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DA Murray accompanies N.C. Chief Justice to national summit on human trafficking

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray is joining a delegation from North Carolina this week to attend a national conference aimed at combating human trafficking.

DA Murray will accompany N.C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Martin and Judge Marion Warren, interim director of the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts, to New York City for the [National Summit on Human Trafficking and the State Courts](#), which will be held October 7-9, 2015.

Each state participating in the summit will send representatives of the state's court system. DA Murray joined the North Carolina delegation at the request of Chief Justice Martin.

Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery in which people profit from the control and exploitation of victims. [North Carolina law](#) says a person commits human trafficking when he recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides or obtains a person with the intent that the person be held in involuntary servitude or sexual servitude.

"I'm proud to stand alongside North Carolina judicial officials as we engage in the national conversation about targeting those who commit human trafficking crimes and preventing vulnerable people from being victimized," says DA Murray. "I look forward to seeking out innovative measures to keep Mecklenburg County at the forefront of identifying and addressing human trafficking."

At the summit, experts will explore ways in which judicial officials can work with community partners to address human trafficking and showcase models that have been used across the United States.

The summit is hosted by Jonathan Lippman, Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, and is sponsored by and planned in partnership with the State Justice Institute, the Conference of Chief Justices, the Conference of State Court Administrators, the National Center for State Courts and the New York State Bar Association.



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