A Decade of Advancing Immigrant Representation

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fordham Law School
150 West 62nd Street
New York, New York 10023

Conference Organizers and Co-Sponsors:
The conference will focus on the Study Group on Immigrant Representation’s work to create innovative solutions to the immigrant representation crisis since its launch by Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit a decade ago, and will commemorate the Study Group’s 10th anniversary. The conference will feature several exciting initiatives launched by the Study Group and will consider expansion and further innovation based on these models. Key actors from the advocacy community, the private bar, and the federal and local government will speak about their work on this issue. Together, conference speakers and attendees will consider how they can support and continue to create pragmatic and constructive responses to one of our legal system’s most pressing and intractable challenges.

**ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

9:30 a.m.
**Check-In / Registration**

10 – 10:10 a.m.
**Welcome from the Law School**

Dean Matthew Diller  
Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law  
Fordham Law School

Professor John D. Feerick  
Norris Professor of Law  
Senior Counsel, Feerick Center for Social Justice  
Fordham Law School

10:10 – 10:25 a.m.
**Opening Remarks**

Honorable Robert A. Katzmann  
Chief Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

10:25 – 10:50 a.m.
**Public and Private Partnership Funding for Immigration Services**

Honorable Carlos Menchaca  
Council Member  
New York City Council

Veyom Bahl  
Managing Director, Survival  
Robin Hood Foundation

10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
**Plenary Panel – Progress Thus Far**

Jojo Annobil  
Executive Director  
Immigrant Justice Corps

Veyom Bahl  
Peter L. Markowitz  
Professor of Law  
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Honorable Carlos Menchaca  
Honorable Robert D. Weisel  
New York Immigration Court (Retired)

**ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

12:05 – 1:20 p.m.
**Lunch**

1:20 – 3 p.m.
**Breakout Sessions**

**BREAKOUT SESSION 1  Costantino Room 2-02A**

**New York Immigrant Family Unity Project – Current Issues and Expansion**

Nicole Polley Miller  
Legal Services Director  
Immigrant Rights Program, Newark, New Jersey  
American Friends Service Committee

Nicholas Phillips  
Acting Managing Attorney  
Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York

Oren Root  
Director  
Center on Immigration and Justice  
Vera Institute of Justice

Andrea Sáenz  
Supervising Attorney  
Immigration Practice  
Brooklyn Defender Services

**Moderator:**
Nancy Morawetz  
Professor of Clinical Law  
New York University School of Law

**BREAKOUT SESSION 2  Room 4-07**

**Examining NYC’s Evolving Landscape over the Past Decade – A Sea Change in the Quality and Quantity of Justice for Immigrants**

Luis Mancheno  
2014 Immigrant Justice Corps Fellow  
Attorney  
Immigration Practice  
The Bronx Defenders

Samuel Palmer-Simon  
Supervising Attorney  
Immigrant Justice Corps

Hasan Shafiquallah  
Attorney-in-Charge  
Immigration Law Unit  
The Legal Aid Society
Gemma Solimene  
Clinical Associate Professor of Law  
Fordham Law School

Amy Taylor  
Co-Legal Director  
Make the Road New York

Moderator:  
Joanne Macri  
Chief Statewide Implementation Attorney  
New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services

BREAKOUT SESSION 3  Room 4-08

Leveraging Pro Bono Resources

Deepa Alagesan  
Staff Attorney  
International Refugee Assistance Project  
Urban Justice Center

Lenni B. Benson  
Professor of Law  
Director, Safe Passage Project Clinic  
New York Law School

Shalyn Fluharty  
Managing Attorney  
Dilley Pro Bono Project

Laura Kathleen Tuell  
Firmwide Head of Pro Bono  
Jones Day

Moderator:  
Dora Galacatos  
Executive Director  
Feerick Center for Social Justice  
Fordham Law School

4:25 – 4:40 p.m.

Perspective from a Client

Ahmed A Shaban Mohammed

Introduction by  
Christina Elhaddad  
2015 Immigrant Justice Corps Fellow  
Immigration Attorney  
Urban Justice Center, Domestic Violence Project

4:40 – 4:55 p.m.

Closing Remarks  
Honorable Robert A. Katzmann

Reception to follow  
Peggy Hill Faculty Conference Room (7-119)
analyst at Morgan Stanley. Mr. Bahl holds a master's degree in urban development planning from University College London (distinction) and a B.A. in political science from the University of Pennsylvania (summa cum laude). He was also a Fulbright Scholar in Mexico.

