



Heidi J. Bassett Addresses Human Trafficking Liability in Hotel Executive

Spencer Fane attorney [Heidi J. Bassett](#) wrote the article [Civil Liability for Human Trafficking: What the Hospitality Industry Needs to Know](#), recently published by the *Hotel Executive*.

In Heidi's article, originally a [blog post](#), she examines the growing wave of civil human trafficking lawsuits against hospitality companies under the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) and the significant legal, financial, and reputational risks these claims create. She explains why hotels, resorts, franchisors, and operators must strengthen training, reporting protocols, documentation practices, and risk management strategies to address allegations of failing to identify or respond to trafficking indicators. The article emphasizes that proactive prevention efforts and coordinated legal, operational, and communications strategies are critical as trafficking litigation continues to expand.

"Human trafficking litigation is no longer a peripheral concern for hotels and resorts – it is a core risk issue that demands enterprise-level attention. In this quickly developing environment, preparedness and strategic foresight are essential," Heidi wrote.

At the firm, Heidi is a powerful litigator and unwavering advocate for clients at all stages of complex business and real estate disputes. She has provided representation in more than 200 appeals within an impressive track record of successful courtroom outcomes, also serving as a dedicated advisor to clients in day-to-day operations and long-term strategizing.

Read Heidi's full article [here](#). Please note, a subscription may be required.