Laura Cook
Program Manager

Laura Cook is a Program Manager with National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) responsible for coordinating work on multiple privately and federally funded projects that involve training and technical assistance in the areas of human trafficking, financial exploitation, and abuse of older adults. In this role, she primarily conducts research, consults with subject matter experts, assists with curriculum development, and presents training seminars.

Laura has conducted many live trainings, conference workshops, and webinars on various aspects of financial fraud, exploitation, and trauma-informed responses. She oversees a project that trains law enforcement on victim-centered responses to transnational elder fraud. She also manages NW3C's TraffickSTOP (Signs to Observe and Prevent), an extracurricular program that brings law enforcement, victim service providers, students, and faculty together to teach students about identifying and preventing human trafficking. In addition, Laura facilitates NW3C's Targeting Investment Fraud course.

Before joining NW3C, Laura served as the Director of Training & Technical Assistance at the National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC). In that capacity, she worked on the Multidisciplinary Responses to Families and Communities in Complex Homicide Cases project, increasing collaborative efforts when responding to homicide cases by bringing subject matter experts together to train victim advocates, law enforcement, and others working with victims of homicide. She also worked on NCVC's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), integrating victims' needs and experiences into the larger program goal of violent crime reduction by providing trauma-informed and victim-centered training and technical assistance to PSN task forces. In addition, Laura conducted training seminars on financial fraud in partnership with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation, and coordinated multiple webinars on identity theft, mass marketing fraud, investment and securities fraud, mortgage and lending fraud, and elder financial exploitation.

Laura began her career as a staff attorney with the National Crime Victim Bar Association, another NCVC program. In that role, she operated the Attorney Referral Service, providing advocacy and collecting information from crime victims, and referring them to attorneys nationwide with experience representing victims in civil litigation. She organized the development of the attorney referral service database and applied to accredit the service throughout the U.S. Laura also managed the NCVBA's legal externship program, providing guidance and oversight to many legal interns.

Laura has a Juris Doctor degree from Temple University's Beasley School of Law and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh.

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