

Immigrants and the Family Court: Policies, Practice and Systemic Change

AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. **Coffee and Registration | Atrium**
- 9 a.m. **Welcome | Room 206**
Eric Lane, Interim Dean and Eric J. Schmertz Distinguished
Professor of Public Law and Public Service
Theo Liebmann, Clinical Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Programs
- 9:10 a.m. **Keynote Speaker | Room 206**
Judge Edwina G. Richardson-Mendelson, Administrative Judge - NYC Family Court
- 9:30 a.m. **Workshop A: Basic Immigration Law for
Family Law Practitioners | Room 206**
- **Introduction to Immigration Law**
Mario Russell, Senior Attorney, Catholic Charities, Immigration Legal Service
 - **SIJS and U-Visas**
Maureen Schad, The Door – A Center for Alternatives, Inc
- Workshop B: Improving How Family Courts Serve Immigrant Youth
and Families | Room 243**
- **Moderator**
Veronica Thronson, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law & Director of the
Immigration Law Clinic, Michigan State University College of Law
 - **Working Outside the Courtroom to Effectuate Change**
Bernard Perlmutter, Professor of Clinical Legal Education,
University of Miami School of Law
 - **Improving Services Available to Immigrant
Youth through the Family Courts**
Helen Pundurs, Legal Services Director, The Door
 - **The Role of Child Protection Agencies in Working
with Immigrant Youth**
Jennifer Baum, Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Education,
St. John's University School of Law
- 11 a.m. **Workshop C: Collateral Immigration Consequences of Family Court
Proceedings | Room 206**
- **Collateral Consequences to Juvenile Delinquency Findings**
Elizabeth Frankel, Associate Director, The Young Center for Immigrant
Children's Rights at the University of Chicago
 - **Collateral Consequences to Family Offense and Other Proceedings**
Dan Smulian, Associate Professor of Clinical Law, Brooklyn Law School
- Noon **Lunch | Atrium**
- 12:45 p.m. **Research Panel A: How Undocumented Status Affects
Children and Families | Room 242**
- **The Intersection of Immigration Enforcement
and the Child Welfare System**
Seth Freed Wessler, Investigative Reporter, Colorlines.com

- **The Failure to Protect Rule and its Consequences for Undocumented Parents and Their Children**
Sarah Rogerson, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law; Director, Family Violence Litigation Clinic, Albany Law School
- **The Impact of Unauthorized Status on Children’s Well-Being**
Jorge Chavez, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology,
Bowling Green State University

Research Panel B: The Future of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status | Room 243

- **Uniform Treatment of Immigrant Children**
Elissa Steglich, Managing Attorney, American Friends Service Committee’s Immigrant Rights Program
- **Legal and Practical Barriers to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for Federally Detained Minors**
Alison Kamhi, Clinical Teaching Fellow, Stanford Law School
- **A Cross-Jurisdictional View of SIJ Cases**
Randi Mandelbaum, Clinical Professor of Law, Director of the Child Advocacy Clinic, and Annamay Sheppard Scholar, Rutgers School of Law–Newark

2:15 p.m.

Closing Panel: Examining the Experiences of Undocumented Immigrants in U.S. Family Courts | Room 206

- David Thronson, Professor of Law, Michigan State University College of Law
- Howard Davidson, Director, ABA Center on Children and the Law at American Bar Association
- Lauren Burke, Staff Attorney, New York Asian Women’s Center

3:15 p.m.

Conference Wrap-up | Room 206

- Lauris Wren, Clinical Professor of Law and Director for the LGBT Fellowship

Cocktail Hour and Organizational Fair | Atrium