

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Human trafficking is undeniably a danger to Alabama and its communities. Human trafficking cases have been reported throughout the state. As the American Bar Association explained, “[l]awyers and many others might interact with trafficked people every day without knowing it. Because trafficked people do not always understand their rights or trust authorities enough to self-identify, the better we understand what trafficked people may look like, the more trafficked people we will identify and protect.”

The goals of this task force will be as follows:

- 1) Conduct outreach, awareness activities, and provide resources for the public;
- 2) Provide free legal services to human trafficking survivors.

This task force will also help identify potential speakers and presentations for the Alabama State Bar’s meetings and/or webinars.

The task force may divide itself into such working groups as may be necessary to effectively carry out its functions. The chairperson will appoint a chair for any working group. The task force will elect from its membership a secretary who shall be responsible for a written record of its actions. The secretary, or a designee, will keep minutes of all meetings of the task force, and of all working groups thereof. The original of the minutes will be filed with the Alabama State Bar within 14 days after each meeting to be made a part of the task force’s file.

The Alabama State Bar, through its designated staff liaison, will assist the task force in carrying out its purpose.

The task force and its working groups will meet at the call of the chairperson or the working group chair, in person or by conference call as the chairperson and the working group chairs will determine.

Done this 24th day of August, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tazewell".

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