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EDUCATION

City University of New York School of Law, J.D. May 2000
Honors: Charles H. Revson Public Interest Fellowship, 1999

City University of New York - City College, B.A. in International Studies, 1993
Honors: *cum laude*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, East Lansing, MI

Clinical Professor of Law

July 2016 – Present

Director, Immigration Law Clinic

May 2010 – Present

Director, MSU Law Clinic

July 2017 – July 2021

Associate Clinical Professor of Law

July 2013 – July 2016

Assistant Clinical Professor of Law

May 2010 – July 2013

Direct and teach Immigration Law Clinic. Provide opportunities for students to experience the practice of law through direct client representation in a well supervised and academically rigorous program with a broad and diverse docket of cases before administrative agencies, immigration courts, state trial courts, and appellate courts. Clients include unaccompanied minors in removal proceedings, victims of domestic violence, family-based immigration petitioners, asylum seekers, and naturalization applicants. Engage students in policy research, resource development, community outreach and systemic advocacy on issues related to immigration. Implemented all aspects of major federal contract, as subcontractor for the Vera Institute of Justice, to provide know your rights presentations, legal screenings, and legal representation to all unaccompanied and separated children in Office of Refugee Resettlement custody in Michigan. Also teach Immigration and Nationality Law, Family Law: Marriage & Divorce, and Domestic Violence Law. Established and manage iClinic Listserv for 293 faculty and attorneys affiliated with immigration clinics across the nation.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW, Coral Gables, FL (remote)

Visiting Professor

August 2024 to December 2024

Taught Immigration Law survey course.

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, PENN STATE LAW, University Park, PA

Visiting Clinical Professor

July 2023 – June 2024

Interim Director, Center for Immigrants' Rights Clinic

July 2023 – June 2024

Directed and taught Center for Immigrants' Rights Clinic and Immigration Law survey course.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA LAS VEGAS, WILLIAM S. BOYD SCHOOL OF LAW, Las Vegas, NV

Adjunct Professor of Law

Spring 2006 – Spring 2008

Taught Community Property.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEGAL AID CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA (formerly Clark County Legal Services), Las Vegas, NV

Directing Attorney, Domestic Violence Project

February 2004 – May 2010

Attorney, Domestic Violence Project

September 2002 – January 2004

Developed and implemented overall vision for domestic violence and immigration programs. Oversaw all functions of program and supervised domestic violence attorneys and support staff. Provided direct representation to individual victims of domestic violence primarily in the areas of divorce, custody, immigration, and protective orders. Directed outreach efforts and impact litigation components of domestic violence and immigration programs. Provided training program for domestic violence shelter staff and volunteers. Supervised law student externs and coordinated the program's involvement with law school community service program. Prepared grant proposals and reports, including statewide Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Legal Assistance for Victims grants.

NEW YORK IMMIGRATION COALITION, New York, NY

Director of Training and Legal Services

September 2000 – April 2002

Interim Advocacy Director

September 2000 – January 2001

Developed and implemented strategies to achieve positive change in policies affecting immigrants and refugees for umbrella advocacy organization of approximately 150 not-for-profit organizations. Created and led statewide training program on issues affecting immigrants and refugees including beginning and advanced topics in immigration, citizenship, social services and employment law, as well as advocacy and civic participation strategies that can be used to address key community concerns. Supervised staff, oversaw research and creation of training materials, and conducted trainings for staff of community organizations, immigrants and refugees. Responded to requests for technical assistance or other information related to training programs topics. Tracked and analyzed proposed or actual changes in federal, state and city laws and regulations that could impact New York's immigrant and refugee families. Assisted in design and implementation of advocacy campaigns on key legislative or other community concerns. Researched and developed NYIC policy positions and background materials. Wrote reports, fact sheets, brochures and position papers. Testified before legislative bodies on issues affecting immigrants. Coordinated local INS and asylum office liaison meetings and represented concerns of NYIC network at national INS liaison meetings. Served as NYIC spokesperson to ethnic media, including biweekly appearances on national Spanish-language television discussing current immigration law issues. Prepared grant proposals and reports.

