



## **Lisae C Jordan**

Lisae C. Jordan currently serves as Executive Director & Counsel for the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA). MCASA works to end sexual violence across the lifespan by advocating for survivors and the programs and professionals who help survivors. This includes work for survivors of child sexual abuse, older adult abuse, sex trafficking, sexual exploitation, intimate partner SA, and non-intimate partner SA. MCASA is the federally recognized state sexual assault coalition and provides training, expert advice, certification of rape crisis programs, and public policy advocacy throughout the state of Maryland.

Ms. Jordan is also the founder and director of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault's Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a nationally recognized project providing legal services to survivors of sexual assault, and legal training and technical assistance for professionals working with survivors. Other MCASA programs Ms. Jordan helped establish to provide direct services to survivors including the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) (in partnership with the Attorney General's Office and Maryland State Police), and Office Hours and Representation for Survivors in Educational Settings.

Ms. Jordan has helped create and pass many statutes to help prevent violence against women and children and bring abusers to justice. Successful legislative advocacy efforts include legislation mandating funding for sexual assault programs, bills defining consent in rape law, establishing child abuse and domestic violence as grounds for divorce, legislation permitting rape survivors to petition to terminate the rapist's parental rights when her child was conceived through rape, repealing marriage as a defense to sex crimes, major reforms of Maryland's workplace harassment laws, laws mandating lawyers in college sexual assault proceedings, and legislation requiring that rape survivors have access to medicine to prevent HIV infection.

Her recognitions include the Maryland Legal Services Cardin Award, the Women's Law Center Dorothy Beatty Award, the Maryland Children's Alliance Justice for Children Award, MCASA's Visionary Award, and being named an Influential Marylander by the Daily Record. Ms. Jordan graduated with honors from Harvard Law School and was a law clerk for the Honorable André M. Davis.