

The HUMAN TRAFFICKING INSTITUTE

Empowering justice systems to decimate modern slavery at its source

FOUNDING DIRECTOR

JOHN RICHMOND is a Founding Director of the Human Trafficking Institute. For more than a decade, he was a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Department of Justice and a founding member of the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit. He has investigated and prosecuted numerous victim centered labor and sex trafficking cases throughout the United States. He worked to train new federal prosecutors and assisted in the management of the Criminal Section. Mr. Richmond also prosecuted cross burnings, police misconduct, and neo-Nazi hate crimes cases.



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Mr. Richmond's work to combat human trafficking has earned numerous honors, including: being named one of the "Prosecutors of the Year" by the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, receiving the David Allred Award for Exceptional Contributions to Civil Rights, twice earning the Department of Homeland Security's Outstanding Investigative Accomplishments in a Human Trafficking Award, receiving Shared Hope International's Pathbreaker Award for Innovations in Combating Human Trafficking, as well as twice receiving the Department of Justice's Special Commendation Award.

Mr. Richmond frequently serves as an expert on human trafficking, for the United Nation's Working Group on Trafficking in Persons and at the European Union's multilateral meetings on human trafficking. He has trained judges, prosecutors, federal agents, law enforcement officers, non-governmental organizations, and international delegations on human trafficking investigative and prosecutorial strategies.

Mr. Richmond has taught Human Trafficking Law, Policy, and Litigation at Vanderbilt School of Law and he is a regular contributor to the Storyline blog. Prior to forming the Human Trafficking Institute and joining the Department of Justice, Mr. Richmond worked on human trafficking crimes as the Director of the International Justice Mission's slavery work in India, where he built and led a professional team that worked with local authorities to rescued more than 1,400 human trafficking victims forced to work as slaves in South India. He also developed a replicable investigative model for victim rescue in accordance with Indian law.

Mr. Richmond is a graduate of the University of Mary Washington and Wake Forest University School of Law, where he was Captain of the National Trial Team and a member of the Moot Court Board. He and his family live in Vienna, Virginia.

More than two decades of experience stopping human traffickers