Lenni B. Benson has been teaching and writing in the field of immigration law since 1994. She is professor of law at New York Law School and the Director of the Safe Passage Project Clinic. She founded Safe Passage Project, which recruits, trains, and mentors attorneys to assist unaccompanied youth who are facing deportation. Safe Passage Project is now a nonprofit with a staff of more than 22 professionals housed at New York Law School that partners with the law school clinic. Professor Benson is one of the founding steering committee members of the American Immigration Representation Project (AIRP), formed in 2017 to expand pro bono representation of detained immigrants; AIRP mentors attorneys and coordinates with the American Immigration Council’s Justice Campaign. Professor Benson is a member of several national task forces on the needs of migrant youth, and has been a speaker for the federal government at national trainings. She has won national awards for her pro bono leadership and for excellence in immigration teaching. In 2012 she completed, with Russell Wheeler, a study of the immigration courts for the federal government’s Administrative Conference of the United States. She also served as the chair of the Immigration and Nationality Law Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York from 2012 to the end of 2014. Prior to joining academia, Professor Benson practiced immigration law as a partner in the Los Angeles office of Bryan Cave, LLP. A native Arizonan, she earned her law degree at the Arizona State College of Law in 1983. Professor Benson is an emeritus trustee of the American Immigration Law Foundation (now the American Immigration Council), is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and serves on the board of the Center for Human and Constitutional Rights. Her book Immigration and Nationality Law: Problems and Strategies (with Curcio, Jeffers, and Yale-Loehr) was published by LexisNexis in 2013. In addition to teaching at New York Law School, she serves as an adjunct professor at Columbia Law School. She recently edited an academic volume of international essays with Professor Mary Crock of the University of Sydney, titled Protecting the Migrant Child: Central Issues in the Search for Best Practice (Elgar Press, forthcoming fall 2018).

Annie Chen is the program director of the SAFE (Safety & Fairness for Everyone) Cities Network at the Vera Institute of Justice. SAFE Cities is a national network of 12 local jurisdictions—all putting public dollars toward representation of immigrants facing deportation, with a priority for those in detention. The broader goal of the network is to create a public defender system for immigrants. Ms. Chen is a lawyer who practiced in the litigation department of DLA Piper before joining Vera in January 2013. In her first job out of law school, she worked at The Legal Aid Society in New York, where she represented detained immigrants. Ms. Chen holds a Bachelor of Arts from Columbia College and a Juris Doctor from Fordham Law School. Before law school, Ms. Chen worked at the Brennan Center for Justice.

Matthew Diller is dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law at Fordham Law School. He previously served as dean of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law from 2009 to 2015. He began his career as a clerk for the Honorable Walter R. Mansfield of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and then went on to act as a staff attorney at The Legal Aid Society in New York. He entered academia in 1993 as a member of the faculty at Fordham Law School, where he held the Cooper Family Professorship, was co-director of the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, and served as associate dean for academic affairs from 2003 to 2008. Dean Diller served as a member of the board of directors of Legal Services NYC from 1999 to 2009 and as vice chair from 2003 to 2007. He was also a member of the Association of American Law Schools, where he served on the executive committee of the Poverty Law Section and as chair from 1999 to 2000. Dean Diller also was a member of the board of directors of the National Center for Law and Economic Justice from 2000 to 2008 and a member of the New York City Bar Association’s Task Force on New Lawyers in a Changing Profession. Currently, Dean Diller is a member of the New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice and is Chair of the Commission’s Committee on Law School Involvement. He also serves on the board of The Legal...
Christina Elhaddad is an immigration attorney who obtained her legal education from the American University Washington College of Law (WCL). Ms. Elhaddad's interest in immigration law is deeply rooted in her family's migration history from war-torn Lebanon in the 1980s to the United States. That experience fueled her desire to establish WCL's chapter of the International Refugee Assistance Project, through which she helped refugees from all over the world navigate the complex international and American immigration legal systems and resettle in countries accepting refugees permanently. As a former Immigrant Justice Corps Justice (IJC) Fellow, Ms. Elhaddad was placed at the Arab American Association of New York, in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, where she and a co-IJC Justice Fellow helped establish the association's legal department. Ms. Elhaddad is currently working with the Domestic Violence Project at the Urban Justice Center. She represents survivors of gender-based violence in humanitarian immigration cases to secure and maintain lawful status in asylum applications, Violence Against Women Act self-petitions, U/T visas, and other forms of relief.

