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KAREN BARTH MENZIES

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Karen Barth Menzies is a partner with Justice Law Collaborative. With nearly three decades of legal experience behind her, Barth Menzies founded her own firm, KBM Law, through which she represented survivors of sexual abuse and harassment and challenged the industries that shelter and enable predators. She also has years of experience in mass tort law, focusing specifically on women's health issues and drugs that cause harm to women and children.

Barth Menzies has been appointed by Courts across the country to serve in leadership positions in some of the largest pharmaceutical and device mass tort cases. These include the Taxotere Hair Loss Litigation (federal court in New Orleans), the Zolofit Birth Defect Litigation (federal and California state courts), Transvaginal Mesh Litigation (federal and California state courts), Fosamax Femur Fracture Litigation (California state court), Lexapro/Celexa Birth Defect

Litigation (Missouri state court); and Paxil Birth Defect Litigation (federal and Pennsylvania state courts) the Paxil Withdrawal Litigation (California federal court) and Paxil Suicide Litigation (federal and state courts around the country).

She firmly believes in advocating for workplace and drug safety and for the victims who fall prey to for-profit-driven corporations. Barth Menzies has testified before FDA advisory boards as well as the California State Legislature on drug safety concerns and regarding pharmaceutical manufacturers' misconduct. Her ongoing legal and advocacy work supported the passing of the California Sexual Abuse and Cover Up Accountability Act (AB 2777) in 2022.



KELLY A. GUAGENCY
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Kelly Guagency is a compassionate and relentless advocate for survivors of institutional abuse, coercive control, and systemic harm in complex civil cases. Her practice is focused on exposing and holding accountable residential treatment programs, boarding schools, therapeutic institutions, and other organizations operating in closed or high-control environments – settings where abuse is often concealed and power is tightly controlled.

Kelly represents hundreds of survivors across the country in both individual and multi-plaintiff cases. Her work involves claims of sexual abuse, grooming, psychological abuse, forced labor, physical abuse, neglect, and medical mistreatment – often in programs that rely on isolation, control, and manipulation under the guise of care or treatment.

A large part of Kelly's current practice centers on the troubled teen industry and other high-control environments, particularly in cases involving coercive control, behavior modification programs, youth transport services, and facilities that separate children from their families while restricting communication and autonomy. Her work often involves uncovering internal policies and practices through discovery, working with former staff and whistleblowers, and connecting the experiences of different survivors.



LIZ STEVENSON
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Liz Stevenson is currently a social worker and paralegal with Justice Law Collaborative in Massachusetts. Liz has dedicated her career to being the voice for those who need it most. Starting with an associate degree in Early Education, Liz then went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science specializing in Human Services and became a social worker in the State of Massachusetts where she excelled within the child protection division. She fought tirelessly for families to stay together and to receive all the necessary support to reach that goal. She has been a strong advocate and mentor in the juvenile, probate and criminal court system for those who seek to change their lives for the better. She has particular expertise with young children, adolescents, and adults who are survivors of sexual abuse/assault, gender harassment, sex trafficking and domestic violence.

She understands the impact of trauma that contributes and often times exacerbates mental health disorders that in turn can lead to addiction, criminal activity and incarcerations.

In her role at JLC, she is instrumental with the firm's representation of thousands of trauma survivors. She devotes much of her time to survivors of sexual and physical assault within boarding schools, cults, the troubled teen industry, human trafficking and many other institutions where those most vulnerable are targeted. She helps them process their trauma, find local resources and begins them on a journey of healing and holding perpetrators accountable.

Questions?



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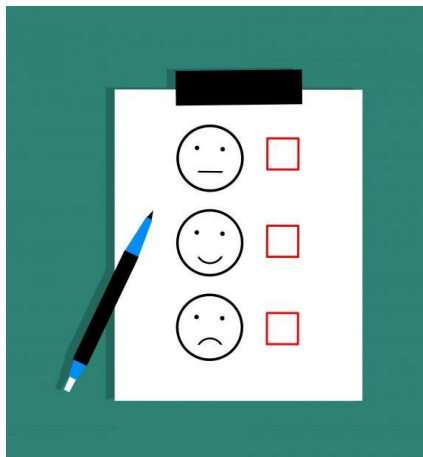


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