MAIN STREET LEGAL SERVICES, Flushing, NY

Elder Law Clinic

January 2000 – May 2000

Through a twelve-credit academically supervised law school clinic, represented older adults, people with disabilities, and family members in a variety of cases involving estate and disability planning, probate and estate administration, government benefit counseling, adult guardianships, healthcare proxies, and end-of-life decision making. Provided government benefit counseling to local Alzheimer support center.

NEW YORK IMMIGRATION COALITION, New York, NY

Legal Services Coordinator

June 1998 – May 2000

Coordinated legal services activities for NYIC. In summer 1998, directed the Citizenship and Homeownership Outreach Project designed to encourage naturalization and utilization of programs to facilitate home ownership. Hired and trained 25 multi-lingual outreach workers through whom over 100,000 people were advised regarding naturalization rights and options. Organized community sessions on education issues for immigrants with children in the public school system.

TRAVELERS AID IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES, Jackson Heights, NY

Legal Intern

June 1999 – August 1999

Interviewed clients and prepared applications for a range of immigration benefits including asylum, cancellation of removal, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) relief and adjustment of status. Screened immigration court-referred individuals for possible representation. Led VAWA and naturalization workshops on criminal charge implications under U.S. immigration law. Conducted witness examination in a cancellation of removal hearing.

MAIN STREET LEGAL SERVICES, Flushing, NY

Immigrant & Refugee Rights Clinic

January 1999 – May 1999

Represented clients applying for immigration benefits under Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act through a four-credit academically supervised law school seminar. Provided naturalization assistance to individuals through CUNY Naturalization Project.

NEW YORK IMMIGRATION COALITION, New York, NY

Project Coordinator

May 1995 – August 1997

Administrative Assistant

May 1994 – April 1995

Conducted, designed, and implemented HIV and AIDS education campaigns targeting Trinidadian, Honduran and Brazilian communities in New York City. Wrote handbook on the rights and responsibilities of employers under the Immigration and Nationality Act. Created and coordinated a speakers' bureau on immigration-related concerns. Regularly conducted presentations, in Spanish and English, on citizenship, welfare reform and the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. Monitored changes in asylum, and other immigration laws during significant congressional overhaul of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Researched and designed multilingual educational materials. Prepared program budgets.

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming – Accepted or Under Contract

RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON FAMILY LAW AND MIGRATION (David B. Thronson & Veronica Tobar Thronson, eds., Elgar Publishing forthcoming 2027).

Veronica Tobar Thronson, *Migrant Children at Work: Enhancing Agency Against a Resurgence in Child Saving*, 60 U MICH. J. L. REFORM __ (forthcoming 2026)

Works in Progress

David B. Thronson & Veronica Tobar Thronson, *From Both Sides Now: Guatemalan Family Law and Migration to the United States*.

Veronica Tobar Thronson, *Facts be Damned: U Visas and the Use of Discretion in Adjudications*.

Articles, Books, Book Chapters, and Essays

Veronica Tobar Thronson, *The Derivative Dilemma: The Gendered Role of Dependency in Immigration Law*, 28 U. Pa. J. L. & Soc. Change 147 (2025) (reprinted in GENDER AND THE LAW (Daniela Kraiem, ed., Thompson/Reuters 2025)).

Veronica Tobar Thronson, *Affidavits are Forever: Public Charge, Domestic Violence, and the Enforceability of Immigration Law's Affidavit of Support*, 41 YALE L. & POL'Y REV. 70 (Fall 2022).

David B. Thronson & Veronica T. Thronson, *Immigration Issues—Representing Children Who Are Not United States Citizens*, in CHILD WELFARE LAW AND PRACTICE: REPRESENTING CHILDREN, PARENTS AND AGENCIES IN ABUSE, NEGLECT AND DEPENDENCY CASES (Josh Gupta-Kagan, LaShanda Taylor Adams, Melissa Cater, and Vivek Sankaran eds., 4th ed., National Association of Counsel for Children, 2022).

