



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



**On behalf of the Board and staff at the Amara Legal Center, we wish you and your families a safe, peaceful and happy New Year!**



What an amazing year it has been serving as Amara's CEO! I am honored and humbled to be in a position where I can strive, each and every day, to make a difference in the lives of those who have been victimized and exploited through sex trafficking and the commercial sex industry.

With a dedicated staff and committed Board, generous donors and funders, and wonderful community partners, Amara has made great progress in 2021. We are so grateful to all of you for your continued support! We couldn't do it without you!

As we embark on a new year, Amara reaffirms its commitment to look at its work through a racial justice lens and to address our legal cases with a holistic approach by educating and advocating for a more equitable legal system to support marginalized populations struggling for equity and safety. It's not too late to close out 2021 and reaffirm your commitment to our clients in their fight for justice. Help Amara reach its \$10,000 goal before midnight by becoming a ["Circle of Hope"](#) donor today. We are so close; we just need \$1,265 more! No donation is too small!

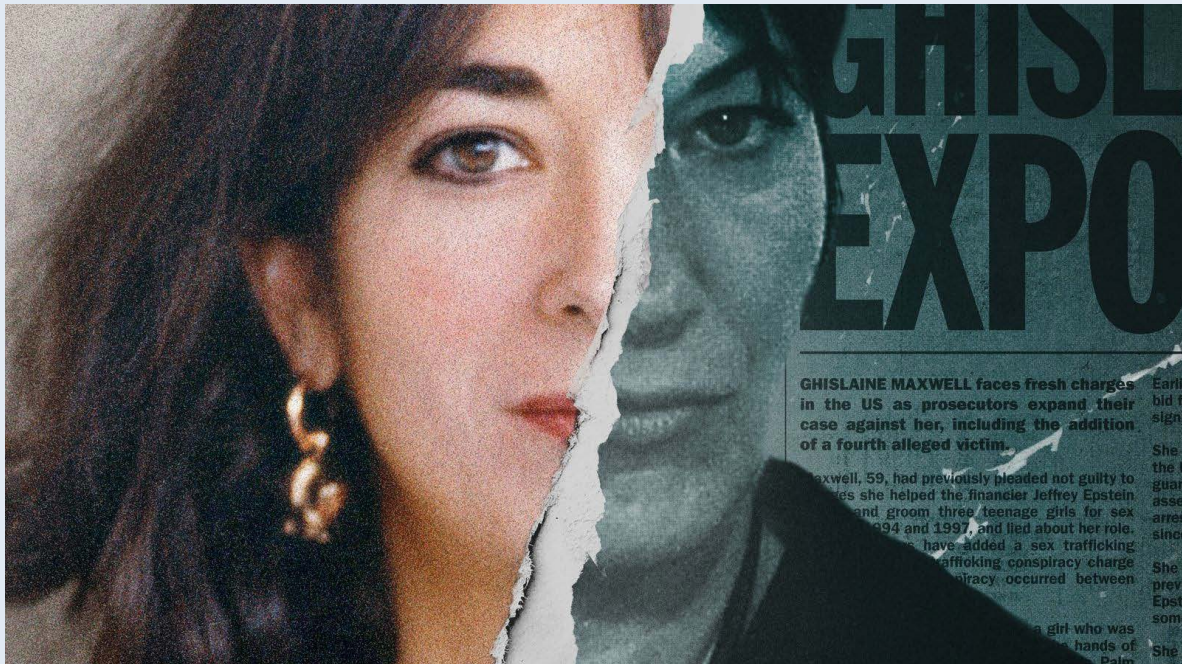
With your support, we can help more survivors in 2022 and support their goal to live self-determined lives.

Many thanks, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in 2022!

Carole Bernard  
Amara Legal Center CEO

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## Statement on Ghislaine Maxwell Conviction

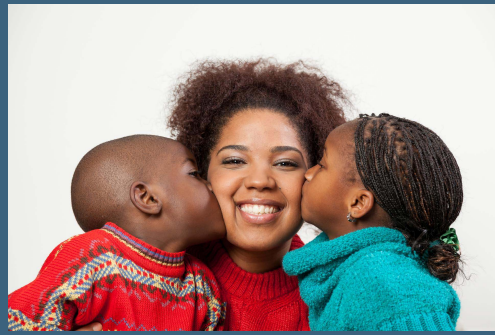


"When we break down the myths and the stereotypes associated with sex trafficking - the ideas of who the perpetrators are, what they look like, where they exist in our society - we will realize fully that traffickers can be White men and women, very wealthy and powerful, and extremely confident in their ability to not get caught. I imagine that the now deceased financier Jeffrey Epstein and his right hand "lady of the house" Ghislaine Maxwell never conceived that their crimes would ever make it to a federal court since they did not fit the general depiction of a "pimp" and a "bottom."

"The terms we hear in the movies and may read about in the media are not just appropriate for describing sex traffickers in the "hood" and in low-income communities of color. These words also fit the elite and the perceived untouchable individuals who engage in trafficking."  
(Photo Credit: Sky News)

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