



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

GivingTuesday is Tomorrow



November 30th is GivingTuesday, which is an opportunity for people around the world to come together through generosity in all its forms by sharing acts of kindness and giving their voice, time, money, goods, and advocacy to support communities and causes.

Please donate to the Amara Legal Center! Your donation is critical to supporting the work that Amara does for our clients. You can make a difference in the lives of so many survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation whose desperate cries for help often go unheard.

Participate in the Amara Legal Center's "Circle of Hope" Campaign to support our commitment to community, equity and justice. Let survivors know they are not alone!

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Welcome New Board Member

Genetta Smith graduated from the University of District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law in 2006. While in law school, she provided over 400 hours of legal assistance to low-income residents in the areas of whistleblowing, family law, child advocacy, and public benefits.

Thereafter, she started her legal career at the



Children's Law Center (CLC). During her six years at CLC, Genetta mentored numerous pro bono and court appointed attorneys, co-taught the summer law clerk program, and represented children that were survivors of child abuse and neglect. Her area of expertise and passion was fostering multidisciplinary legal representation to improve the outcomes for teen clients aging out of the child welfare system.



Genetta has worked as an Attorney Adviser for the federal government over the past nine years. In this capacity, she ensures that claimants receive fair hearings during disability benefit appeals.

"I am interested in serving on the Amara Legal Center's Board of Directors because I wholeheartedly believe in the mission. My first exposure to the needs of sex trafficking survivors occurred during a case where I represented a teenage girl. Unfortunately, other sex trafficking cases followed. It is important to have a place like Amara where survivors can receive competent and effective legal representation without stigma. Amara's advocacy efforts, such as Vacatur clinics, remove legal barriers that prevent clients from succeeding in life. I am honored to serve on the board of an organization that does such meaningful work."

Genetta's law career has focused on protecting the rights of those that have been marginalized, abused, neglected, and exploited. During her tenure on Amara's Board, she plans to continue this work by raising greater awareness about the horrors of sex trafficking.

DC Vacatur Training for Pro Bono Attorneys

REGISTER TODAY!

**DECEMBER 2, 2021
10:30am-11:30am**

AMARA LEGAL CENTER



Amara invites DC-barred Pro Bono Attorneys to a free Vacatur Training on December 2, 2021.

In 2018, DC passed the Trafficking Survivors Relief Amendment Act (TSRAA), which provides criminal record relief for certain offenses when the conduct was the direct result of an individual being a victim of trafficking. Attendees will receive a copy of the *Vacatur of Convictions Toolkit*, produced by Amara and McGuireWoods LLP, for legal professionals.

DC VACATUR TRAINING

FOR PRO BONO ATTORNEYS

The training will cover:

- Types of relief available under the TSRAA
- Eligibility criteria for vacatur and expungement
- Best practices for attorneys filing vacatur motions in DC.

**We also welcome new attorneys joining our efforts
by becoming an Amara Pro Bono Attorney!**

**For more information or if you have questions, please send an email to
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THEIR LIVES!**



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