Veronica Tobar Thronson and David B. Thronson, *Immigration: Barriers Predicated on Origin and Identity*, in CHILDREN AND RACE: PSYCHOLOGY, PUBLIC POLICY, AND LAW (Margaret C. Stevenson, Bette L. Bottoms & Kelly Burke, eds., Oxford University Press 2020).

Veronica T. Thronson, *The impact of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status on access to protection of unaccompanied child migrants in the United States*, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON CHILD MIGRATION, (Jacqueline Bhabha, Daniel Senovilla Hernandez, and Jyothi Kanics, eds., Elgar Publishing 2018).

David B. Thronson & Veronica T. Thronson, *Immigration Issues—Representing Children Who Are Not United States Citizens*, in CHILD WELFARE LAW AND PRACTICE: REPRESENTING CHILDREN, PARENTS AND STATE AGENCIES IN ABUSE, NEGLECT AND DEPENDENCY CASES (Donald N. Duquette, Ann M. Haralambie, and Vivek Sankaran eds., 3d ed., National Association of Counsel for Children 2016).

Rachel Settlage, Elizabeth Campbell & Veronica Tobar Thronson, IMMIGRATION RELIEF: LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE NONCITIZEN VICTIMS OF CRIME (American Bar Association Section of Criminal Justice, 2014).

Veronica T. Thronson, *'Til Death Do Us Part: Affidavits of Support and Obligations to Immigrant Spouses*, 50 FAM. CT. REV. 594 (2012).

David B. Thronson & Veronica T. Thronson, *Introduction: Global Families in Local Courts*, 47 Fam. L.Q. 137 (2013) (as editors for special Symposium on Global Families issue).

Veronica T. Thronson, *Domestic Violence and Immigrants in Family Courts*, 63 JUV. & FAM. CT. J. 63 (2012).

Selected Other Publications

Elinor Jordan, Veronica Thronson and Belinda Orozco, *What Family Practitioners Should Know About Special Immigrant Juveniles (Part Two)*, 53 MICH. FAM. L. J. 15 (January 2023).

Elinor Jordan, Veronica Thronson and Belinda Orozco, *What Family Practitioners Should Know About Special Immigrant Juveniles (Part One)*, 52 MICH. FAM. L. J. 9 (December 2022).

Veronica T. Thronson, *Immigration Status and Family Law Proceedings*, 49 MICH. FAM. L. J. 18 (April 2019).

Veronica T. Thronson & Leslye E. Orloff, *Unintended Consequences: How Civil Protection Orders Affect Immigrants*, 36 DEL. LAW. 18 (Fall 2018).

Veronica T. Thronson & Leslye E. Orloff, *Protecting Immigrant Victims: VAWA Offers Immigration Protections for Sexual Assault Victims*, 36 DEL. LAW. 22 (Fall 2018).

Kendall Niles, Veronica Thronson & Leslye Orloff, *Understanding the Judicial Role in U Visa Certification*, 31 AM. J. FAM. L. 208 (Winter 2018).

Veronica T. Thronson, *Executive Orders and Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence*, 47 MICH. FAM. L. J. 15 (August/September 2017).

Veronica Thronson, et al., *Winning Custody Cases for Immigrant Survivors: The Clash of Laws, Cultures, Custody and Parental Rights*, 9 FAM. & INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE Q., 1-169 (Fall 2016 & Winter 2017).

Veronica T. Thronson, *Immigration Concerns for Family Law Practitioners*, 46 MICH. FAM. L. J. 11 (April 2016).

Veronica T. Thronson & Zena D. Zumeta, *Mediation and Domestic Abuse*, 45 MICH. FAM. L. J. 6 (March 2015) (reprinted at 23 A.D.R. Q. 8 (July 2015)).

