

# CLEARING ARRESTS, CRIMINAL CHARGES & CONVICTIONS FROM YOUR RECORD

## Delaware Law for Survivors of Human Trafficking

### HOW IT WORKS

A new Delaware law may be able to help clear your criminal record. The law applies to convictions in the State of Delaware, if they occurred because you were the victim of trafficking and if at least two years have passed since your last conviction. The law does not limit the amount of arrests or convictions that can be cleared.

**Prostitution, loitering, and obscenity convictions** in connection with your trafficking victimization can be **vacated, or cleared**, from your record.



### AM I ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible if your conviction occurred because you were trafficked. Trafficking means either "sexual servitude" and "forced labor."

(1) "Sexual servitude" means you were under age 18 and engaged in prostitution, **or** someone compelled you into prostitution by means including:

- Hurting or threatening to hurt you or your loved ones;
- Not letting you leave or go places alone;
- Controlling your money or documents such as your passport;
- Forcing you to work off a debt.

(2) "Forced Labor" means you were coerced into doing work, including non-traditional forms of work, by any of the means outlined above. For example: your employer threatens to have you deported if you quit your job.

### WHO TO CONTACT/ HOW TO GET HELP

Free Legal help is available **Meet and talk confidentially with CLASI to see if we can help you apply to vacate, expunge or obtain a pardon for your trafficking-related or other convictions, charges, or arrests.**

For more information, contact Kelly Head at Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. [khead@declasi.org](mailto:khead@declasi.org), (302) 575-0693

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