

JUSTICE PROJECT AGAINST SEXUAL HARM

SAMPLE CASES

JusticePASH utilizes Illinois' Civil Laws to assist clients in a variety of different venues. We represent victims of sexual harm in lawsuits against individual perpetrators, institutional offenders, and employers that who are liable or complicit in the offender's behavior.

Until now in her private practice, Kaethe Morris Hoffer, JusticePASH's executive director and lead attorney has represented numerous survivors who were sexually assaulted within the context of their employment, resolving a number of cases through successful mediations at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She has brought multiple lawsuits using the Illinois Gender Violence Act against individual perpetrators of sexual assault in Illinois State Court, on behalf of individual survivors. Outcomes include one \$2.4 million dollar judgment against a man whose rape was prosecuted as "misdemeanor battery" by the Cook County State's Attorney's office.

Other cases have been successfully settled by the law offices of Kaethe Morris Hoffer P.C. and establish precedent that increases options for clients of JusticePASH:

- Represented a University student in litigation to obtain a civil no contact order against the man who raped her on their second date. The litigation took place over three days, and involved testimony from the victim, the friend to whom she first disclosed the rape, and a police officer who interviewed the victim. The perpetrator testified on his own behalf, as did three of his friends. The judge ruled against the perpetrator, finding that the victim had proved her rape by a preponderance of the evidence.
- Helped represent a 12 year old girl and her parents in their effort to obtain a Civil No Contact Order against a middle school teacher who molested her.
- Represented a 15 year old who was raped by two men--one adult and one juvenile. Advocated with the state's attorneys office to ensure that the perpetrators were appropriately investigated and charged, and to help protect the victim from being put through unnecessary and abusive interrogation.
- Helped obtain a settlement from the hospital on behalf of an elderly woman who was molested while receiving services.

JusticePASH also assists persons who have been or who are subjected to the sex trade to seek civil damages and remedies from individuals and entities that recruited, harmed, profited from, or maintained them in the sex trade. Venues where such harm may have occurred in street level prostitution activity, trading sex in massage parlors, escort services, strip clubs and other venues and in the making of pornography.