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Lawyers Club of San Diego's Human Trafficking Task Force Offers Legal Training, "Representing Survivors of Human Trafficking"

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Lawyers Club of San Diego's Human Trafficking Task Force presents "Representing Survivors of Human Trafficking," a training program designed for lawyers interested in providing free representation for victims of human trafficking, Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The program will feature Martina Vandenberg, founder and president of the Human Trafficking Pro Bono Legal Center in Washington D.C.; Kate Mogulescu, supervising attorney, Legal Aid Society and adjunct professor, City College of New York; Susan Munsey, founder and director of Generate Hope; Daphne Delvaux, Gruenberg Law; and Carolina Ramos, director of Casa Cornelia's Human Trafficking Program.

The program will cover issues including:

- Seeking civil remedies against traffickers
- Expunging criminal records and other post-conviction relief for survivors
- Pursuing immigration relief for survivors, and
- Considerations and challenges of the attorney-client relationship with survivors

The training will be offered Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP, 525 B Street, in the ground floor conference room.

"The FBI has listed San Diego as one of 13 cities with the highest child prostitution incidence rates in the nation," said Meghan Spieker, a Lawyers Club member who co-chairs the Human Trafficking Task Force. "This program is the next step in a series of trainings designed to build awareness and empower attorneys in the San Diego community to support trafficking victims and survivors."

The Human Trafficking Task Force is comprised of attorneys, advocates and community leaders from the private, nonprofit, and public sectors and is aimed at engaging and empowering the legal community to take an active role in the fight against human trafficking in San Diego as it directly impacts and restricts the ability for women to achieve independence and advancement. Since its creation in May 2014, the Task Force has grown to 115 members and has trained more than 200 attorneys, judges, and community members on this issue.

Lawyers Club, founded in 1972 with the mission "to advance the status of women in the law and society," has more than 1,300 members comprised of female and male attorneys, judges, elected officials, business owners,

law students and others in the San Diego community who share Lawyers Club's interests and goals. For more information about Lawyers Club and the Human Trafficking Task Force, visit www.lawyersclubsandiego.com.

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