



## **KEJAI P. MCNEAL**

*Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellow*

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Kejai P. McNeal is an Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellow with the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services. In her role as attorney, McNeal provides comprehensive direct legal representation to human trafficking survivors using a wraparound service model to ensure that her clients' legal and social needs are met.

In addition to providing legal representation, McNeal sits on various subcommittees, task forces, and coalitions to collaborate with other service providers within the human trafficking community. McNeal also participates in community outreach where she informs community members of the services available to human trafficking survivors as well as conducts trainings for community partners, informing them on human trafficking and equipping them with the skills they need to recognize labor and sex trafficking to best serve their clients and communities.

McNeal has dedicated her legal training and career to public service. Prior to joining Legal Aid Society, McNeal served as a law clerk for the Honorable E. Kenneth Wright, Jr., Presiding Judge of Cook County First Municipal District. She formerly worked with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services during law school as a PILI intern and post law school as a Loyola University School of Law Public Interest Fellow serving as a guardian ad litem to minors in guardianship matters and providing direct legal representation to petitioners in adult guardianship matters, petitioners in divorce, and petitioners in adoption. During law school, McNeal also worked with the Office of the Cook County Public Guardian's Child Protection Division, Loyola University Community Law Clinic, and Just the Beginning - A Pipeline Organization.

McNeal is a member of Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, PILI Alumni Network, and PILI Alumni Network Leadership Council. McNeal earned her Juris Doctor from Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She also holds a Master of Social Work from Loyola University Chicago, and a Bachelor's in Communication from DePaul University.