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## Nomination Form for 2016 Public Service Award and Outstanding Members Program Award

The National Conference of Women's Bar Association's (NCWBA) Public Service Award and Outstanding Member Program Award recognize significant accomplishments of women's bar associations across the country. The **Public Service Award** is given to recognize a wide variety of outstanding and unique public service projects. The **Outstanding Member Program Award** is given to recognize bar associations' innovation projects, programs and service to their members. The NCWBA hopes that these Awards will inspire other women's bar associations to initiate similar programs in their own regions. For information about past recipients of both Awards, go to [www.ncwba.org](http://www.ncwba.org).

### Nominations are due Friday, January 22, 2016.

Nominations are only accepted from member organizations of NCWBA (whose dues are current or submitted with the application). Projects co-sponsored with other non-bar association organizations may be considered, although more weight is given to those carried out solely by a women's bar association.

### Instructions

Complete the nomination form and return it to the NCWBA Awards Committee at [awards@ncwba.org](mailto:awards@ncwba.org). Supplemental information about your nominee is also accepted, however, the total number of pages for the nomination (including the nomination form) should be limited to 10 pages.

### Nominee:

(boxes will expand as you type)

Name of women's bar association being nominated:	
Name of project, program or service being nominated:	
Name of contact person for purposes of award notification:	
Association's address:	
Telephone number of contact person:	
Email of contact person:	
Number of members in the bar association:	

\*\*Please make sure to notify the NCWBA of any change in contact information after submission of nomination to ensure timely notification of the awards decision.

Indicate which Award the bar association is being nominated for:

- ☒ Public Service Award  
☐ Outstanding Member Program, Award

## **Lawyers Club of San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force NCWBA Public Service Award Nomination**

### **1. Bar Association being Nominated: Lawyers Club of San Diego**

Lawyers Club of San Diego was founded in 1972 by seven attorneys who sought to address issues of gender discrimination in the law, in the legal profession, and in the community. This new bar association was given the gender-neutral name of “Lawyers Club of San Diego” to demonstrate that its membership was open to all who were committed to fair treatment under the law regardless of gender. Since then, Lawyers Club has grown to over 1,300 members, including federal and state judges, attorneys, academics, and law students. Lawyers Club remains true to its mission of advancing the status of women in the law and in society. It has become a vital, constructive, and respected force and organization of influence within San Diego County. Countless members of Lawyers Club have received judicial nominations and appointments to both federal and state courts, served in elected office, and led the San Diego County Bar Association and other specialty bar associations.

Lawyers Club serves its membership and the community in a variety of ways, for example, presenting cutting-edge programs and continuing education seminars geared towards Lawyers Club’s mission, organizing various mission-centric community service programs to give its members opportunities to give back to the community, and raising money through its charitable foundation Fund for Justice, which provides grants to non-profit agencies that help to advance the status of women in society. In 2015, Lawyers Club’s 26 committees presented over 65 programs.

### **2. The Project/Program/Service being Nominated: Human Trafficking Task Force**

The Lawyers Club Human Trafficking Task Force is a strategic initiative of Lawyers Club which brings together a diverse cross-section of lawyers and community leaders to execute programing and various activities to address the overwhelming and growing problem of human trafficking in San Diego.

#### **A. Overview of Human Trafficking and the Task Force**

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and is the ultimate violation of basic human rights. It is a crime against humanity and involves an act of recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring, or receiving a person through the use of force, coercion, fraud or other means, for the purpose of exploiting them - either through sexual exploitation or forced labor. An alarming reality is the FBI identified San Diego as one of the top high-intensity child prostitution areas.<sup>1</sup> Sex trafficking is San Diego’s second largest underground economy after drug trafficking and represents an estimated \$810 million annually in San Diego.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Human Trafficking . San Diego County District Attorney. Web. 30 Oct. 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Carpenter, Ami, and Jamie Gates. “Human-Trafficking Study.” National Institute of Justice. University of San Diego and Point Loma Nazarene University, n.d. Web. 19 Nov. 2015.

