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NAWJ Expands Human Trafficking Content

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With grant funding from SJI, the [National Association of Women Judges \(NAWJ\)](#) continues to educate its members and the state courts on human trafficking.

NAWJ's training programs are designed to reach a wide audience including judges, attorneys, court stakeholders, and the public. The programs include training on all aspects of human trafficking. Although sex trafficking has received more attention in the media, NAWJ's programs include training on various subsets of human trafficking that are not as well known. This includes a focus on labor trafficking and more recently, the trafficking of minors and adults by organized and/or criminal street gangs (SJI -14-E-015).

- At the NAWJ Mid-Year Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. (March 2014), NAWJ conducted a half-day training devoted to the topic of *Access to Justice for Labor Trafficking Victims*. Panelists discussed types, dynamics, and profiles of labor trafficking, forums for addressing labor trafficking, and recommended tools to address labor trafficking including the use of restitution orders to compensate victims.
- At the NAWJ Annual Conference in San Diego (October 2014), Professor Terrance Coonan, Florida State University College of Law, conducted an in-depth training for attendees on labor trafficking. Professor Coonan noted that labor trafficking comprises 54% of all trafficking cases and includes domestic service, agriculture, sweatshops or factories, and restaurant and hotel work. The training showed how:



1) force, fraud, and coercion are employed against victims in modern labor trafficking cases; 2) labor trafficking is typically manifested in the U.S. economy; and 3) federal and some state laws address the issue of labor trafficking.

- At the NAWJ Mid-Year Leadership Conference in Chicago (April 2015), NAWJ presented two panels: *Gang Involvement in Human Trafficking*, and *Human Trafficking: What Judges Can Do*. Panelists discussed the intersection between human trafficking and gang involvement. Panelists also explained why gangs are increasingly turning to human trafficking to bolster their profits. Victims are seen as reusable commodities and the risk of detection and punishment is relatively low compared to other traditional crime.

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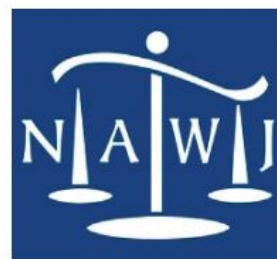
In the second session, panelist discussed the use of various collaborative court models to enhance the delivery of meaningful services to victims of human trafficking.

NAWJ will host another human trafficking training session at its upcoming [Annual Conference](#) in Salt Lake City (October 2015). Carol Owens, Esq., Pro Bono counsel to Jane Doe 2 in one of the largest sex trafficking prosecutions in U.S. history, will speak about the major impediments to the successful prosecution of trafficking crimes.

Published in March 2015 by NAWJ, [Trafficing in Persons – Modern Day Slavery](#) serves as a program guide for Judges (SJI-14-E-235). This publication contains detailed information for judges to use when planning a human trafficking conference. The Guide contains sample formats for a 2 hour, ½ day, and dinner program, summarizes substantive training programs offered by the [National Judicial College](#) on human trafficking, and includes a detailed appendix with cites to books, websites, and periodicals on the topic. The Guide, along with other NAWJ-led initiatives, is available on the NAWJ website under, [Education: Programs and Outreach](#).

NAWJ also continues its work as a member of the [Human Trafficking and State Courts Collaborative](#). The HT Collaborative continues to play an integral and supportive role in many of NAWJ's human trafficking projects.

The National Association of Women Judges



Trafficking in Persons - Modern Day Slavery A Program Manual

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New Mexico Continues to Provide National Language Access Training

Supported by SJI, the New Mexico Center for Language Access at the Administrative Office of the Courts, initiated and developed a portal for obtaining language access training in the courts.

The [Language Access Basic Training \(LABT\) Suite](#) consists of interactive modules that provide introduction to language access for both monolingual and bilingual court staff. The training provides court staff with a basic understanding of their ethical and legal obligations, as well as current best practices in serving limited English proficient and non-English speaking individuals. LABT also provides training modules and an optional skills assessment for bilingual court staff.

Outside of New Mexico, Alaska, Pennsylvania, and Nevada are top users of the LABT Suite, having trained several hundred court staff. New Mexico has used the training for its language access specialists and bilingual judiciary staff certified to provide language access services outside

the courtroom. Other states have expressed interest in incorporating this online training into their overall training and education programs.

Individual courts staff and entire courts are eligible to access the LABT Suite for a low cost (\$15.00 - \$35.00/user based on the total number of users), and the Bilingual Skills Assessment is also available. Courts interested in customizing the experience for their employees may also explore this option by contacting the LABT [administrator](#).

To learn more about the LABT Suite, including training topics, computer software and hardware requirements, and the time necessary to complete each module, please review the website which contains demos of some of the training module content.

NACM Hosts Webinar on Effective Practices in Adult Guardianship

Adult guardianship cases are some of the most complex cases handled in civil and probate courts. While each state differs in qualifications, processes, and monitoring requirements, there are standards that can guide your court in developing robust practices that enhance both court efficiencies and oversight.

The National Association for Court Management (NACM) will offer a webinar to address adult guardianship issues on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. This webinar, based on SJI-funded [NACM Adult Guardianship Guide](#) provides action steps courts can take to improve guardianship practices. Concrete examples of innovative approaches and collaborative efforts will be highlighted. Consideration will be given to the level of resources available to the court.

Hosted by NACM member Paul DeLosh and Brenda Uekert, Ph.D., Principal Court Research Consultant at the National Center for State Courts, this webinar is free and open to everyone. [Registration](#) is required.

FY 2016 SJI Grant Deadlines

SJI enters a new fiscal year on October 1, 2015. New applicants should be aware of the following FY 2016 grant deadlines for all of SJI's [grant types](#).

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May 1, 2016

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