Veronica Tobar Thronson, *International Kidnapping, Domestic Violence and the Hague Convention*, 44 MICH. FAM. L.J. 15 (August/September 2014).

Veronica T. Thronson, *Immigration Remedies for Domestic Violence Survivors*, 43 MICH. FAM. L.J. 54 (March 2013).

Veronica T. Thronson, *Special Considerations in Representing Pro Bono Clients: Representing Victims of Domestic Abuse*, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (2009).

David B. Thronson and Veronica Tobar Thronson, *Immigrants and the Family Courts*, NEV. LAW., Jan. 2006, at 30.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

(Member, 2003 – present)

Family Law Section

(Member, 2003 – 2010)

American Bar Foundation

(Fellow, elected 2016)

American Immigration Lawyers Association

(Member, 2001 – present)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee – Michigan Chapter

(Member, 2022 – 2024)

Law Student Liaison – Michigan Chapter

(Member, 2020 – present)

Pro bono Committee – Michigan Chapter

(Member, 2011 – 2012)

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

(Immigration and Nationality Committee, 2001 – 2002)

Clark County Bar Association

(Member, 2002 – 2009)

Justice for Our Neighbors – Michigan

(Board Member, 2017 – 2018)

Michigan Committee for Refugee Resettlement

(Board Member, 2012 – 2020)

Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office

Domestic Violence Screening Protocol Curriculum Review Committee

(Member, 2014)

Michigan State University Research Consortium on Gender-Based Violence

(Core Faculty, 2010 – present)

Michigan State University Center for Gender in Global Context

(Core Faculty, 2017 – present)

Michigan State University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

(Core Faculty, 2024 – present)

Michigan State University – University Council and Faculty Senate

(Member, 2020 – 2021)

Migration Policy Institute, National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy

(Advisory Board Member, 2007 – 2012)

National Judicial College

(Faculty, 2012 – present)

National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project at American University Washington College of Law

(Family Law Attorneys Community of Practice, expert faculty, 2015 – present)

(Board Member, 2020 – present; Vice-Chair, 2021 - present)

Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence

(Board Member, 2005 – 2009; Vice-Chair, 2007 – 2009)

Nevada State Bar

(Member, 2002 – present)

Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force

(Member, 2002 – 2007)

State Bar of Michigan

(Member, 2010 – present)

Family Law Section Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

(Member, 2015 – present)

Domestic Violence Subcommittee

(Member, 2015 – 2017)

Domestic Violence Committee

(Co-Chair, 2014 – 2017, Member 2012 – 2017)

Access to Justice Delivery Initiative

(Member, 2017 – 2021)

SELECTED JUDICIAL TRAININGS AND LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Michigan Judicial Institute, Domestic Relations Summit, *Immigration Status and Divorce, Custody and Parenting Time Determinations*, webinar, September 18, 2024.

Michigan Probate Judges Annual Conference, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, Mackinac Island, MI, June 25, 2024.

Michigan Judicial Institute, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, webinar, October 11, 2023.

New York State Unified Court System, Integrated Domestic Violence Courts Stakeholder Meeting, *Immigration Consequences of Criminal Activity and Remedies for Victims*, February 9, 2023.

Center for Court Innovation, DV/IDV Symposium: Reimagining Domestic Violence Courts, *Immigration and Domestic Violence*, Brooklyn, NY, November 17, 2022.

National Judicial Network, Peer to Peer Webinar, *New DHS Immigration and Victim Protection Policies, Significance for Judges*, February 1, 2022.

Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates Annual Conference, *Immigration Law & Implications at Arraignment*, Thompsonville, MI, September 19, 2019.

Michigan Supreme Court Judicial Conference, *The Impact of Immigration Law and Practice in State Courts*, Traverse City, MI, May 9, 2019.

Judicial Training Network, Multi-State Judicial Team Training, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, New Orleans, LA, April 5-6, 2019.

Michigan Judicial Institute, Family Division Summit, Plymouth, MI, October 4, 2018.