The Lawyers Club Human Trafficking Task Force (hereinafter the “Task Force” or “HTTF”) is rooted in prior Lawyers Club initiatives aimed at educating the San Diego legal community about human trafficking and its devastating impact on the community. This drive toward education built on momentum and culminated in a decision by the Lawyers Club board to launch the Task Force itself to more forcefully and effectively marshal talent and resources to address the region’s burgeoning trafficking problem.

### 1. Membership

The Task Force brings together a number of disparate players in the San Diego community to consolidate their efforts and address human trafficking. Since its inception, the Task Force has grown to 129 members and 16 honorary members. It is comprised of attorneys and law students and non-attorney community members including service providers, partner organizations, academics and representatives from a variety of government agencies. The community partners represented on the Task Force include:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition
- Casa Cornelia Law Center
- Chelsea’s Light Foundation
- City of San Diego Human Relations Commission
- Dependency Legal Group
- GenerateHope
- Junior League of San Diego
- North County Lifeline Project LIFE
- Point Loma Nazarene University, Center for Justice and Reconciliation
- San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women
- San Diego State University, Homeland Security Graduate Program
- San Diego Youth Services
- Social Advocates for Youth San Diego
- Soroptimist of Vista
- Shining Stars
- University of San Diego, Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies
- University of San Diego School of Law, Children’s Advocacy Institute
- Women Give San Diego
- YMCA Youth and Family Services

The Task Force also includes representatives from the following government agencies:

- Attorney General of California
- City of San Diego Police Department
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- San Diego County District Attorney
- San Diego City Attorney
- San Diego Public Defender
- San Diego Unified School District
- United States Attorney, Southern District of California

In addition, the Task Force has Honorary Members at all levels of local, state and federal government who serve in an advisory capacity including all of the following elected officials:

- Marty Block, California State Senate
- Todd Gloria, San Diego City Council
- Juan Vargas, U.S. Congress
- Marty Block, California State Senate
- Toni Atkins, Speaker of the California State Assembly
- Susan Davis, U.S. Congress
- Lorena Gonzalez, California State Assembly
- Scott Peters, U.S. Congress
- Kevin Faulconer, Mayor of San Diego
- Bonnie Dumanis, San Diego County District Attorney

- Richard Barrera, San Diego Unified School District, Board of Education Trustee
- Rocky Chavez, California State Assembly
- Marne Foster, San Diego Unified, Board of Education President
- Brian Maienschein, California State Assembly

This diverse group collaborates to coordinate and support one another's efforts and maximize their collective impact addressing human trafficking in San Diego.

## 2. Structure

The Task Force's initial objective was to identify what Lawyers Club can do as an organization to address human trafficking in San Diego. In order to effectively address these key, the Task Force created the following five subcommittees, each tasked with specific goals and action items: (1) Education; (2) Outreach; (3) Advocacy; (4) Survivor Services; and (5) Communications. The subcommittees are led by co-chairs and meet on a monthly basis.

## 3. HTTF Meetings

In 2015, the Task Force held eight meetings. These included key content presentations designed to educate members. For example, they included: (i) a law enforcement update from FBI agent Jeffrey Veltri, (ii) a legislative update from the Advocacy Subcommittee Co-Chairs; (iii) a presentation by Dr. Ami Carpenter of the University of San Diego, Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies and Dr. Jamie Gates of the Point Loma Nazarene University, Center for Justice and Reconciliation on their joint recent research study on the intersection between gangs and sex trafficking in San Diego; and (iv) a presentation by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Tenorio on new federal regulations to prevent and identify human trafficking in government contracts.

### **B. The Task Force's Work in 2015**

Since its inception in May 2014, the Task Force has come to play a key role in the local efforts to address human trafficking and has engaged and empowered Lawyers Club members to join these efforts. Task Force members share resources and publicize community anti-trafficking events, which helps to cross-educate members and creates a sense of community within Lawyers Club in tackling this issue. In 2015, the Task Force worked to address the issue of human trafficking from a number of fronts.

