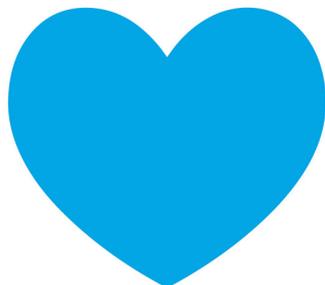




*The Amara Legal Center envisions a society where our clients are free from stigma, violence, oppression, exploitation, and criminalization.*

## "I Rise to Get Involved" Volunteer Campaign Launches on July 30th: World Day Against Trafficking In Persons!



**#HAVEAHEART**  
FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
JULY 30TH

In 2013, the United Nation member states adopted a [resolution](#) which designated July 30 as the **World Day against Trafficking in Persons**. They declared that such a day was necessary to “raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.”

Amara encourages individuals to make a commitment on World Day Against Trafficking In Persons to helping survivors and others who have been harmed by the commercial sex industry by getting involved with our work! Bring your skills, talents and passion to bare and help us advance our mission and give voice, hope and new beginnings to our clients!

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We are launching our month-long **"I Rise to Get Involved" Volunteer Campaign** today (a nod to the great Maya Angelou and her celebrated "And Still I Rise" poem)! We are looking for individuals interested in serving on our Board of Directors, helping us with legal research and legal cases as a pro-bono attorney, and gaining valuable experience as a legal intern.

**Make A Difference as an Amara Board Member**

Amara seeks candidates who are passionate about our work to provide free, trauma-informed legal services and support to survivors of sex trafficking and others harmed by the commercial sex industry.

Desired skills include nonprofit board experience, fundraising, event planning, marketing, and knowledge of the commercial sex industry or a desire to learn.



The Board of Directors supports the work of the Amara Legal Center and provides mission-based leadership and strategic governance.

**The ideal candidates will have the following qualifications:**

- Extensive professional experience with significant executive leadership accomplishments in business, government, philanthropy, or the nonprofit sector
- An interest in social justice issues, racial equity and criminal justice reform
- A commitment to and understanding of Amara’s clients and human trafficking issues
- Savvy diplomatic skills and a natural affinity for cultivating relationships and persuading, convening, facilitating, and building consensus among diverse individuals
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for improving the lives of Amara’s clients
- Individuals representing marginalized populations are encouraged to apply, i.e. Women, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+

**If you are interested in a rewarding experience where you can make a difference, please complete our [Board application](#) today!**

## Gain Experience as an Amara Legal Intern



Amara seeks individuals who are currently pursuing any post-secondary degree, such as a J.D. or Masters in Public Policy and who want to gain invaluable hands-on nonprofit and legal aid experience!

**Amara is extending its deadline for interns for the fall semester to August 31, 2021.**

Amara is currently looking to fill two intern positions for the fall - a **General Legal Intern** and a **Post-Conviction Legal Intern**. The General Legal Intern will support the Legal program Director with DC-based legal cases, and the Post-Conviction Legal Intern will primarily support the staff attorneys with expungement and vacatur cases. To learn more about our internship opportunities, please review the [job description](#).

**Internship duties include:**

- Familiarize with the law of expungement, custody, restraining orders, victim advocacy and public benefits in DC, Maryland and/or Virginia. Training materials will be provided.

- After training, assisting Amara staff attorneys with legal research for expungement of records cases, civil cases, criminal defense cases, and victim-witness advocacy.
- Assist with policy advocacy work at the local level, including researching current laws, writing policy memos about proposed legislation, going to policy meetings and drafting testimony for legislative hearings.
- Attend meetings with community stakeholders, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, media and local and federal lawmakers, with Amara staff as needed.
- Assist with organizational development projects, based on the intern's interest.

Although the overwhelming majority of the intern's work will be legal work, the intern may help with organizational development, grant writing, social media and promotion projects, according to the intern's desire, skills and interests.

**If you are interested, please submit your resume, cover letter, unofficial transcript, writing sample of no more than 10 pages, and a list of at least two references to [recruiting@amaralegal.org](mailto:recruiting@amaralegal.org).**

## Lend Your Legal Skills as a Pro Bono Attorney

Amara receives many cases each month, and could benefit from the additional legal skills of attorneys who want to help clients in their journeys towards healing and to navigating the legal system.

We are looking for attorneys with experience in family law, civil and criminal cases, civil protection orders, criminal record expungements, and victim-witness advocacy.

**If you are interested in serving as an Amara Pro Bono Attorney, please complete our [pro bono attorney application](#)!**



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