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Dear Judge:

The National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project (NIWAP) working in partnership with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) on a State Justice Institute (SJI) funded project is pleased to invite you to participate in the **National Judicial Network: Forum on Human Trafficking and Immigration in State Courts (“The Network”)**. The Network will provide a forum for judges to engage in peer-to-peer learning sessions with judges from across the country, participate in webinars, communicate with other judges in a member-only confidential Slack/Listserv, access topic-specific publications, and attend future in-person trainings on issues that arise in state courts involving human trafficking and immigrant victims. The Network Forums are intended to help judges learn more about these complicated issues and, consequently, improve access to justice for human trafficking and immigrant victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and other crimes.

Fall Webinar – November 4th, 2021 at 3 - 4:30pm EST

Immigration Options for Crime Victims and Children: SIJS, U Visas, T Visas, and VAWA Self-Petitions

Judicial Peer-to-Peer Sessions

We are also inviting you to join the NJN’s *members only* monthly peer-to-peer virtual learning sessions on the first Tuesday of every month from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. EST. Each session will be for judicial officers only and will be led by a judicial facilitator, with topics set in advance by The Network’s steering committee. The fall peer-to-peer sessions will discuss specific topics and take place on the following dates:

September 14th : Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Implicit Bias in Courts’ Work with Immigrant and Human Trafficking Survivors (6 – 7pm EST)

October 5th : Online Trafficking and Recruitment Trends for Child Sex Trafficking (3–4pm EST)

November 2nd : U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Answers Judges Questions on SIJS, U Visas, and T Visas (3 – 4pm EST)

December 7th : STAR Assessment Tool Training: Helping Courts Identify Child Trafficking Victims (3 – 4pm EST)



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As a member of The Network, you will be invited to participate in a Network members-only confidential Slack/ Listserv through which you can communicate with other judges about human trafficking and immigration law issues that arise in your court or other state court cases.

If you are a judge, tribal judge, magistrate, commissioner, or other judicial officer and you are interested in joining The Network, please register through this link:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VGY9VJM>

Once registered, you will receive regular updates and registration information for all peer-to-peer sessions, the confidential Slack/Listserv, and all webinars/trainings.

Please assist us in sharing this announcement with other judges you think might be interested in joining and participating. Judges, Tribal Judges, magistrates, commissioners and other judicial officials are all encouraged to join. We are especially interested in reaching judges in rural, Tribal, smaller and urban jurisdictions throughout the United States.

We hope you can join us, and we look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

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