# Shea Rhodes, JD

Director, Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation | Charles Widger School of Law at Villanova University

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Shea Rhodes' expertise involves supporting survivors of human trafficking by fighting for prosecution of the purchaser of sex.

## **Biography**

Shea M. Rhodes, Esq., Director and Co-Founder of the CSE Institute, has been working with survivors of sexual violence, commercial sexual exploitation, prostitution and human trafficking for over twenty years. Ms. Rhodes is a member of several anti-trafficking initiatives, locally and internationally. She served as an Assistant District Attorney for the City of Philadelphia from 2003-2012, during which she co-created a nationally recognized prostitution criminal diversion program, the Project Dawn Court.

## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Education/Learning

## **Areas of Expertise**

Human Trafficking, Prostitution, Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Criminal Law

#### **Affiliations**

World Without Exploitation - Steering Committee Member, Shared Hope International JuST Council - Member, Dawn's Place - Board of Directors, Project Dawn Court - Oversight Committee Member, C.H.E.E.R.S. Program - Human Trafficking Youth Workshop Instructor

#### **Education**

Villanova Law School JD

University of Kansas BA

# **Select Accomplishments**

2017 Freedom Fighter Award
The Valley Against Sex Trafficking

2015 Volunteer Award
Philadelphia Coalition for Victim Advocacy

**2014 Pro Bono Publico Award** First Judicial District

**2013 Unsung Heroine Award** Women's Way

**2008 Crime Prevention Award**Center City District of Philadelphia

2003 Distinguished Advocate Award Recipient Support Center for Child Advocates

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