Judicial Training Network, Multi-State Training, *The Impact of Immigration on Families – Intersection of Immigration and Criminal Law*, New Orleans, LA, September 21, 2018.

Judicial Training Network, Multi-State Training, *SIJS and the Role of State Courts*, New Orleans, LA, September 21, 2018.

Judicial Training Network, Multi-State Training, *Economic Relief and Public Benefits*, Albuquerque, NM, April 20, 2018.

Judicial Training Network Multi-State Training, *Impact of Immigration on Families – Intersection with Family Law*, Albuquerque, NM, April 20, 2018.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Utah State Courts: *Collateral Immigration Consequences of Domestic Violence Offenses and Review of U Visas*, Salt Lake City, UT, December 1, 2017.

State Justice Institute, *What do State Courts Need to Know About Immigration and Why: Human Trafficking and Family Violence*, Rockford, IL, November 3, 2017.

State Justice Institute, *Protection of Immigrant Crime Victims and Children: State Courts' Role*, Peoria, IL, November 2, 2017.

State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Hispanic/Latino Commission, *Analysis of DACA Developments*, Lansing, MI, September 14, 2017.

Michigan District Court Judges Association Annual Conference, *Ramifications, Implications and Resources: Immigration Status and Admissions and Pleas*, Thompsonville, MI, August 17, 2015.

The National Judicial College, Managing Challenging Family Law Cases: A Practical Approach, *Immigration Consequences in Family Law Cases*, Reno, NV, June 11, 2015.

Michigan Third Judicial Circuit, Family Division, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, Detroit, MI, April 23, 2015.

Michigan Judicial Institute, Family Division Referee Seminar, *Immigrant Youth who Commit Status or Delinquent Offenses –What should courts do?* Lansing, MI, October 15, 2014.

The National Judicial College, Managing Challenging Family Law Cases: A Practical Approach, *Immigration Consequences in Family Law Cases*, Reno, NV, October 24, 2012.

Texas Center for the Judiciary and The National Judicial College, *Immigration Issues for Texas State Trial Judges*, San Antonio, TX, October 12, 2012.

Michigan Judicial Institute, Probate Judges Association Annual Conference, *Immigration Issues and Collateral Consequences in State Courts*, Thompsonville, MI, June 28, 2011.

Michigan Judicial Institute, *Immigration Issues and Collateral Consequences in Divorce, Child Protective, and Delinquency Proceedings*, Grand Rapids, MI, September 17, 2010.

State of Nevada, *Testimony on TANF Availability for Domestic Violence Victims*, Las Vegas, NV, January 25, 2006.

SELECTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SCREENING TRAININGS FOR MEDIATORS

Since 2013, I have been among a small number of trainers certified by the Michigan State Court Administrative Office, Office of Dispute Resolution, to provide the mandatory Domestic Violence Screening Training component of the Michigan Domestic Relations Mediation certification. I have conducted over 30 trainings for the following groups:

Michigan Supreme Court's State Court Administrative Office, Office of Dispute Resolution
Mediation Services, Holland, MI,
Resolution Services Center, Lansing, MI
Gryphon Place, Kalamazoo, MI
Citizens Mediation Services, St. Joseph, MI
Michigan State University College of Law, mediation class/certification, East Lansing, MI

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PLANNING

Migration Policy Institute, Dual Language Learner Roundtable, *Family and Staff Safety in Early Childhood Settings*, national webinar, December 9, 2025.

Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop, New York University Law School/Clinical Legal Education Association, *Migrant Children at Work: Child Saving Revisited?* New York, NY, October 4, 2025.

Graciela Olivarez Latinas in the Legal Academy (GO LILA) Conference, *Migrant Children at Work: Child Saving Revisited?* Boston University, July 22, 2025.

Emerging Immigration Law Teachers Workshop (biennial gathering to mentor junior immigration law scholars), The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, May 20-21, 2025 (conference planning and plenary panel moderator).

