

# The HUMAN TRAFFICKING INSTITUTE

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## SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL

Lindsey N. Roberson is Senior Legal Counsel for the Human Trafficking Institute. She is an experienced state and federal prosecutor, who most recently served as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit. The HTPU is a component of the Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section, and is responsible for investigating, prosecuting, and providing guidance to enforcement partners on cases involving domestic and international human trafficking offenses. During her time at HTPU, Lindsey worked closely with other federal prosecutors and investigators to secure convictions in novel and complex trafficking cases, and also provided innovative training across the country on best practices for achieving success in human trafficking cases following a victim-centered model of prosecution.



**LINDSEY ROBERSON**

Lindsey began her legal career as a law clerk for the Honorable James C. Fox in the Eastern District of North Carolina following her graduation from the University of North Carolina School of Law. Prior to her current role with the Department of Justice, Lindsey served as a prosecutor for the state of North Carolina, and spent several years litigating in the private sector in New York and North Carolina. As an assistant district attorney in North Carolina, Lindsey focused on special victim cases, including human trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, and other crimes against women, children, and other vulnerable populations. During her time as a state prosecutor, Lindsey drafted the Safe Harbor Act for Victims of Sex Trafficking, which became effective in 2013. The Safe Harbor Act drastically changed North Carolina's approach to sex trafficking and prostitution by imposing harsher penalties on facilitators and buyers, and increasing safeguards for the successful identification of victims. Lindsey prosecuted the first conviction under the new law in September 2014, and in January 2015, the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission presented Lindsey the Prosecution Award for her work on legislation and prosecution of human trafficking cases.

As an attorney in the private sector, Lindsey represented survivors of human trafficking on a pro bono basis; petitioning for immigration relief, seeking post-conviction remedies, and providing criminal defense. She also has traveled internationally to work with survivors and populations vulnerable to trafficking, including assisting with humanitarian aid projects in Ethiopia and Costa Rica. In addition to providing frequent human trafficking trainings to law enforcement and service providers, Lindsey serves as an Adjunct Professor at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where she teaches courses on human trafficking and has lectured on criminal law.