

List of Webinars for Judges

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Immigration Relief

- **“The Judge's Role in Utilizing U Visa Certifications and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status”** (November 30, 2018) National Judicial College Webinar sponsored by the State Justice Institute
 - This webinar this webcast discusses tools provided in the federal statutes that create an explicit role for state court judges to protect immigrant crime victims, immigrant children, and unaccompanied minors.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found here:
<https://judges.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/220/TheJudgeRoleinUtilizingUVisaCertificationsandSpecialImmigrantJuvenileStatus>
- **“An Overview of U.S. Immigration Law”** (March 9, 2018)
 - This webinar provides state court judges with the basics of the U.S. Immigration Law system including the institutions, agencies, and processes that are important to know. It also discusses the terminology as well as pathways and barriers to obtaining lawful status.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found here:
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/march-9-2018-an-overview-of-immigration-law/>
- **“Expert Advice for Judges: How to Handle U Visa Certification and T Visa Endorsement Requests”** (December 1, 2014) was presented in partnership with the State Justice Institute (SJI), The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
 - This webinar discusses an overview of the law and policies regarding U Visa certifications by judges. It discusses why U Visa certification was included in the statute as a viable option and teaches best practices for state and federal judges signing U Visa certifications.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found here:
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/december-1-2014-expert-advice-for-judges-webinar/>

- **“Protection of Immigration Crime Victims”** (April 28, 2017) was presented in partnership with the D.C. Superior Court
 - Live training and webcast was presented for D.C. Superior Court judges, court staff, and the Bar. Topics covered included recognizing the criteria that indicates a party qualifies for protection from deportation as a crime victim and grants legal immigration status. The training and webcast also discuss the role Congress envisioned judges to play when they signed U-Visa certifications and assists judges to make appropriate findings in state court cases that are needed and/or helpful to an immigrant crime victim’s immigration case.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found here: <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/april-28-2017-d-c-superior-court-quarterly-training/>
- **“Obtaining U Visa Certification from Judges in Protection Order, Family, Criminal, and Other State Court Proceedings”** (February 20, 2014) was presented in partnership with the State Justice Institute (SJI), the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)
 - The purpose of this webinar is to understand when judges can sign U visas and how to approach judges for certification in family, civil, and criminal court cases. The webinar also teaches attendees how to identify reasons why courts may not be signing U visa certifications, as well as explaining how to anticipate and overcome challenges.

The webinar and supporting materials can be found here: <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/webinar-u-visa-certification-by-state-court-judges/>

Language Access

- **“ABC’s of Language Access Advocacy,”** (November 23, 2015) presented by U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and the State Justice Institute in partnership with the National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project (NIWAP), Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence, and The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)
 - This webinar discusses how to improve communication with limited English proficient (LEP) survivors. The webinar explains how to develop a language access plan within your program and how to use U.S. Census and local demographic data to identify the number of LEP persons from each language group in your service area. The webinar then discusses how to use this information and discusses requirements for courts, law enforcement, health care, and benefit providers in regards to best practices for language access advocacy for LEP clients in your area.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found here: <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/nov2015languageaccesswebinar/>

Public Benefits

- **“Public Benefits and Services Legally Available to Immigrant Children and Victims – What Courts Need to Know?”** (April 18, 2019) this webinar was presented in collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)
 - This webinar serves as an introduction to NIWAP’s new state and federal benefits charts and interactive map that explain access to benefits by state. The map gives a quick description of who qualifies for each benefit, and more in depth information can be found in the public benefit charts. The map simplifies the eligibility and allows judges to craft orders that immigrant families can comply with more easily.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found here:
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/april2019publicbenefitswebinar/>

VAWA Confidentiality and State Courts

- **“Impact of DHS Enforcement Priorities on Courts: VAWA Confidentiality and Enforcement”** (August 21, 2018) this webinar was created in collaboration with the University of New Mexico’s Judicial Education Center
 - This webinar covers the intersection between immigration enforcement and VAWA confidentiality, including courthouse enforcement. The webinar also covers Department of Homeland Security’s enforcement priorities and sensitive locations to assist state court judges in custody and child welfare proceedings.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found here:
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/jffnm2018/>
- **“VAWA Confidentiality: Understanding the Three Safeguards and Limited Discovery Exceptions When Advocating for Survivors in Family and Criminal State Courts”** (February 5, 2015) this webinar was presented in partnership with U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women, Aequitas, and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)
 - This webinar provides an overview of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) immigration relief and the special VAWA Confidentiality protections created by Congress. It includes a presentation from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration experts and discusses how VAWA Confidentiality can be used to help immigrant survivors. This webinar is useful for victim advocates, attorneys, judges, and court staff.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found here:
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/vawa-confidentiality-webinar/>
- **“VAWA Confidentiality and Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence”** (October 31, 2017) in collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women
 - As the numbers of immigrant family violence victims accessing justice increases, state court judges need to understand the federal statutory protections afforded by Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) confidentiality. This 60-minute webinar provides attendees with up to date information VAWA Confidentiality's

protections, purpose, Department of Homeland Security policies and legislative history on this important federal law that impacts family court discovery and rulings in a wide range of family court cases involving immigrant victims and their children. Includes a presentation from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The webinar and supporting materials can be found here:
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/oct2017vawaconfidentialitywebinar/>

