



Fact v. Fiction: The Realities of Trafficking in Texas

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Victims of trafficking are often hiding in plain sight. They occupy our schools, workplaces, hospitals, and homeless and domestic violence shelters, but they are reluctant to ask for help or seek justice from a system that has failed them repeatedly. Jurisdictions that are successful in attacking human trafficking are those that are educated and proactively seeking to combat the crime. Participants will be grounded in the basics of trafficking law and dynamics, the tools that traffickers use to obtain and maintain people, the parallels that exist between trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault, red flags for identifying victims, and the critical nature of a coordinated community response in addressing these crimes. Using Texas cases, the webinar will also cover the way trafficking manifests in rural jurisdictions as opposed to urban centers and provide action items that counties can use to prevent and engage in early interdiction of trafficking.

Accreditation will be available

Presenter

Kirsta Leeburg Melton is a twenty-year prosecutor and the Founder and CEO of Institute to Combat Trafficking which exists to seek justice for trafficking victims and provide accountability for traffickers. Melton led the state's response to human trafficking at the Office of the Texas Attorney General, founded the Bexar County District Attorney's Trafficking Unit and is responsible for several of the State's first life sentences for traffickers. She also served as the lead prosecutor for the State of Texas in the takedown of Backpage.com in April 2018. Melton has provided in-person human trafficking training for more than 20,000 people and been featured in training films utilized by hundreds of thousands of others. She played a critical role in the restructuring of Texas trafficking law and procedure and is regularly called to consult with and testify before the Texas legislature on trafficking issues.

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