state solely dedicated to serving trafficking victims and survivors. The success of the Queens HTIC later served as the impetus for the creation of similar trafficking intervention courts throughout NY State. In 2015, Justice Serita became the chair of the statewide Human Trafficking Working Group, whose judicial members represent each of the 11 trafficking intervention courts, including the five counties comprising New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Westchester, Suffolk & Nassau Counties. Judge Serita graduated from Vassar College and City University of New York School of Law.

HON. TOKO SERITA

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**ANITA TEEKAH**

Anita Teekah is Senior Director of the Anti-Trafficking Program at Safe Horizon, where she oversees a dynamic multi-disciplinary team of attorneys, social workers, trainers, and administrative staff that provides holistic, wraparound services to victims of human trafficking. ATP clients are both sex- and/or labor-trafficked, comprise all genders, and come from over 80 countries. Ms. Teekah also spearheads ATP’s policy and advocacy efforts and represents the program in national, state and local level coalitions, including the Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking (ATEST), Freedom Network USA, and the International Labor Recruitment Working Group. On behalf of ATP, Ms. Teekah has lobbied in support of reauthorizing the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act. She co-leads the Brooklyn Human Trafficking Task Force with the Kings County District Attorneys Office and the US Attorneys Office for the EDNY, and co-chairs the Task Force’s Labor Subcommittee. Prior to joining Safe Horizon, she worked with child labor and sex trafficking victims and child laborers in the Philippines and spent several years as a litigator. Ms. Teekah graduated from George Washington University and Fordham University School of Law.

**MELANIE THOMPSON**

Melanie Thompson is a full-time college student majoring in social work. She works to raise awareness about the pervasiveness and harm of all forms of commercial sexual exploitation and advocates for changes in anti-trafficking law and policy with a wide range of abolitionist organizations including but not limited to: The Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, Sanctuary for Families, World Without Exploitation, the New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition (NYSATC), and Not On My Watch, Inc. As a survivor of domestic sex trafficking, Ms. Thompson’s tireless work to educate legislators and the public about child sex trafficking contributed significantly to the unanimous passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection and Justice Act by the New York State Legislature in 2015.

**JOHN TEMPLE**

John Temple is the President and CEO of Guideposts, a national non-profit organization that reaches millions of people with messages of hope, inspiration, and encouragement. Prior to Guideposts, Mr. Temple served as the founder and Chief of the Human Trafficking Response Unit at the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office in New York City, forming the unit in recognition of the devastating impact that human trafficking has on its victims and their families. Mr. Temple has lectured both within the U.S. and internationally on human trafficking for foreign delegations, members of law enforcement, the legal community, non-profits, and other governmental agencies. He has been recognized for his anti-trafficking work as one of New York’s “New Abolitionists” and is the recipient of the Thomas E. Dewey Medal for outstanding prosecutors.

**RYAN WALL**

Ryan Wall has held the position of staff attorney at The Legal Aid Society’s Exploitation Intervention Project, housed in Legal Aid’s Criminal Defense Practice, in Brooklyn, NY, since the Project’s creation in 2013. She was a founding member of Brooklyn’s Human Trafficking Intervention Court, established as part of a state-wide initiative in 2013. In her current role, Ms. Wall provides specialized, trauma-informed, and human rights-based legal representation to sex workers and trafficking victims in the criminal justice system and offers post-conviction advocacy for survivors of sex trafficking. Ms. Wall also conducts trainings and presentations on New York State anti-trafficking topics to attorneys, service-providers and defendants. Ms. Wall started as a staff attorney in the general criminal defense practice in Brooklyn in 2007, where she represented both misdemeanor and felony cases from arraignment to trial. Before joining The Legal Aid Society, she worked in Mexico City as a consultant to various NGO’s on human rights projects. Ms. Wall received her J.D. from New York Law School in 2004 and a B.A. in International Affairs from Antioch College in 2004. While at Antioch, she focused on human rights work, completing internships in Peru (1999) and the Philippines (1998).

**DAVID WEISS**

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**SHANDRA WOWORUNTU**

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