

Session 6: Discussion with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) about U Visa Certification

Thursday, March 23, 2016 2:00 p.m. EST

Session 6 will give law enforcement and prosecutors an opportunity to hear directly from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on questions and challenges certifiers encounter.

This roundtable discussion will give attendees the opportunity to ask questions as they relate to any aspect of the certification process from who qualifies, to what constitutes helpfulness. We will cover the U visa process from certification to approval.

Participants are encouraged to bring questions and real case scenarios for discussion.

In an effort to facilitate useful and informed discussion, these roundtables will be exclusively available to law enforcement and prosecution officials

Faculty for Session 6 will be:

- Officer Michael P. LaRiviere, Salem Police Department, Massachusetts
- Jessica Salisbury, USCIS Policy Advisor on U Visa

The National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP), in partnership with the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), is excited to announce the launch of its virtual Bimonthly U Visa Roundtable Series for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors. NIWAP's national faculty of law enforcement officers and prosecutors, who are experts on U visa certifications and language access, will lead these monthly calls and provide live technical assistance on U visa and/or language access questions participants may have.

In these bimonthly conference calls, which are limited to law enforcement and prosecutors, NIWAP's law enforcement trainers will discuss best practices and address questions on U visa certification and language access and how each plays a crucial role in improving victim, officer, and community safety. The U visa was created as a crime fighting tool that removes the fear of deportation and encourages immigrant crime victims to report their victimization to law enforcement and participate in criminal investigations and prosecutions of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, kidnapping, felonious assault, and other serious crimes.

Register here: <u>http://www.niwap.org/go/LEAroundtables/</u>

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