



JUSTICE AT LAST

**Justice At Last is the only nonprofit law firm in Northern California exclusively serving the legal needs of survivors of human trafficking.**

“Giving back to those in need is the greatest gift we can give as lawyers. We are inspired by the survivors who Justice At Last advocates for and appreciate the opportunity to contribute to their fight to reclaim their independence and freedom.”

**RENE KATHAWALA**

Pro Bono Counsel

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**Since 2015, we have served over 1,000 victims of human trafficking in the San Francisco Bay Area.**

## WHAT WE DO

We provide clients with free legal representation and supportive services regardless of their age, sex, gender identity, abilities and equity needs, nationality or type of trafficking. We emphasize a holistic approach that empowers survivors to seek and achieve justice on their own terms.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Crime Victims' Rights

Establishing Identification

Debt Relief

Family Law

Records Clearance

Employment Rights

Immigration Relief

General Practice

# Are you an attorney interested in volunteering? Join our Pro Bono Academy to help represent survivors of human trafficking.

## RECORDS CLEARANCE FOR SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING

Trafficking victims are often coerced into committing crimes by their traffickers, resulting in extensive criminal records that create barriers to employment, stable housing, and economic stability long after their exploitation ends.

Although a comprehensive vacatur law was established in 2017 to break the cycle of injustice that survivors face, lack of training and public awareness leaves the vacatur law under-utilized to provide tangible, life-altering legal relief.

Justice At Last created the Pro Bono Academy to help train attorneys interested in working with trafficked persons to help clear their criminal records.

## WHAT CAN PRO BONO ATTORNEYS DO?

After receiving Justice At Last's California MCLE certified training on the vacatur process and trauma-informed lawyering, Justice At Last will co-counsel with pro bono attorneys to provide an opportunity for attorneys to advocate for accountability and reform of our criminal legal system.

Pro Bono attorneys will represent survivors of trafficking in post-conviction vacatur relief cases to erase their criminal records and hold the legal system accountable for arresting a victim that should have been provided services instead of punishment.

"I liked how the training addressed what really happens to survivors while they are being trafficked and how we are treated like criminals and revictimized by the legal system. I am grateful that Justice At Last is educating folks about what really happens in the legal system."

**JUSTICE AT LAST CLIENT**

## VACATUR IN CALIFORNIA: CAL PENAL CODE § 236.14

Penal Code § 236.14 gives trafficked survivors a fresh start by creating a pathway to vacate and seal any nonviolent arrests, convictions, or juvenile adjudications from their records, when those offenses were the direct result of being trafficked.

Filing vacatur cases will provide immediate relief to trafficked persons, where a survivor's testimony will be heard in a criminal court and they are recognized as a victim rather than a criminal.

## INTERESTED IN A TRAINING?

If you would like to learn more about the Justice At Last Pro Bono Academy or request a training for your law firm, please email Leah Chen Price, Pro Bono Academy Coordinator, at [leah@justiceatlast.org](mailto:leah@justiceatlast.org).