Elie Farhat is the policy director for Hennepin County Commissioner Marion Greene, whose office is leading the region in progressive immigration policy, including a county-funded immigration legal defense fund to provide counsel to Hennepin County residents ensnared in removal proceedings. Mr. Farhat has worked at several levels of government, including on Capitol Hill for Congresswoman Betty McCollum, with a focus on legislation pertaining to Native American issues; on national advocacy campaigns with Organizing for Action; as a state director for Hillary for America; and on many other campaigns and initiatives. In 2016, he ran his mother's campaign for Minnesota State House (she won and found someone else to run her 2018 re-election campaign). Mr. Farhat is a graduate of Harold Washington College in Chicago and the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, with degrees in political science and microeconomics.

John D. Feerick served as dean of Fordham University School of Law from July 1982 to July 2002. He practiced law from 1961 to 1982 at the firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, where he was a partner from 1968 to 1982, developing its labor and employment law practice. He is currently the Sidney C. Norris Professor of Public Service at Fordham University School of Law. He is also the founder and senior counsel of Fordham Law School's Feerick Center for Social Justice. During his tenure as dean at Fordham Law School, Professor Feerick served in a number of public positions: as a member of the New York State Law Revision Commission; as one of two representatives of New York City to the New York City Office of Collective Bargaining; as chairman of the New York State Commission on Government Integrity, from 1987 to 1990; as a special New York State attorney general, from 1987 to 1990; and as President of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He has been a mediator and arbitrator of many disputes, including labor disputes at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, the 1994 transit negotiations in New York, the NFL salary cap, and recently in the NBA, and has served in a number of court-appointed positions to resolve disputes as a mediator and arbitrator. He previously chaired both the Ethics Committee of the Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association and a joint committee of the American Bar Association, the American Arbitration Association, and SPIDR that developed a set of ethical standards for mediators of disputes. He served as the Chair of the Professionalism Committee of the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar and of the New York State Committee to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Legal System. He also chaired the New York State Committee to Review Audiovisual Coverage of Court Proceedings, from 1996 to 1997; the Standards Review Committee of the Legal Education Section of the American Bar Association, from 1996 to 1998; and the Fund for Modern Courts, from 1995 to 1999. Professor Feerick served as President of Citizens Union Foundation (from 1987 to 1999) and of the Board of Directors of the American Arbitration Association (from 1998 to 2001) and served as a founding member of the New York State Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board (chairing its subcommittee in the First Judicial Department). He also served as the first occupant of the Peter P. Mullen Visiting Professorship of Law at Georgetown University in fall 2000. He is currently co-chair of the New York State Chief Judge's Advisory Committee for the New York State Attorney Emeritus Program. Professor Feerick is the author of several books, one of which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, and scores of articles. Professor Feerick is a graduate of Fordham College and Fordham Law School.

Shalyn Fluharty directs the Family Detention Project at Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid. In this capacity she serves as the managing attorney of the Dilley Pro Bono Project in Dilley, Texas. Previously, Ms. Fluharty served as the supervising attorney with the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights in Harlingen, Texas. She has worked with detained unaccompanied immigrant children in removal proceedings in Northern California at Legal Services for Children, in Chicago at the National Immigrant Justice Center, and in New York City at Catholic Charities Community Services. After law school, Ms. Fluharty worked at the Sacramento County Office of the Public Defender. She obtained a Juris Doctor degree at the University of California, Davis King Hall School of Law; a Master of Teaching at Dominican University; and a Bachelor
of Arts from Southern Methodist University, with majors in Spanish and international studies. Before law school, Ms. Fluhrarty taught Spanish at Harper High School in Chicago. She is a proud alumna of Teach for America, Education Pioneers, and the Equal Justice Works fellowship program.

Dora Galacatos is the executive director of the Feerick Center for Social Justice. Ms. Galacatos has experience working in city government, the not-for-profit sector, and legal services for low-income individuals. Prior to coming to the Law School, she worked for the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice and the New York City Mayor’s Office of Drug Abuse Policy from 1989 to 1993. As part of a Skadden Fellowship (1997–1998), Ms. Galacatos worked at Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation in Washington Heights, Manhattan. She also served as staff director to the New York City Family Homelessness Special Master Panel (2003–2005). Ms. Galacatos also served as a law clerk to the late Honorable Milton Pollack (1996–1997) and to the Honorable Paul A. Crotty (2005–2006), both District Judges in the Southern District of New York. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (1987) and the New School for Social Research, where she was a Kaplan M. Fellow and received a Master of Science in urban policy (1993). She received a Juris Doctor from Fordham Law School. Ms. Galacatos is a member of the New York County Lawyers Association Pro Bono Committee and the Association’s Justice Center and is a former chair of the New York City Bar Civil Court Committee.

