

TAMAKI LAW

NEWSLETTER

CLIENT SUCCESS

»»» PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO SPEAK

Tamaki Law attorney Elliot Ergeson was part of a legal team that helped secure a significant appellate decision in Washington, strengthening protections for survivors of sexual violence who choose to speak about their experiences.

Elliot represented the client on a pro bono basis alongside co-counsel from Davis Wright Tremaine. The case arose after a former pastor filed a defamation lawsuit against a woman who publicly shared her experience of sexual assault. The lawsuit sought to silence her voice.

In a published opinion, the Washington Court of Appeals dismissed the defamation claims, finding that the survivor's statements were protected under the law. The court also ordered that she be reimbursed for her legal fees.

This decision reinforces important legal protections for individuals speaking on matters of public concern and helps prevent the use of litigation as a tool to intimidate or silence survivors.

For our client, the outcome represents more than a legal victory. It affirms her right to speak openly about her experience.

We are proud of Elliot's work on this case and proud to stand alongside survivors who choose to come forward. Decisions like this help ensure that others can share their experiences without fear of retaliation.



COMMUNITY FOCUS

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Tamaki Law's Tri-Cities team recently spent time volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul, helping prepare essential supplies for families in need. During the visit, the group focused on packing diapers for distribution through the organization's community boutique.

In less than two hours, the Tamaki Law team packed an incredible number of diapers, completing what St. Vincent staff shared was about a month's worth of work. The effort helped ensure families visiting the boutique will have access to one of the most needed and often expensive household essentials.

The facility provides clothing, diapers, and other basic necessities to families in need. It also distributes thousands of boxes of food each week to the community, helping ensure local families have access to essential support during difficult times. Even a short volunteer shift made a meaningful difference.

Tamaki Law is grateful to St. Vincent de Paul for the opportunity to contribute and for the work they continue to do serving families throughout the Tri-Cities.



»»» OUR CORE VALUES

Accountability

- ✓ We live by our passion for justice and responsibility.

Advocacy

- ✓ We fight for what's right.

Compassion

- ✓ We serve with honor and gratitude.

Diversity

- ✓ We embrace and embody our community.

Excellence

- ✓ We commit to being the best at what we do.

»»» OFFICE CLOSURES



»»» REVIEWS



A.R.

Just want to thank the Tamaki team for the great job they did! Very professional and had a great positive experience working with them. Would definitely recommend!



B.L.

They always treated us with kindness and respect, and we appreciate their willingness to take us on as clients and help us navigate this difficult situation.

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