

# CLEARING PROSTITUTION CHARGES FROM YOUR RECORD

## Wisconsin Law for Survivors of Sex Trafficking

### HOW IT WORKS

Your criminal record can be a barrier to getting a job, housing, and legal immigration status, and it can also impact family law issues.

However, there is a Wisconsin law that may allow you to get certain convictions off your record permanently.

The law applies to **prostitution** convictions from anywhere in the state of Wisconsin, no matter how long ago they occurred. Other charges may also be cleared, depending on the specific circumstances.

Once a conviction is vacated, it will not appear in any public record and you can lawfully represent that you have not been convicted of the offense.

### AM I ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible for this remedy if you were trafficked at the time of your arrest. Being trafficked means you engaged in prostitution when you were younger than 18 OR someone made you engage in prostitution through:

- Threats
- Physical force
- Controlling access to an addictive controlled substance
- Lies or false promises
- The withholding of personal information or documents

### WHO TO CONTACT

If you were a victim of trafficking, and were ever arrested as a result, please contact us to see if you are eligible to vacate your conviction under Wisconsin law, at **(414) 885-1469** or [Yolanda@Lotuslegalclinic.org](mailto:Yolanda@Lotuslegalclinic.org).

