



## 2016 HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUMMIT AWARDS

### **Background**

For the fifth year, the Florida Human Trafficking Summit will honor outstanding citizens for their efforts to end human trafficking in Florida. The Summit, scheduled for October 10, 2016, will take place at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. Information on the awards and the nomination and selection processes can be found below.

*Note: Nominees need not fulfill every itemized criteria to be considered for an award.*

### **Criteria**

#### **Survivor Advocate of the Year**

Nominees for the *Survivor Advocate of the Year* award must work at a Florida-based organization or an organization predominantly serving Florida residents. Nominees must demonstrate a sincere investment in working with victims of human trafficking. Nominations should address how the individual:

- Works in a position that involves direct contact with victims and survivors;
- Demonstrates a commitment to addressing the needs of victims and survivors through efforts directly impacting victims and survivors;
- Develops and implements innovative solutions to the complex problems facing victims and survivors;
- Initiates and works effectively in collaboration with partnering agencies and/or organizations to ensure effective and appropriate services are provided to victims and survivors;
- Has made a significant impact on the issue of human trafficking as a result of the nominee's interaction with victim(s);
- Nominations should include any instances where the nominee identified a previously unknown victim of trafficking, leading to the victim's recovery and/or arresting of the trafficker.

#### **Community Advocate of the Year**

Nominees for the *Community Advocate of the Year* award must work at, or volunteer for, a Florida-based organization or an organization predominantly serving Florida residents, and make significant strides to raise community awareness about human trafficking. Nominations must address how the individual:

- Made significant impact on the issue of human trafficking through advocacy efforts within the community. Efforts may include education campaigns, fundraising, or street outreach;
- Educates and guides community members in the issues of human trafficking;
- Demonstrates a commitment to addressing the needs of victims and survivors through awareness efforts;
- Fundraises for programs or organizations who raise awareness on human trafficking;
- Lobbied the Florida Legislature or the United States Congress on issues surrounding human trafficking;
- Developed public awareness materials (flyers, key chains, brochures, t-shirts, etc.) to increase public awareness for victims of trafficking still being exploited.

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### **Prosecutor of the Year**

A nominee for *Prosecutor of the Year* must work for the Florida Attorney General, one of the 20 elected State Attorneys or one of the three United State Attorney's Districts in Florida responsible for the prosecution of a human trafficking case. The attorney may also be a special prosecutor assigned to prosecute a case with significant Florida ties. All ranks of prosecutors licensed to practice law in the State of Florida are eligible, including federal and state; elected, appointed or assistant prosecutors; and, those in large or small offices. Selection will be without regard to whether the nominee is head of an office or a supervisor of others. Nominations must address how the nominee:

- Has made a significant impact on the issue of human trafficking, through a criminal prosecution;
- Contributes to the quality of prosecution and the image of prosecutors as it pertains to human trafficking;
- Supports and assists law enforcement agencies in the fight against human trafficking;
- Utilizes and/or promotes anti-trafficking laws such as Fla. Stat. § 787.06 or 18 USC § 1581-97; and
- Works with the public to raise awareness regarding human trafficking.

### **Law Enforcement Official of the Year**

A nominee for *Law Enforcement Official of the Year* must be employed by a Florida law enforcement agency or a federal law enforcement officer whose work is conducted in one of the three federal districts of Florida and was responsible for investigating a human trafficking case. Nominations must address how the nominee:

- Has made a significant impact on the issues of human trafficking through a criminal investigation;
- Contributes to the quality of investigations through development of best practices related to policies, training, multi-disciplinary involvement or case work; and
- Works with the public to raise awareness regarding human trafficking.

### **Nomination Process**

All nominations must include:

- A letter addressing the award criteria listed above;
- The nominee's resume, which must include the nominee's name, current address, e-mail address and phone number; and,
- Any other supporting documentation of the nominee's achievements in the human trafficking field.

Nominations should not reference survivors' names or any identifying or privileged information.

Submit nominations as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format to: [Nilda.Pedrosa@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:Nilda.Pedrosa@myfloridalegal.com) no later than **Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.**

### **Selection Process**

A selection committee has been formed to review the nominations based on the above criterion, and will select award recipients no later than Monday, September 19, 2016. Recipients will be acknowledged at the Human Trafficking Summit on Monday, October 10, 2016. If recipients are unable to attend the Summit in person, the recipient will still be acknowledged and the award will be mailed. Previous award winners are not eligible for three years following their previous award.

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### **Public Records Advisory**

Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public-records request, do not send electronic mail to this agency. Instead contact the office or individual by phone or in writing. In addition, any information you provide may be saved for a designated period of time to comply with Florida's archiving policies and may be subject to disclosure as required by State or Federal law. Please note that Florida's public records law requires that all information received in connection with state business be made available to anyone upon request, unless the information is subject to a specific statutory exemption.