

EVEN IN IOWA: Legal Issues of Human Trafficking and International Abduction

*How Professionals Can
Address These Hidden
But Prevalent Problems*



**February 17, 2011
12:30 to 4:45 pm**

A Continuing Legal Education Seminar sponsored by Iowa Legal Aid's Health and Law Project and Volunteer Lawyers Projects providing services in the State of Iowa at designated Iowa Communications Network classrooms and via teleconference with an optional streaming video of speakers online.*

Locations of Iowa Communications Network sites for this seminar are:

CEDAR FALLS: Cedar Falls Area Education Agency, 3712 Cedar Heights Drive.

CEDAR RAPIDS: Kirkwood Community College, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Room 123 in Jones Hall.

COUNCIL BLUFFS: Educational Services Center Administration, 12 Scott Street. Stop at front desk by main entrance to sign in and get directions to room. Metered parking.

DAVENPORT: Eastern Iowa Community College District, 326 West 3rd Street. Room 300 in Kahl Educational Center. Use main building entrance and follow posted directions. Metered parking.

DES MOINES: Veterans Affairs, Federal Building. 210 Walnut, Room 975. Park in the ramp south of the building and plan to go through federal building security.

DUBUQUE: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 1229 Mount Loretta. Room B111. Enter building at northeast door and follow posted directions to ICN classroom.

IOWA CITY: University of Iowa, at the end of North Madison Street. Room 103 in Jones Hall. Metered parking.

MARSHALLTOWN: Iowa Valley Community College, 3702 South Center Street. Room 527 in Continuing Education.

MASON CITY: North Iowa Area Community College, 500 College Drive. Room CB118.

OTTUMWA: Ottumwa Regional Health Center, 1001 E. Pennsylvania.

SIOUX CITY: Morningside College, 1501 Morningside Avenue.

All registrants will receive via email a link to a pdf file containing seminar materials. Registrants taking part in the seminar via teleconference will receive the toll-free dial-in telephone number prior to the seminar. Streaming video of live presentations but without audio is planned as an optional visual aid for teleconference participants.

Registration Fee: \$25

For secure, online registration, go to:
probono.net/link.cfm?16889

The \$25 registration fee **DOES NOT** include a hard copy of materials. Handouts will be available online from the probono.net/iowa calendar page. Plans also include posting videos of presentations after the seminar for self-study purposes.

For registration information:

- Email Ginny at vmccalmont@iowalaw.org, or
- Call 641/683-5638, extension 1807.

12:15-12:30 PM.....Registration and Sign-in at ICN Sites

12:30-12:35 Introduction to Uncovering the Undercover Crimes of Trafficking & International Abductions in Iowa
presented by Former State Senator Maggie Tinsman, Policy Analyst & Consultant, Davenport IA

Since 2006, Iowa law has criminalized human trafficking, making it a serious felony with social services available to victims regardless of immigration status, and making training available to law enforcement. Senator Tinsman will briefly define human trafficking in Iowa.

12:35-1:35 Criminal Prosecution in Trafficking Cases *by Denise Timmins, Assistant Attorney General; and Robert Larsen, DCI Special Agent*

Denise Timmins successfully prosecuted the first case brought under Iowa's Human Trafficking statute. Denise and Special Agent Larsen of the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation will discuss identifying and prosecuting human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

1:35-2:35..... Civil Law Issues in Hague Convention International Abduction Cases *by Legal Assistance Coordinator Patricia Hoff, U.S. Department of State/U.S. Central Authority for the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction*

Learn and discuss the civil aspects of international child abduction and how to effectively work with the U.S. State Department.

2:35-2:45..... Break

Busy professionals in Iowa need to be able to identify human trafficking victims and deal with the ethical conundrums faced in human trafficking and international abduction cases. Basic information on the issues and real life examples of dilemmas faced by these experienced attorneys will be discussed.

2:45-3:45..... Panel Discussion: Ethical Dilemmas in Trafficking & Special Issues in International Abduction Cases
Moderated by Kathryn Salazar with Attorneys at Law Tré Critelli & Patricia Hoff

What can we do about this situation in our communities, schools, colleges and universities? How can our civilized society stamp out these persistent problems which deprive people of basic human rights and freedoms?

3:45-4:45..... Panel Discussion: Civil and Criminal Law in Trafficking Cases *Moderated by Maggie Tinsman with Denise Timmins, Robert Larsen and Chris Espersen, Quality Director with Primary Health Care in Des Moines*

How to identify and recognize human trafficking and what to do when you have such a case.

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