#### 1. Education

The Education Subcommittee planned and executed four MCLE legal trainings, through which the Task Force educated approximately 185 attorneys, judges, law students and community members. The first training was held in January 2015 in partnership with Casa Cornelia Law Center on "Immigration Remedies for Labor Trafficking Survivors." The next two trainings on "The Laws and Challenges of Human Trafficking" on May 21, 2015 in Vista and May 30, 2015 in Mission Valley. The final training took place in October 2015 on the topic of "Pro Bono Representation of Human Trafficking Survivors" and featured two national experts who came to San Diego from New York and Washington D.C. at no charge to Lawyers Club to headline this training.

## 2. Outreach

The Outreach Subcommittee cultivated partnerships with a variety of community organizations and leaders and coordinated the Task Force's involvement in nine community trainings and programs, through which the Task Force reached approximately 600 people. The Outreach Subcommittee also developed the HTTF "train-the-trainer" program to train Lawyers Club members to conduct community trainings to raise awareness of human trafficking and its impact on San Diego.

## 3. Advocacy

The Advocacy Subcommittee tracked pending human trafficking legislation and educated subcommittee members on the how a bill becomes a law. The Advocacy Subcommittee also conducted personal outreach to elected officials to gauge their interest, knowledge and involvement in addressing human trafficking through legislation and policy. These outreach efforts culminated in a Legislative Roundtable program on December 3, 2015. This program focused on educating local elected officials at all levels of government on the impact of human trafficking in San Diego and facilitating a dialogue on past successes, current efforts and identifying areas of need. This program resulted in immediate and tangible impacts on public policy impacting human trafficking survivors including a new California bill (SB 823) to improve expungement remedies for sex trafficking survivors. This bill was introduced in the California State Senate in January 2016 by Senator Marty Block based on the dialogue at the Legislative Roundtable on the challenges faced by survivors with lingering criminal records resulting from their exploitation.

## 4. Survivor Services

The Survivor Services Subcommittee explored ways to connect survivors with pro bono legal services, cultivated relationships with organizations serving survivors and helped with the October 2015 training on pro bono representation of human trafficking survivors.

## 5. Communications

The Communications Subcommittee developed and streamlined the Task Force's information delivery systems, enhancing its ability to share key information with a broader audience. It also developed content, including press releases, articles, a public report, and other materials. The Communications Subcommittee also drafted the content for the Task Force's page on the Lawyers Club website, which went live in December 2015.

## 6. Support for Nonprofit Organizations

The Task Force reached out to its partner organizations and encouraged them to apply for grants from the Lawyers Club's charitable arm, the Fund For Justice. Through these efforts, three of the Task Force's partner organizations (North County Lifeline, GenerateHope, and Big Brothers Big Sisters) received Fund For Justice grants in 2015. This provided critical funding to organizations working to address human trafficking in San Diego.

The Task Force also supported anti-trafficking organizations through volunteerism and organizing Lawyers Club's participation in outside events including: attending the Junior League of San Diego's Human Trafficking Awareness Rally on January 11, 2015, organizing a walk team for the Soroptimist of Vista Human Trafficking Awareness Walk on January 24, 2015, partnering with local media outlet KPBS and Pont Loma Nazarene University to plan a screening

of “A Path Appears” documentary film and panel discussion, organizing a team to participate in the first annual San Diego Break Free Run on September 12 and participating in the Junior League of San Diego/CalSPAC “Human Trafficking 101 & 201” on September 12, 2015.

### **3. The Human Trafficking Task Force is an Unprecedented and Uniquely Effective Initiative**

Part of what makes the Task Force unique – and uniquely effective – is its ability to foster communication and collaboration among historically Balkanized segments of the anti-trafficking world. For example, at one of the Task Force’s earlier trainings for lawyers and judges, one of the presenters – a *public defender* with over 20 years of experience in representing trafficked women and girls – observed that it was the first time in her career that she was on a panel and directly collaborating with *prosecutors* to find common ground in protecting victims and survivors. Similarly, judges that attended these trainings praised the insights offered by social workers, whose anecdotes hinted at just how frightening and complicated the legal world could seem to this fragile population.