Migration Policy Institute, *Private Briefing: Issues Affecting Immigrant Families and Early Childhood Systems*, national webinar, February 11, 2025.

California Western Law School, *KYR: Trump's Executive Orders*, webinar, February 10, 2025.

Migration Policy Institute, National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy, *Briefing on Issues Affecting Immigrant Families with Young Children as New Trump Administration Begins*, national webinar, December 19, 2024.

Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, discussant for author meets reader panel, *Shaping the Bar: The Future of Attorney Licensing*, Denver, CO, June 6, 2024.

Immigration Law Teachers Workshop (biennial gathering of immigration law scholars), University of Minnesota Law School, Clinical Workshop, Conference Planning Co-Chair, Minneapolis, MN, May 29, 2024.

Penn State Harrisburg and the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing, *Seeking Asylum Film and Panel Presentation*, October 10, 2023.

Global Family Law International Research Collaboration, Global Law & Society Meeting, *Guatemalan Family Law and Migration to the United States*, Lisbon, Portugal, July 2022.

American Immigration Lawyers Association, Virtual Annual Conference, *VAWA, T Visas, and U Visas*, July 20, 2020.

UAW Local 602 *Hispanic Latino Celebration: Immigration Reform, Hopes, Fears, Reality*, (keynote speaker) Lansing, MI, October 18, 2015.

Michigan Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, 2015 Annual Meeting: *Unaccompanied Children in Michigan, Looking Back a Year*, Lansing, MI, September 18, 2015.

State Bar of Michigan, Annual Meeting, Family Law Section, *Working with Immigrant Children*, Grand Rapids, MI, September 18, 2014.

Hofstra University Law School, *Immigrants and the Family Court: Policies, Practice and Systemic Change*, (moderator), Hempstead, NY, November 9, 2012.

Michigan Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, 2012 Statewide Immigrant Rights Summit, *Plenary Address: VAWA Reauthorization*, Lansing, MI September 28, 2012.

State Bar of Michigan, Pro Bono Initiative: 4th Annual Spring Pro Bono Workshop, *Legal Services and Law Schools, Immigration Panel*, Lansing, MI, May 23, 2012.

Michigan Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, 2011 Statewide Summit, *Addressing Federal Immigration Legislation*, Lansing, MI, September 23, 2011.

UNLV Boyd School of Law and Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, *Special Considerations in Representing Pro Bono Clients*, Las Vegas, NV, October 27, 2009.

American Immigration Lawyers Association, National Annual Conference, *Families in Crisis: Violence Against Women Act Advanced Topics*, Las Vegas, NV, June 5, 2009.

Clark County Bar Association, *Domestic Violence and Immigration*, Las Vegas, NV, March 7, 2008.

State Bar of Nevada, *Family Law and Immigration*, Las Vegas, NV, December 5, 2007.

The National Center for Victims of Crime, *Immigration and Domestic Violence*, Las Vegas, NV, December 4, 2007.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, *Immigration Relief for Victims of Crime*, Las Vegas, NV, May 8, 2007.

State Bar of Nevada, *Domestic Violence: Representing the Non-Citizen*, Las Vegas, NV, April 25, 2007.

Clark County Bar Association, *Issuance and Enforcement of Temporary Protection Orders*, Las Vegas, NV, June 28, 2006.

Clark County Bar Association, *Representing Victims of Crime (VAWA/U Visa)*, Las Vegas, NV, April 6, 2006.

Nevada Attorney General's Office, *Policies and Civil Liabilities for Train the Trainers Program*, Las Vegas, NV, March 10, 2006.

Safe Nest, *Cultural Diversity, Domestic Violence and Immigration*, Las Vegas, NV, February 1, 2006.

Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence Annual Conference, *Working with Legal Services Providers*, Reno, NV, April 2005.

Interfaith Task Force Against Domestic Violence, *Domestic Violence, Child Support and Immigration*, Las Vegas, NV, January 22, 2005.