Honorable Robert A. Katzmann is the chief judge (since September 1, 2013) for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. At his appointment in 1999, he was Walsh Professor of Government, Professor of Law, and Professor of Public Policy at Georgetown University; a fellow of the Governmental Studies Program of the Brookings Institution; and president of the Governance Institute. A lawyer and political scientist by training, Judge Katzmann received his Bachelor of Arts (summa cum laude) from Columbia College; his Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in government from Harvard University; and a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School, where he served as article and book review editor of the Yale Law Journal. After clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, he joined the Brookings Institution, where he was a Research Associate, Senior Fellow, Visiting Fellow, and Acting Program Director. His books include Judging Statutes; Regulatory Bureaucracy: The Federal Trade Commission and Antitrust Policy; Institutional Disability; Courts and Congress; The Law Firm and the Public Good (editor and project director); Managing Appeals in Federal Court (co-editor); Daniel Patrick Moynihan: The Intellectual in Public Life (editor and contributing author); and Judges and Legislators (editor and contributing author). He chaired the United States Judicial Conference Committee on the Judicial Branch, and serves as a member of the United States Judicial Conference. He also is a commissioner on the Supreme Court Fellows Commission. Judge Katzmann received the American Political Science Association’s Charles E. Merriam Award. He is also the recipient of the Learned Hand Medal for Excellence in Federal Jurisprudence from the Federal Bar Council; the Chesterfield Smith Award from the Pro Bono Institute; the Stanley H. Fuld Award from the New York State Bar Association; the Michael Maggio Memorial Pro Bono Award from the American Immigration Lawyers Association; the Public Interest Scholarship Organization Lifetime Achievement Award; and the Green Bag’s “Exemplary Legal Writing” honoree recognition. His lectures include the James Madison Lecture of New York University School of Law, the Orison Marden Lecture of the NYC Bar Association, and the Robert L. Levine Distinguished Lecture of Fordham University School of Law. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Joanne Macri serves as the chief statewide implementation attorney of the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services. Prior to joining the Office, Ms. Macri served as the director of the Criminal Defense Immigration Project (CDIP) and of the Immigrant Defense Project of the New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA). On behalf of NYSDA, she traveled across New York State training criminal defense attorneys on the immigration consequences of New York criminal convictions. For her service, Ms. Macri was recognized by the New York State Bar Association Criminal Justice Section for her Outstanding Contribution to Criminal Law Education. She is currently an adjunct professor at the State of New York University at Buffalo Law School, where she has taught immigration law, immigration law practice, and criminal/immigration law. Ms. Macri also is currently serving as the co-chair of the New York State Bar Association Special Committee on Immigration Representation, which has recently published a report on the quality of improving immigration representation in New York State. She also has previously served on the New York State Bar Association Immigration Litigation Committee, the New York City Bar Association Criminal Justice Operations Committee, and the Western New York American Immigration Lawyers Association Chapter Subcommittee for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Ms. Macri received her Bachelor of Arts with honors from the University of Ottawa and her Juris Doctor from Albany Law School.

Luis Mancheno is an attorney at the Immigration Practice at The Bronx Defenders. He received his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Roger Williams School of Law. Mr. Mancheno worked as a refugee status determination expert for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the Dominican Republic and as an immigration attorney at the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project in Arizona. In 2014, he was selected as part of the inaugural class of Immigrant Justice Corps Fellows in New York and was placed at The Bronx Defenders, where he represented detained people in immigration and federal courts. More recently, he was a clinical teaching fellow in the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Mr. Mancheno’s writing has appeared in The Huffington Post, Public Radio International, and Vox. His immigration story and his work as an attorney have been featured in The New York Times, NBC News, and other media outlets. In 2017, he was selected as one of the 30 LGBTQ change-makers and rising stars in the country by NBC News and as the LGBTQ Activist of the Year by the New York City Comptroller’s Office. In addition to client representation, Mr. Mancheno works closely with The Bronx Defenders’ Immigration Practice and the organization’s Policy Reform, Community Organizing, and Communications de-
Peter L. Markowitz is a professor of law at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he founded and directs the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic. Professor Markowitz and his clinic have been responsible for numerous advancements in the field, including spearheading the development of the nation’s first public defender system for detained immigrants, developing the concept of detainer discretionary laws, and initiating the nation’s first full-service in-house immigration unit located in a public defender’s office. Professor Markowitz received his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from New York University School of Law in 2001, receiving the University Graduation Prize and the Sommer Memorial Award. Following graduation, Professor Markowitz clerked for the Honorable Frederic Block, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. From 2002 to 2004, he was a Soros Justice Fellow at The Bronx Defenders. Professor Markowitz has previously taught at both New York University and Hofstra School of Law. Professor Markowitz and the clinic have received several awards and recognitions, including the Daniel Levy Award for outstanding and innovative advocacy in the field of immigration.