The Task Force is also special because it provides a unique opportunity for the many actors involved in addressing human trafficking to listen to each other’s concerns, provide advice, and join forces. During the many rallies and marches against human trafficking, Task Force members including public and private attorneys, law enforcement, social workers, students and politicians have walked side-by-side to take action against the same evil, *together*.

Importantly, the Task Force members do not merely listen to each other, but to trafficked survivors as well. Accordingly, the Task Force *listens* to the needs of survivors, instead of simply discussing what “they” need. There is no division between the members and the survivors, they work together, and help each other. The project working with the survivors at GenerateHope is an integral part of the Task Force. At GenerateHope, trafficked women are given a safe home as well as intensive counseling and rehabilitative services. Members of the Task Force frequently visit this home and listen to what the survivors need. These needs can range from criminal representation, to childcare, to study books, to opportunities for internships, or spiritual guidance. Task Force members also provide survivors with mentorship and support.

One of the Task Force’s objectives is to facilitate a dialogue on this issue. The Task Force encourages its members to discuss this issue with their own social networks. Many people are shocked when they learn human trafficking is so prevalent in San Diego. Many people are also surprised to learn that vast majority of victims are U.S. citizens. Through these efforts, the Task Force is countering the common misperception that human trafficking a foreign issue. Through its education and outreach efforts the Task Force has already proven itself to be a powerful force combatting human trafficking.

The unique attributes of the Task Force is corroborated by its rapid growth, intense activism and dedicated membership. Within a relatively short time, the Task Force grew from a couple of members to well over one hundred. In the months and years ahead, the Task Force will continue to grow, educate, empower, and to be the voice to those who are silenced.



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January 22, 2016

**Re: Nomination of the Lawyers Club of San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force**

Dear National Conference of Women's Bar Associations' Public Service Award Selection Committee:

I write in support of the nomination of the Lawyers Club of San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force has provided outstanding public service in building awareness and education about human trafficking in the community. The sex and labor trafficking of domestic and international victims in San Diego County is a major public safety and human rights issue. As District Attorney for San Diego County for the last 13 years, combatting human trafficking is one of my top priorities due to its impact on our region. It is for this reason that I must acknowledge and support the public service that this Task Force provided to our community.

Ms. Jamie Quient of the Lawyers Club brought together a core group of experts with a mission to enhance the knowledge and provide the tools for Lawyers Club members and members of the legal community at large to help combat human trafficking in a concrete and meaningful way. The experts included prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, legislators, civil law experts in victim restitution, victims' service providers, survivor voices and others. The Task Force has grown to over 120 members, 16 honorary members and 5 committees. The Task Force has educated approximately 185 judges, attorneys, law students and community members through four legal training sessions. The trainings were conducted in two tiers with the first training providing the general knowledge and education and the second tier to educate the legal community on how to become an effective pro bono provider of legal services to victims of human trafficking.

Additionally, through the Outreach Subcommittee and other, individual presentations by HTTF members, the Task Force has reached approximately 600 people through 9 different community trainings.

Unfortunately, San Diego has been identified by the FBI as one of the country's top high-intensity child prostitution areas. A recent academic study conducted by professors from two of our universities revealed that sex trafficking accounts for approximately \$810 million annually in San Diego and represents our region's second largest underground economy. The Task Force has been an invaluable ally in our fight against this scourge. The U.S. Department of Justice has emphasized that combatting human trafficking can only be done by combining prevention, protection, prosecution and partnerships. This means that the efforts of the Lawyers Club Task



Force are critical. It is this recognition of the importance of innovative partnerships that lead me to assign our office's human trafficking expert to work with the Task Force.

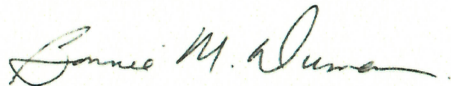
The Task Force is effective because it brings together an unusual cross-section of talent and expertise. For example, the Task Force is comprised not only of prosecutors, but also of immigration counsel, juvenile delinquency and dependency counsel, criminal defense attorneys, civil attorneys and others, all of whom share common ground in the efforts to combat human trafficking. And while the Task Force is comprised primarily of lawyers, it also draws from other disciplines to inform its efforts. For example, Task Force members include academics (such as the two professors who authored recent study mentioned above), social service providers (often first point of contact with victims and survivors) and legislators.

