

PROSECUTION BEST PRACTICES: IMMIGRANT DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE VICTIMS, LANGUAGE ACCESS, AND THE U AND T VISA

SAINT PAUL CITY HALL AND RAMSEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOWER LEVEL, ROOM 41 15 W Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55102 June 24, 2019 -- 1:30-4:30 PM

AGENDA

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: At the conclusion of this training, participants will be better able to:

- Articulate the intent and basic requirements of the U Visa, T Visa, and Continued Presence
- Enhance victim and community safety and hold offenders accountable by utilizing immigration relief as a crime fighting tool
- Analyze requests for assistance with immigration relief applications in the context of victim and offender dynamics
- Implement pretrial and trial strategies to combat common defenses to cases involving immigrant victims of crime
- 1:15 1:30 P.M. **Registration**

2:00 – 2:30 P.M. IMMIGRATION RELIEF AS A CRIME FIGHTING TOOL

- Legislative history of VAWA
- Intent of immigration relief
- Dynamics of domestic violence
- Maximizing victim safety by certifying early
- High risk offenders and officer safety

2:30 – 3:15 P.M. BASICS AND BEST PRACTICES

- Requirements for U Visas, T Visas, and Continued Presence
- *Certification basics*
- Defining "helpfulness"
- Considerations when analyzing requests for certification

3:15 – 3:25 p.m. Break

3:25–4:30 P.M. **PROSECUTING CASES INVOLVING IMMIGRANT VICTIMS OF CRIME**

- Analyzing cases involving immigrant victims
- Complying with discovery requirements
- Pretrial and trial strategies to overcome common defenses

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