Carlos Menchaca represents New York City Council District 38, which includes Sunset Park, Red Hook, Greenwood Heights, and portions of Borough Park, Dyker Heights, and Windsor Terrace. He is New York State’s first Mexican-American elected official and Brooklyn’s first openly gay office holder. Council Member Menchaca has authored more than 80 pieces of legislation, of which 24 have been approved, and he is co-sponsor of 625 legislative items, of which 277 have been approved. Recent legislation he has introduced includes proposals to promote workplace safety with apprenticeship training, to punish predatory landlords, and to improve street safety for cyclists and pedestrians. Council Member Menchaca authored the legislation for New York’s first municipal identification card, IDNYC, which now serves more than 1 million registrants. As chair of the Committee on Immigration, Council Member Menchaca led negotiations that funded the nation’s largest public defender program for undocumented immigrants, as well as the greatest city allocation in recent history for adult literacy services. He has supported innovative programs for immigrant day laborers, street vendors, and worker cooperatives. Council Member Menchaca’s commitment to direct democracy is shown in his annual allocation of more than $2 million to Participatory Budgeting (PB), where residents nominate and vote for capital budget projects. In 2017, for the fourth year in a row, District 38 produced the highest number of PB voters citywide, and welcomed voting by all residents regardless of immigration status, including, for the first time, middle-school students. A champion for the neighborhoods in his district, Council Member Menchaca has successfully defended the Sunset Park and Red Hook manufacturing zones from luxury residential development. He has fought gentrification and displacement through street protest, support of tenant advocates, and legislation that extends tenants’ rights, including the right to counsel in housing court.

Nancy Morawetz is a professor of clinical law at New York University School of Law, where she has taught since 1987. In 1998, she co-founded the NYU Immigrant Rights Clinic (IRC), which is a leading institution in both local and national struggles for immigrant rights. Through her work with students in the IRC and her pro bono work, Professor Morawetz has engaged in litigation as well as legislative and administrative advocacy to curb the harshness of current detention and deportation policies. Professor Morawetz also serves as the chair of the Supreme Court Immigration Law Working Group, which monitors cases working their way to the court and participates in amicus briefing. Professor Morawetz has developed specific expertise on issues related to noncitizens who have had contact with the criminal justice system and who often face mandatory detention and then exile without any fair process to consider their overall equities. Professor Morawetz’s writings focus on issues related to deportation, detention, and judicial review. Her works have been published in the Harvard Law Review, the Yale Law Journal, the NYU Law Review, Georgetown Immigration Law Journal, and the University of Chicago Legal Forum. Professor Morawetz is a graduate of Princeton University and New York University School of Law.

Avideh Moussavian is senior policy attorney at the National Immigration Law Center (NILC). Ms. Moussavian’s advocacy at NILC focuses on reducing the vulnerability of low-income immigrants to deportation on account of their race, class, or gender. She has previously worked on immigration reform advocacy and on state and local enforcement issues at the New York Immigration Coalition and directly represented immigrant victims of gender-based violence at Sanctuary for Families in New York City, including those in detention. She has served as board treasurer at Families for Freedom, an anti-deportation community organizing network in New York City, and as a visiting professional with the Office of Public Counsel for Freedom at the International Criminal Court. She holds a Juris Doctor from Boston University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University.
Lindsay Nash is a visiting assistant clinical professor in the Immigration Justice Clinic at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Previously, she was a Skadden Fellow at the ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project, where she focused on impact litigation related to immigration detention and border enforcement, and an Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellow at Cardozo, where she worked on issues at the intersection of criminal and immigration law and helped establish the nation’s first system of institutionally provided counsel for detained noncitizens facing deportation. Ms. Nash graduated from Yale Law School, where she was a member of the Yale Law Journal and received awards for her work in her law school clinic and in academic scholarship. Following graduation, she clerked for the Honorable Robert A. Katzmann, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the Honorable Ellen Segal Huvelle, district judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Samuel Palmer-Simon is a supervising attorney at Immigrant Justice Corps. Mr. Palmer-Simon was the former legal initiatives coordinator with the New York Immigration Coalition, where he focused on legal services program development, training, and capacity-building among members and partners in Long Island and New York City. Mr. Palmer-Simon also worked as a staff attorney with the Immigrant Protection Unit of the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG), where he provided legal representation to his clients on a diverse range of immigration matters, managed several city and state grants, and spearheaded NYLAG’s involvement in a number of policy advocacy initiatives. Mr. Palmer-Simon received his Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School and his Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, from the University of New Mexico.