In fulfilling its mission, the Task Force also draws on experts from across the country. For example, the Task Force recently hosted an MCLE training for civil lawyers who wish to represent victims and survivors on a pro bono basis. In so doing, the Task Force was able to recruit national experts to present at the training, including Martina Vandenberg, Founder and President of the Washington DC-based Human Trafficking Pro Bono Legal Center.

In sum, the Task Force has leveraged its considerable expertise and organizational muscle to: (1) build awareness of human trafficking among lawyers and judges; (2) organize MCLE trainings to better equip civil lawyers to offer pro bono services to victims and survivors; (3) host high-level roundtables with our legislators to better inform their anti-trafficking efforts; and (4) support social service organizations in their efforts to support our victims and survivors.

I commend them to you for your consideration for this year's National Conference of Women's Bar Associations' Public Service Award.

Very truly yours,



BONNIE M. DUMANIS  
**San Diego County District Attorney**





National Conference of Women's Bar Associations  
Nomination Committee

To Whom It May Concern,

January 20, 2016

It is my pleasure to write to you regarding the San Diego Lawyer's Club Human Trafficking Task Force and their nomination for the NCWBA Public Service Award. At GenerateHope we have been honored to have the Lawyer's Club assist us in so many ways as we work with sex trafficked young women and their rehabilitation.

The San Diego Lawyer's Club has been a regular fixture at GenerateHope through a monthly mentorship job training class they provide to educate women on their legal rights, job skills, life goals and more. They faithfully send members to meet with our women in a one-hour class, which our women love. Having female role models here to share and answer questions has meant so much to our residents as they heal from the trauma of the sex trade and work to move on in their lives.

The San Diego Lawyer's Club has also assisted GenerateHope when we have had women with outstanding charges related to sex trafficking by referring them for legal representation and support. I can't begin to say how much this has meant to our residents as they fight to clear their records, which would otherwise get in the way of their moving on in life.

Also, very important is the work in our community that the Task Force has been doing to move the human trafficking community forward. They hold monthly meetings to coordinate work in the areas of education, legislation, community support and more. As an example, the education committee has held three training forums to bring lawyers and others up to date on what is happening in San Diego in the trafficking arena, what the legal issues are and how lawyers can work to help trafficking victims.

I wholeheartedly support the San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force and appreciate all that they do for our community. I can't say enough about the impact they have swiftly made in the fight against human trafficking in San Diego. They are a powerful force and I am pleased to be associated with them!

Most Sincerely,

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January 23, 2016

Dear National Conference of Women Bar Associations (NCWBA) Public Service Award Selection Committee,

This letter is in support of a nomination for the Lawyers Club of San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF) for the NCWBA Public Service Award.

The Human Trafficking Task Force has made a significant impact in the San Diego legal community by bringing awareness, education, training and support to community members, local high schools, the legal community, victims and survivors. The HTTF has created various committees related to outreach, education, advocacy, communication and survivor services. Each of these committees are tasked with addressing human trafficking in the San Diego community. The work of these committees has resulted in the creation of fact sheets, tip sheets, brochures and power points which explains the definition of human trafficking, risk factors, safety factors, resources and action steps that individuals in the community can take to address human trafficking.

However, one of the most amazing components of the HTTF is the collaborative efforts of the various individuals, agencies and entities who are invested in reducing human trafficking in San Diego County. For example, the HTTF has dedicated members from the courts, law enforcement, political officials, government agencies, non-profit organizations, schools, community based organizations and private citizens. Individuals from each of these areas work together to combat the challenges related to identifying human trafficking, advocating for victims and survivors, and providing effective service delivery.

In sum, the HTTF is an action oriented task force committed to reducing the impact of human trafficking in San Diego. Our County is fortunate to have such a committed, knowledgeable and engaging group to lead the charge in helping to improve outcomes for those impacted by human trafficking.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Sincerely,

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