

# In the News

## Landmark Human Trafficking Victory by Bet Tzedek, O'Melveny Noted in Report on Modern Slavery



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*Jewish Journal's* May 15, 2013, cover story "Modern slavery: Answering the cry," co-authored by Elissa Barrett and Kevin Kish of Bet Tzedek Legal Services, references a groundbreaking victory for a victim of human trafficking achieved by Bet Tzedek and lawyers from O'Melveny & Myers LLP. In 2009, Bet Tzedek, with pro bono co-counsel at O'Melveny, brought a civil lawsuit against a wealthy couple in La Cañada who brought a woman to the United States from Indonesia to work as a domestic servant. The suit resulted in what is believed to be the first successful civil jury verdict under the California Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2005. The authors describe several other victims who never would have escaped without help, and list several ways that concerned citizens can help combat modern slavery. For more information, see their [article](#).