



Immigrant Survivors and Their Children: Assisting Survivors With Immigration Case Filings and Addressing Issues That Arise in Family Court Cases – Part II

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Hosted by: Legal Aid of West Virginia & the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

This half-day virtual training will provide an opportunity for attorneys working with immigrant victims to learn best practices for addressing issues that arise in family court cases involving immigrant domestic and sexual violence survivors and their children. Webinar attendees will learn how to identify and develop litigation strategies to anticipate immigration related offender dynamics and counter perpetrator's efforts to use immigration related issues to gain advantage in custody, protection order, and other family court cases. Topics to be covered include:

- Demystifying the lawyer's role and the steps needed to file Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and U visa cases for immigrant survivors;
- Key issues that arise for immigrant victims in custody, divorce, and child support cases;
- Effective civil protection order remedies and enforcement in cases of immigrant survivors;
- Economic support for abused immigrant spouses through affidavit of support enforcement;
- VAWA confidentiality's protections against deportation and discovery; and
- Obtaining U visa certifications and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status findings from family court judges.

Attendees receive access to toolkits, tools, and resources on immigrant crime victims' legal rights and to NIWAP's web library, online webinars, and will learn about NIWAP's technical assistance on individual cases of immigrant survivors that attorneys encounter in their work.

By the end of this training participants will be able to:

- Implement family court litigation strategies that inform judges about the immigration related abuse and immigration remedies that protect victims;
- Counter perpetrators' attempts to use victim's immigration status to gain advantage in family court cases;
- Obtain economic relief for immigrant survivors through Affidavit of Support enforcement and spousal and child support awards
- Prevent discovery of VAWA confidentiality protected immigration case file information; and
- Obtain U visa certifications and SIJS findings from family court judges.

Date: December 8, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Audience: Attorneys representing victims

Faculty:

- Leslye E. Orloff, Adjunct Professor and Director,
- Rocio Molina, Deputy Director,
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