Nicholas J. Phillips is the acting managing attorney of the Immigration Unit at Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York, which provides free legal representation to New York State prisoners in removal proceedings at the Bedford Hills, Downstate, and Ulster Immigration Courts as part of the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP). Mr. Phillips is a 2014 graduate of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he was a student intern at the Immigration Justice Clinic and the Civil Rights Clinic. After graduation, he served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Frederic Block of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. From 2015 until 2017, Mr. Phillips was an Immigrant Justice Corps Fellow at Pace Community Law Practice in White Plains, New York, where he provided free legal representation to prisoners at the Downstate Immigration Court and to unaccompanied children in removal proceedings in New York City Immigration Court.

Oren Root is the director of the Center on Immigration and Justice at the Vera Institute of Justice. As well as being in his current position since 2007, Mr. Root has been affiliated with Vera or its spinoff organizations since 1992. From 1997 to 2000, he was national director of Vera’s Appearance Assistance Program, a successful pilot alternative to detention program for immigrants facing deportation. From 2001 to 2007, he was deputy director of the Police Assessment Resource Center (PARC), which fosters police accountability and civilian oversight of law enforcement. He previously served as interim director of Vera’s Bureau of Justice Assistance in South Africa and as director of the Court Employment Project, an alternative to incarceration program for young felony offenders run by the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services (CASES). Prior to that, Mr. Root was a criminal defense lawyer in New York for 18 years. He is a graduate of Columbia College and Fordham Law School.

Andrea Sáenz serves as supervising attorney of the Immigration Practice of Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS). She joined Brooklyn Defender Services in 2016 as part of the team that provides deportation defense through the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP), the first-in-the-nation immigration public defender program that BDS helped pioneer. Ms. Sáenz has represented or supervised the representation of hundreds of clients in removal and bond proceedings, appeals, and federal district and circuit court litigation, with special expertise in habeas corpus petitions challenging clients’ unlawful detention. Prior to joining BDS, Ms. Sáenz was a clinical teaching fellow in the Immigration Justice Clinic at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, teaching and supervising law students in immigration and federal court cases. She received Cardozo’s Inspire Award for faculty committed to public service and worked for three years on the budget advocacy that expanded NYIFUP at the city and state levels. Ms. Sáenz has previously worked as an immigration staff attorney at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, a Judicial Law Clerk at the Varick Street Immigration Court in Manhattan, and an Equal Justice Works Fellow at the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project in Boston. Ms. Sáenz graduated from Harvard Law School, cum laude, in 2008 and received her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2002.

Lauren Schmidt is the director of the Civil Litigation Section of the Denver City Attorney’s Office, where she oversees the City and County of Denver’s defense of federal and state lawsuits and civil claims. Since joining the City Attorney’s Office in July 2017, Ms. Schmidt has also helped lead Denver’s immigration efforts, including implementation of Denver’s Public Safety Enforcement Priorities Act and the establishment of the Denver Immigrant Legal Defense Fund. Prior to joining the City Attorney’s Office, Ms. Schmidt was a partner in the Denver-based law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, where she split her time as a business litigator and as the firm’s first pro bono partner. Ms. Schmidt expanded Brownstein’s pro bono immigration practice across the firm’s 12 offices and personally handled or supervised numerous immigration cases in areas including asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, DACA, and U-Visas. Ms. Schmidt serves on the Colorado Access to Justice Commission and is a former Executive Committee member of the Colorado Lawyers Committee. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and the College of William & Mary.

