

# **CRIMINAL HISTORY ADVOCACY FOR TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS**

a training for direct service providers, case managers, and advocates offering direct services for trafficking survivors or other marginalized populations.

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# ***ABOUT THE EVENT***

Recent changes in California law, and the spread of similar laws across the country, now provide opportunities for human trafficking survivors to potentially vacate, or clear, arrest and convictions from their records if they can show that their crimes rose from their victimization. "Vacatur" relief is crucial in removing common barriers in employment, housing, family court matters, and immigration

This training, led by the Survivor Reentry Project and Justice at Last, Inc., will provide an overview of these new laws, share best practices for assessing eligibility for relief, and offer linkages to both local and national pro bono legal counsel.

## ***ABOUT THE SPONSORS***

The Survivor Reentry Project (SRP), at the ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence, is supported by the Office for Victims of Crime. SRP provides national training and technical assistance for attorneys and service providers working with survivors of human trafficking who have been convicted of a crime as a result of their victimization. Many trafficking survivors are arrested and prosecuted for acts directly related to having been trafficked. Survivors are then denied employment, housing, and economic assistance due to their criminal histories. Encouragingly, many states have passed vacatur laws allowing survivors relief. These vacatur laws allow survivors to petition to have their records cleared if they can show that their crimes arose from their victimization. SRP seeks to raise awareness of vacatur remedies for survivors, and build sustainable vacatur practices across the country. SRP also serves as a national clearinghouse for direct survivor inquiries. For more information, please visit [www.ambar.org/srp](http://www.ambar.org/srp).

Justice At Last is the only independent nonprofit law firm in the San Francisco Bay Area exclusively serving the legal needs of survivors, regardless of their age, gender, nationality or type of trafficking. Justice At Last provides free legal representation that emphasizes dignity and is survivor-centered, culturally sensitive, trauma informed, and rights-based. In addition to legal advocacy and representation, Justice At Last, creates and conducts specialized trainings to empower and inform survivors about their legal rights within the justice system and also educates service providers about human trafficking and survivor rights. Our team includes advocates and activists from the social justice and human rights community who collectively have decades of experience providing support services and fighting for the rights of trafficked survivors. For more information, please visit [www.justiceatlast.org](http://www.justiceatlast.org).

Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO) is a community-based, social justice organization serving communities in the Greater Bay Area in areas of violence against women/family law, immigration and immigrants' rights, senior law and elder abuse prevention, the rights of those with disabilities, youth violence prevention, affordable housing preservation and tenants' rights, and anti-human trafficking. APILO's Anti-Trafficking project provides culturally appropriate, multi-lingual, and comprehensive legal and social services, provides capacity building for service providers through training and technical assistance, and engages policymakers in expanding services, support, and prevention efforts. For more information, please visit [www.apilegaloutreach.org](http://www.apilegaloutreach.org).