



Jamey Caruthers, JD Director, Demand Reduction & Policy

James "Jamey" Caruthers is the Director, Demand Reduction and Policy at Street Grace. A passionate and committed advocate and self-confessed policy nerd, Caruthers ensures that Street Grace's mission of preventing trafficking, protecting the vulnerable, and pursuing and bringing both traffickers and buyers to justice is represented and reflected in federal, state, and local laws.

Caruthers' work centers around listening to the needs of partners, service providers, government agencies and stakeholders; careful planning and analysis of the mechanics and ramifications of change, creative thinking, education and outreach, followed by relationship-

driven strategic advocacy that delivers results. Prior to joining Street Grace, Caruthers served for seven years as Senior Staff Attorney at Children at Risk, a Texas-based nonprofit. In that role, Caruthers' led a Texas-wide program to reduce the demand for commercial sex and deter buyers, drafted and helped pass nearly twenty pieces of state anti-human trafficking legislation, worked with numerous cities and towns to improve local ordinances, and created a *pro bono* nuisance and abatement program that led to the closure of nearly 100 illicit massage businesses in Harris County, Texas. Caruthers started his legal career working for political action committees and he has considerable civil and corporate litigation experience as well.

Caruthers has coauthored and presented a variety of continuing legal education course on trafficking and related issues, which he has delivered to national law firms as well as state and national NGOs and associations. He has co-authored many publications on the issue of trafficking, including articles in peer-reviewed journals. Caruthers has also consulted on anti-trafficking legislation in numerous states and on federal legislation.

Caruthers is a proud graduate of the University of Houston (BA) and the University of Houston Law Center (JD). He, his wife Lisa, and two children live in Sugar Land, Texas. Caruthers sits on the boards of several nonprofits and is a longtime member of his church's parish council. His middle-grade novel *Snardler* was released in 2019 by Intense Publications.

About Street Grace:

Street Grace is a faith-based organization that utilizes evidence-based demand reduction strategies to eradicate the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) through **prevention**, **protection**, **policy**, **and pursuit**.

CSEC is any sexual activity involving a minor for which something of value is given or promised.