Hasan Shafiquallah is the attorney-in-charge of The Legal Aid Society’s Immigration Law Unit. Over the past 20 years, he has represented clients in a range of matters, including immigration, housing, family, consumer, name change, divorce, and probate. He has also given numerous trainings to clients and staff at nonprofit organizations and hospitals on issues such as immigrant rights, housing rights, HIV confidentiality, attorney-client confidentiality, and permanency planning. He is a graduate of the University of California Hastings School of Law and of the University of Arizona and holds a certifi-
Gemma Solimene is a clinical associate professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law. Professor Solimene has more than 28 years of experience representing underserved New Yorkers. While at Fordham, Professor Solimene has directed the Immigrant Rights Clinic, through which students primarily represent individuals who are seeking to maintain or obtain legal immigration status in the United States, and has taught in various other clinics in the Law School’s Clinical Program, including the Social Justice Clinic and the Federal Litigation Clinic. In addition to the clinics, Professor Solimene has taught immigration law, a simulation-based skills course, an externship seminar, and an ethics in public interest law course. She has been a panelist and presenter on numerous topics related to immigration and clinical teaching and has conducted trial skills trainings for law firms. Prior to joining the Fordham Law faculty in 1999, Professor Solimene spent the bulk of her career working in the public interest. She litigated cases at The Legal Aid Society’s Civil Division and was the attorney-in-charge of The Legal Aid Society’s Immigration Law Unit. She also taught in the New York University School of Law Clinical Program from 1993 to 1996 and was a pro se law clerk in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Professor Solimene received her Bachelor of Arts from McGill University, a Master of Arts from Boston University, a Master of Arts in French from Harvard University, and was the Language Access Coordinator from New York University.

Amy Taylor is co-legal director at Make the Road New York, where she leads a team of 40 attorneys and advocates who provide legal services to low-wage workers and immigrant New Yorkers in the areas of housing, public benefits, workplace justice, and immigration. Prior to joining Make the Road, Ms. Taylor was a Senior Staff Attorney and the founder of the Equal Rights Initiative, a civil rights project to fight discrimination among low-income New Yorkers, at Legal Services NYC. She was also the Coordinator of the Language Access Project, a cutting-edge project that seeks to increase access to services and justice for low-income, limited English proficient (LEP) New Yorkers through litigation and policy advocacy. Before working at Legal Services NYC, Ms. Taylor was the Director of Policy at the New York City Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Public Benefits and was the Language Access Coordinator at the New York Immigration Coalition. Ms. Taylor received her Juris Doctor from the CUNY School of Law.

Emily Tucker works in coalition with partners around the country to make policy that promotes civil rights and racial justice. Much of her work focuses on severing the relationship between immigration enforcement and the criminal justice system. Most recently, Ms. Tucker served as director of policy and advocacy at Detention Watch Network (DWN), an advocacy organization in Washington, D.C., which represents a network of 200 organizations and individuals in the national immigration policy community. DWN advocates with members of Congress and high-level officials at the Department of Homeland Security and at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to push DWN’s priorities for reform of the detention and enforcement regime. Ms. Tucker graduated with a Juris Doctor from Boston University, a Master of Arts from Harvard University, and a Bachelor of Arts from McGill University.

Laura Kathleen Tuell is the firmwide head of pro bono for Jones Day. Ms. Tuell has long been one of the Washington office’s most active pro bono practitioners. She has represented numerous immigrants seeking asylum, particularly women seeking protection against gender persecution. Ms. Tuell also has experience in housing discrimination, voting rights, landlord-tenant law, and death penalty issues. She was instrumental in working with the D.C. Bar to create the Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinic and has participated in that clinic for more than 10 years. She is chair of the Board of the Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition and Secretary of the Board of Bread for the City. Among many awards for her efforts, she was named D.C. Bar Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year. Ms. Tuell works to build a global pro bono program that provides opportunities for Jones Day lawyers around the world to serve the diverse communities in which the firm has a presence. She is also developing opportunities to advance the rule of law and to make a global difference in the areas of affordable, decent housing and access to education. Prior to assuming her current position, Ms. Tuell was a member of the firm’s trial practice, and she has broad experience in complex domestic and commercial litigation and arbitration. She has been involved in international, multijurisdictional, and multiparty matters before federal and state courts and before the International Chamber of Commerce. She has extensive experience representing plaintiffs and defendants with issues arising under the federal RICO statute.

Honorable Robert Weisel served as a U.S. immigration judge in the New York Immigration Court until his retirement at the end of 2016. Judge Weisel was an assistant chief immigration judge, supervising court operations in both New York City and New Jersey. He was also in charge of the nationwide Immigration Court mentoring program for both Immigration Judges and Judicial Law Clerks. During his tenure as assistant chief immigration judge, the New York Court initiated the first assigned counsel system within the Immigration Court’s nationwide Institutional Hearing Program. This effort would not have been possible without the assistance of members of the Study Group. Post-retirement, Judge Weisel served as an adjunct professor at the State University of New York at New Paltz and taught administrative law during the fall 2017 semester.
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The A2J Initiative at Fordham Law School focuses the collective public service energy of the Law School community on expanding access to justice. The initiative operates on three levels of engagement: teaching; direct service; and scholarship, research, and advocacy. The Law School’s deep curriculum, expansive clinical program, and popular public service projects enable students to obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to make an impact on the crisis in access to justice. Through Lincoln Square Legal Services and the Public Interest Resource Center, the Law School offers many curricular and extracurricular activities that provide direct services to people in need. Through the work of its innovative institutes and centers, Fordham Law is also supporting policy reform initiatives that are dedicated to ensuring access to civil and criminal justice systems.

