



Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Workshop

FACT PATTERN

Ana was born on April 5, 2004 in Guatemala. Her parents made her stop school at age 12 to work to help support them and her younger siblings. Ana liked school and did not want to quit, but her father, Fernando, frequently beat her mother, Celia, and occasionally beat Ana. She was afraid to disobey. Ana was sent on a bus from her village to Guatemala City to work for a woman named Beatrice. She worked as live-in help. Ana's work consisted of taking care of the children, cleaning their home, doing laundry and helping with cooking. She was told that she earned the equivalent of \$50 per month and that this money was sent to her parents.

Last year, Celia came and took Ana away from her employer after Celia had suffered a particularly harsh beating by Fernando. They came to the United States and moved in with Celia's brother, who is a lawful permanent resident married to a US citizen with two US citizen children. They just learned that Fernando has arrived in the United States, supposedly looking for them.

Last week Ana was in a store with several friends from school and the entire group was arrested for shoplifting.

You will be assigned to consider one of the following types of proceedings:

- Child Custody/Divorce
- Abuse and Neglect/Dependency
- Guardianship
- Delinquency
- Adoption
- Order of Protection

Discussion: Could you make SIJS findings for Ana based on these facts in the type of proceeding to which you have been assigned? Why or why not?

What other information would you want to know?

How would your analysis change if Celia had sent Ana to the United States alone instead of traveling with her?