SELECTED CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, Family Law Attorneys Community of Practice, facilitator and expert faculty presenter for national monthly webinars, March 24, 2015, to present.

Michigan State University College of Law Family Law Society, *Intersecting Jurisdictions: Family Law Considerations in Immigration Matters*, East Lansing, MI, February 12, 2026.

Mental Health Advocacy Services, *Immigration Issues Affecting Vulnerable Populations*, webinar, January 26, 2026.

Bethany Christian Services, *Update on Immigration Law Changes Under the Current Administration*, Grand Rapids, MI, January 13, 2026.

State Bar of Texas, *The Intersection of Immigration and Family Law: Protecting Parental Rights When the Immigrant Parent is Detained or Deported*, webinar, November 18, 2025.

Bethany Christian Services, *Immigration Relief for Vulnerable Populations II*, Grand Rapids, MI, September 8, 2025.

Bethany Christian Services, *Immigration Relief for Vulnerable Populations I*, Grand Rapids, MI, August 28, 2025.

Refugee Development Center, *Changes in Immigration Law*, Lansing, MI, May 27, 2025.

Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, *Know Your Rights: Trump's Executive Orders*, webinar, April 30, 2025.

Michigan State University College of Education, *Know Your Rights: Trump's Executive Orders*, webinar, April 29, 2025.

Michigan State University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, *Know Your Rights: Trump's Executive Orders* webinar, April 15, 2025.

Michigan State University College of Law, *Update on Trump's Executive Orders*, East Lansing, MI, March 17, 2025.

Michigan State University Chicano/Latino Studies, College of Arts and Letters, and College of Social Sciences, *Know Your Rights: Trump's Executive Orders*, webinar, February 20, 2025.

Michigan State University, College Assistance Migrant Scholars Program – CAMP, High School Equivalency Program, *Know Your Rights: Trump Executive Orders*, webinar, Feb 8, 2025.

Michigan State University Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging/Neighborhood Leadership, *Trump Executive Orders*, East Lansing, MI, February 5, 2025.

Michigan State University, Migrant Student Services, College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) Scholars Initiative, *Trump Executive Orders and Implications for MSU Students*, East Lansing, MI, January 27, 2025.

Maryland Legal Aid, *Immigration Affidavits of Support in Family Law Proceedings*, July 18, 2024.

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, webinar, *Adjustment VAWA, U, and T status*, May 1, 2024.

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, webinar, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and State Courts in Nevada*, April 4, 2024.

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, webinar, *Immigration Consequences of Criminal Behavior*, March 21, 2024.

Penn State Law University Park, *Introduction to Immigration Law*, February 27, 2024.

American Immigration Lawyers Association, national webinar, *2023 SIJS Updates: Deferred Action and Other Significant Developments*, December 12, 2023.

Crime Victims Legal Assistance Project, *Leveraging Immigration Affidavits of Support in Divorce Actions*, Lansing, MI, September 19, 2023.

Federal Bar Association Immigration Law Conference, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Updates and Best Practices – Intermediate to Advanced*, Detroit, MI, May 13, 2022.

Michigan Judicial Institute and Friend of the Court Bureau, *Immigration Law in the Family Court*, April 28, 2022.

Michigan State University College of Law, *Making Sense of Immigration Policy: Past, Present, and Future*, national webinar, June 17, 2021.

State Bar of Michigan Criminal Law Section Mid-Winter Conference, *Collateral Consequences of Criminal Behavior: Immigration Law*, Mt. Pleasant, MI, February 16, 2020.

American Bar Association/Kids in Need of Defense, 2019 National Conference on Representation and Advocacy for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children, *Litigating and Building Access to Justice Networks for UCs in State Courts for Regions Unfamiliar with UC Needs*, Houston, TX, December 12, 2019.

Michigan Judicial Institute, Friend of the Court seminar, *Immigration Issues in Domestic Relations Cases*, Lansing, MI, January 24, 2019.

