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