

Bio of Jean Bruggeman, Esq.

Jean Bruggeman is the Executive Director of Freedom Network USA (FNUSA), the nation's largest alliance of survivors, social and legal service providers, academics, and advocates working to transform the human trafficking movement in the US. FNUSA mobilizes its collective strength to build a transformative approach to human trafficking that is grounded in anti-racism and anti-oppression through field-building, training and technical assistance, and policy work. Jean served as a Human Trafficking Fellow with the Office for Victims of Crime within the US Department of Justice from 2012-2015. She provided leadership in the development of the Federal Strategic Action Plan for Services to Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States, the first OVC Human Trafficking Survivor Forum, and the OVC video series, "The Faces of Human Trafficking." Jean has over 25 years of victim services experience and expertise in nonprofit management, language access, immigration, human trafficking and domestic violence. She has developed comprehensive legal and social services programs for survivors, provided direct legal representation to survivors, authored training resources, and developed an interpreter service to ensure access to legal services in the District of Columbia. She is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center and Bryn Mawr College, and is a member of the DC and Maryland (inactive) bar associations.