Michigan Poverty Law Program, *The Impact of Immigration Status on Custody Proceedings*, Lansing, MI, November 27, 2018.

Ingham County Prosecuting Attorneys' Office, *Immigration Law for Prosecutors*, Lansing, MI, September 19 and October 17, 2018.

State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting, NEXT Conference, *The Impact of Immigration Law and Practice in State Courts*, Grand Rapids, MI, September 27, 2018.

State Justice Institute, *Best Practices for Serving Immigrant Crime Victims: Law Enforcement, Prosecution, and Protection Orders*, Peoria, IL, November 2, 2017.

National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project at American University, faculty for eight sessions, including serving as lead faculty for two plenary sessions, at back-to-back conferences funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office in Violence Against Women on "Addressing Culture: Systematic Responses to Underserved Immigrant Populations." New Orleans, LA, December 12-16, 2016.

Migration Policy Institute, presenter at national call for school administrators *Supporting Students, Families, and Schools through the Political Transition*. December 6, 2016.

Michigan Poverty Law Program, *Assisting Non-Citizen Children Gain Status: The Family Law Case*, Okemos, MI, October 27, 2016.

American Bar Association, Section of Family Law, Fall Conference, *Intersection of Family and Immigration Laws: Tips, Tools and Best Practices*, Quebec City, QC, October 22, 2016.

Bethany Christian Services, *Other Forms of Immigration Relief for Unaccompanied Minor Children*, Grand Rapids, MI, June 13, 2016.

Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust (ALPACT), *Unaccompanied Children and the Courts*, Grand Rapids, MI, May 18, 2016.

National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, *Community of Responders: A Holistic Approach to Working with Immigrant Survivors of Abuse*, New Orleans, LA, July 30, 2015.

Institute of Continuing Legal Education 13th Annual Family Law Institute, *Working with Immigrant Children*, Novi, MI, November 14, 2014.

Michigan Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, *Unaccompanied Minor Training*, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, November 12, 2014.

Bethany Christian Services, *Identifying and Serving Children who are Victims of Human Trafficking*, Grand Rapids, MI, September 26, 2014 (with faculty of University of Michigan Human Trafficking Clinic).

Lutheran Social Services, Social Worker Training Program, *Working with Immigrant Children*, Lansing, MI, July 17, 2014.

Lutheran Social Services, Foster Parent Training Program, *Overview of Immigration Issues for Children*, Lansing, MI, July 14, 2014.

Refugee Resettlement Program, Bethany Christian Services, *Working with Immigrant Children*, Grand Rapids, MI, September 12, 2013.

The Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada: *Immigration Relief for Victims of Crime*, Las Vegas, NV October 22, 2012.

Nebraska Children's Summit: Making Change Happen, *Representing Immigrant Parents in Juvenile Court*, Kearney, NE, August 28, 2012.

SELECTED AWARDS

Light of Liberty Attorney of the Year, Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center (2024)
(for work to ensure access to justice to immigrants throughout Pennsylvania)

Champion of Justice, State Bar of Michigan (2023)
(lifetime achievement award for extraordinary professional accomplishment in adherence to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession)

Pro Bono Champion Award, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Michigan Chapter (2020)
(honored with David Thronson for work of the MSU Immigration Law Clinic)

Donald F. Campbell Outstanding Teaching Award, Michigan State University College of Law (2019)
(for sustained excellence and innovation in teaching)

Excellence in Diversity Award, Michigan State University (on behalf of Immigration Law Clinic (2015)
(for exceptional and innovative contributions in advancing inclusive excellence)

Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Award, Michigan State University (2014)
(for demonstrated innovative and sustained effort in service-learning and civic engagement)

Louis Wiener Service Award, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (2009)
(for substantial contributions in representing victims of domestic violence)

S.T.A.R. Award, Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force (2006)
(for stellar work on behalf of domestic violence victims)

BAR ADMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

New Jersey, November 2000

New York, March 2001

Nevada, October 2002 (currently inactive)

Michigan, November 2010

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