



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

## New Amara Volunteers Support Grant Writing & Outreach



Lola Maraiyesa works as a Residential Contractor at FAIR Girls. She obtained her M.A. in Global Affairs, International Security from the American University in Cairo in 2019 and her B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 2017. Her personal and professional pursuits, primarily focus on anti-human trafficking and victim outreach efforts. Her long-term goal is to work in all areas of development back home in the West African region.

"I decided to work with



Abby Dundore is very excited to volunteer with Amara. Two years ago, she graduated from George Mason University with a B.A. in Government and International Politics and Foreign Languages.

When not at work, Abby coaches a Girls on the Run team at a local elementary school. She also tries (although, not always successfully!) to improve her Arabic language skills.

Most weekends, Abby can be found running on Rock Creek Park, exploring



Megan Respol is thrilled to be joining the grant writing team for Amara. While Megan is originally from Los Angeles, she has lived in the DC-metro area since 2019, and began working as a research volunteer with Amara shortly thereafter. She currently works as a Data Analyst for a government contractor supporting the U.S. Department of Education. While she has worked in the education sector for several years, her background is in Criminal Justice and Criminology. She previously worked as an analyst in both an investi-

Amara because I want to lend a helping hand and give back to my community in hopes of making it a better place for everyone."

Washington, DC, and reading science fiction books.

gative and legal capacity.

"I am very excited to be working in the field again to help support Amara's growth and mission."

## Make a Difference as an Amara Board Member



*"I enthusiastically joined Amara's Board because its mission is especially critical to the DMV area. This work is inherently steeped in racial justice, and I couldn't be more proud to work with such a great organization. Working to ensure sex workers and survivors of sex trafficking receive stellar legal representation is a mission that I just had to support. I am thrilled at the possibility of working with others who are interested in joining the Amara Board so we can all support Amara clients and our community."* - Brittany Mobley, 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, fund-raising, 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!**

## Client Success Story

An Amara staff attorney assisted a client with Victim-Witness Advocacy because her trafficker/abuser violated a civil protective order (CPO) that was entered in Maryland. In the course of the representation, the attorney discovered that the opposing party had never been served with the CPO



and so it was void. This would mean that the opposing party could not be found guilty of the violation.



However, Amara's attorney worked with the prosecutor to secure the client a new CPO in lieu of prosecution. The judge granted a new, two-year protective order against the opposing party which was served on him. Now, he can have no contact with the client directly or through a third party and must stay 100 yards away from her at all times. Our client now feels safe.

You can support Amara's work to help our clients feel safe as they fight for justice and navigate the criminal legal system. Make a difference today and let survivors know that they are not alone!

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