



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

Sidney McCoy Joins Shared Hope International



Please join Amara in congratulating Sidney McCoy, who serves as our Virginia Staff Attorney & Policy Counsel, on her new position as Policy Counsel for Shared Hope International. In her new role, Sidney will continue her efforts to advocate on behalf of survivors and pass survivor-centered legislation by joining the organization's policy team. Her last day will be on April 22, 2022.

"I am grateful to Amara for the opportunities it has provided for me to grow both professionally and personally, and I look forward to continuing our relationship in this new role."

Sidney joined Amara in June of 2019 as a staff attorney representing clients with legal matters in Virginia. In 2021, Amara changed her title to include policy work as the organization began to align staff roles with its strategic goals. During her time with Amara, Sidney also co-led the Virginia Coalition Against Human Trafficking where her leadership resulted in vacatur and affirmative defense legislation passing in the Virginia General Assembly.

"I want to thank Sidney for all of her great work. She has been a valuable team member, and she will be missed" said Amara CEO Carole Bernard. "I wish her success in her new position and expect to see her continue to achieve great things on behalf of survivors."

We're Hiring for a Virginia Staff Attorney & Policy Counsel

If you are a public interest attorney who is barred in Virginia and is passionate about helping survivors navigate the legal system, then Amara wants to hear from you!

We are hiring for a Virginia Staff Attorney & Policy Counsel. This position will provide



legal advice, advocacy, and representation on civil and criminal cases in Virginia state courts including, but not limited to: criminal record expungement, civil protection orders, child custody, divorce, name changes, criminal defense, and victim-witness advocacy.



This position also works collaboratively with the Chief Executive Officer, staff and Board, and other stakeholders, to establish the policy priorities for DC, Virginia and the federal level that are consistent with the goals of Amara's strategic plan. Although Amara's staff work remotely, the Virginia Staff Attorney & Policy Counsel must be able to travel to Virginia courts and meetings in the DC-metro area.

Qualifications:

- Juris Doctor degree
- Licensed to practice law in Virginia required
- Licensed to also practice in or ability to waive into the District of Columbia and/or Maryland preferred
- Demonstrated commitment to holistic lawyering in the public interest sector
- Familiarity with the legal services community
- Experience in representing sex trafficking survivors, sex workers and/or domestic violence
- Strong project management and/or coordination skills
- Need to be able to commute to Virginia Courts and to meetings in the DC-metro area

[Click here to read the job posting.](#)

Apply Today

Donate & Support Amara's Advocacy Efforts

Maryland is Failing Child Victims of Sex Trafficking!

Amara's advocacy efforts give voice to our clients and educate elected officials about policies that can decriminalize and uplift survivors. Recently, staff testified in Annapolis to advocate for Safe Harbor Law in Maryland. As a donor, you can support our advocacy efforts in MD, VA, and DC.



OUR CHILDREN DESERVE PROTECTION, NOT PUNISHMENT!

As a "Circle of Hope" donor, you can support our efforts to fight against the criminalization of minors.

Become A Monthly "Circle of Hope" Donor Today!



Amara Legal Center, Inc.
1629 K Street, NW
Suite 300
Washington, DC 20006
Email not displaying correctly?
[View it in your browser](#)
[Unsubscribe](#)