- **“Protections for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors,”** (October 22, 2018) was presented in collaboration with Casa de Esperanza and the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, Justice for Families grants.
 - This webinar provides training for judges, court staff, victim advocates, and attorneys on the various protections offered to immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking under Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) confidentiality laws and their effects on best practices on victim advocacy, legal representation, and safety planning. Additionally, the webinar discusses the protections available to immigrant victims under Immigration and Customs Enforcement policies limiting immigration enforcement at courthouse and sensitive locations.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found at:
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/casa-webinars-october-15-22/>

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)

- **“Legal Protections When Child Victims Are Immigrants: The Judge’s Role”** (June 20, 2019) this webinar was presented in collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.
 - This webinar, designed for courts and court staff, provides an overview of the forms of immigration relief available to protect immigrant victims of child abuse, abandonment, and neglect and their non-abusive parents. The webinar discusses issues that arise in state custody, child welfare, divorce, and protection order proceedings involving abused children in immigrant families and provides courts tools to help judges identify which publicly funded benefits and services abused immigrant children and their families qualify for.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found at:
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/june-2019-immigrant-child-victims/>
- **“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status – Best Practices of Drafting Findings”** (May 14, 2019) this webinar was presented in collaboration with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) and Michigan State University’s College of Law
 - This webinar addresses best practices for issuing SIJS findings for immigrant children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. The webinar focuses specifically on emerging issues and recommendations of what courts should include in well-written SISJ findings.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found at:
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/may2019sijs/>

- **“State Court Findings for Abused Youth Seeking Special Immigrant Juvenile Status”** (July 13, 2015) this webinar is supported by the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and the State Justice Institute
 - This webinar reviews elements required for a successful SIJS application and will focus particularly on special findings in state court orders. Faculty provide information and resources on screening for SIJS eligibility, types of qualifying abuse, which SIJS cases OVW and LSC funded organizations may represent, jurisdictional concerns of judges, and clarification on the requirement that only one parent abused the petitioning youth.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found at: <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/state-court-findings-for-abused-youth-seeking-special-immigrant-juvenile-status/>

Family Law

- **“What Courts Want to Know, What Role Can Courts Play Regarding Detained Immigrant Children and Parents,”** (July 9, 2019) was presented in partnership with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
 - This webinar explains the impact of parental detention on both U.S. and non-U.S. citizen children. The webinar also explains the mechanisms in place to protect parental rights of immigrant parents and how to use them. Lastly, the webinar explains how to identify possible immigration relief and how courts can assist in applying for this relief.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found at: <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/ncjfcj-webinar-4/>
- **“State Courts and the Protection of Immigration Crime Victims and Children,”** (January 31, 2014) this webcast is supported by the State Justice Institute
 - This webinar discusses the growing number of family courts seeing cases involving immigrants and civil protection orders, custody, child support, divorce, U-Visa certification. This webinar includes a presentation by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services faculty discussing the legally correct information regarding immigration laws and Department of Homeland Security policies. The training provides attendees with tools, bench cards, and materials that share information about DHS policies, immigration enforcement priorities, and immigration relief options that can protect victims from deportation and provide them legal immigration status and work authorization. This webinar focuses on how judges can issue U-Visa certifications and also shares information on the public benefits that are open to immigrants.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found at: <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/webcast-state-courts-immigrant-victims-children/>
- **“Judge’s Role in Cases of Immigrant Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors,”** (October 15, 2018) was presented as part of a webinar series hosted by Casa de Esperanza with support from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women.
 - This webinar covers important issues that arise in family court cases involving immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in regards to

- custody of their children. Particular emphasis will be placed on how to counter misinformation that perpetrators may provide in regards to immigration law, status, and the relevance of the two in domestic violence custody proceedings. The webinar also discusses U-Visa Certification by judges, which can cover a range of criminal, civil, and family cases that immigrant victims can assist in the investigation of various crimes. Lastly, the webinar covers how battered immigrant children may qualify for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and how state court findings must be obtained before the application for immigration relief can be filed.
- The webinar and supporting materials can be found at:
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/casa-webinars-october-15-22/>
 - **“When State Family Law and Federal Immigration Laws Intersect: Promoting Access to the Courts and Just Outcomes for Immigrants”** (September 15, 2017) this webinar was created in collaboration with the University of New Mexico’s Judicial Education Center and supported by the State Justice Institute and a Justice for Families grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women
 - This webinar explains how knowing accurate immigration law promotes just and fair outcomes in state courts. The webinar also explains the role Congress envisioned judges having in U-Visa certifications and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) cases. The webinar explains how to identify minors who are SIJS eligible and know how to issue SIJS predicate orders. Lastly, the webinar explains how to issue U-Visa certifications before the court.
 - The webinar and supporting materials can be found at:
<http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/september-15-2017-promoting-just-outcomes-courts/>

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