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Fordham Law School Immigrant Rights Clinic
Students in the Immigrant Rights Clinic provide legal representation to individuals facing deportation before the Immigration Court, the Federal Court of Appeals, and the Administrative Agency. Clinic students represent clients from around the world in a range of immigration matters—individuals who are fleeing persecution from their native lands as a result of sexual orientation, religion, or political activities and beliefs; those who are victims of domestic violence and other crimes; youth who have been abandoned, neglected, or abused by their parents; and individuals who are long-standing permanent residents with families and lives entrenched in the United States.

Immigrant Justice Corps
Immigrant Justice Corps (IJC) is the country’s only fellowship program dedicated to increasing access to counsel for immigrants facing deportation, seeking lawful status, or seeking citizenship. The visionary idea of Chief Judge Robert Katzmann of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, IJC recruits talented lawyers and college graduates from around the country for a two-year fellowship to provide critical direct legal services to low-income immigrants. IJC partners Fellows with leading nonprofit legal services providers and community-based organizations. Presently, there are 77 Fellows (57 Justice Fellows and 20 Community Fellows) working at 39 not-for-profit organizations, which serve New York City, Long Island, the lower Hudson Valley, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Texas. The Fellows offer a broad range of immigration assistance including naturalization, deportation defense, and affirmative applications for asylum seekers, juveniles, and victims of crime, domestic violence, or severe human trafficking. The IJC represents the largest expansion of immigration legal services in New York City’s history. Since 2015, IJC fellows have also traveled to Karnes, Texas, to provide legal assistance to detained Central American mothers and children at risk of deportation. IJC is infusing the legal profession with a new generation of lawyers who are committed to providing high-quality representation and innovative thinking about the delivery of legal services to a vulnerable population, including through the use of new technologies.

Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Established in 2008, the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic responds to a vital need for quality legal representation for indigent immigrants facing deportation, while also providing students with invaluable hands-on lawyering experience. It represents immigrants facing deportation before federal immigration authorities and in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and represents immigrant community-based organizations on litigation and advocacy projects. Students in the clinic have won relief for many individuals facing deportation and have successfully changed federal, state, and local immigration policies.

National Center for Access to Justice
The National Center for Access to Justice (NCAJ) is the national organization based at Fordham Law School that relies on data to support policy reforms that help people obtain justice. Every day in the United States and around the world people lose their children, their homes, their life savings, their physical safety, even their freedom, without the opportunity to properly defend and protect their rights and interests under the law. In its flagship project, the Justice Index, NCAJ uses data analytics and data visualization strategies to support initiatives that are helping to establish best policies for assuring access to justice in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. NCAJ is also developing a research project in St. Louis.
to illuminate the relationship between justice system policies, the payments people become obligated to make to state courts, and the consequences of those payments for families. In addition, NCAJ is finalizing a guide on best practices for using data to track justice system outcomes achieved by civil legal aid clients in New York City.

**Study Group on Immigration Representation**

The Study Group on Immigration Representation was launched by Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The Study Group seeks to facilitate adequate counsel for immigrants in the service of the fair and effective administration of justice. The Study Group is drawn principally from law firms, nonprofit organizations, immigration groups, bar associations, law schools, and federal, state, and local governments. Through reports, pilot projects, colloquia, and meetings, the Study Group has focused on increasing pro bono activity, improving mechanisms of legal service delivery, and rooting out inadequate counsel. Two prominent initiatives arising out of the Study Group are the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project and the Immigrant Justice Corps.

**Vera Institute of Justice**

The mission of the Vera Institute of Justice is to drive change and to urgently build and improve justice systems that ensure fairness, promote safety, and strengthen communities. It achieves its mission by working with others who share a vision to tackle the most pressing injustices of our day—from the causes and consequences of mass incarceration, racial disparities, and the loss of public trust in law enforcement, to the unmet needs of the vulnerable, the marginalized, and those harmed by crime and violence.
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