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Meeting the Social and Legal Services Needs of Central American Refugees in New York

Friday, December 16, 2016 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fordham Law School
150 West 62nd Street, Costantino Room

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PROGRAM

8:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION

9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

Dora Galacatos

Executive Director
Feerick Center for Social Justice
Fordham University School of Law

9:05 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Hon. Robert A. Katzmann

Chief Judge
United States Court of Appeals
for the Second Circuit

Introduction:

John D. Feerick

Norris Professor of Law
Founder and Senior Counsel, Feerick Center for
Social Justice
Fordham University School of Law

9:15 a.m.

FAMILY DETENTION, THE ADULTS WITH CHILDREN DOCKET, AND POST-RELEASE LEGAL SERVICES NEEDS

Conchita Cruz

Founder and Co-Director
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at the Urban Justice Center

Suny Rodriguez

Formerly Detained Mother and Community Activist

Moderator:

Lori Adams

Managing Attorney (New York)
Human Rights First

10:55am

BREAK

11:05am

COUNTRY CONDITIONS

Karla Castillo

Independent Social Scientist

Nayeli Y. Chavez-Dueñas, Ph.D.

Associate Professor
Counseling Psychology Department
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Elizabeth G. Kennedy

Independent Social Scientist

Moderator:

Conchita Cruz

Founder and Co-Director
Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) at the
Urban Justice Center

12:25 p.m.

LUNCH AND ADDRESS

Hon. Melissa Mark-Viverito (By Video)

Speaker
New York City Council

Introduction:

Jojo Annobil

Executive Director
Immigrant Justice Corps

1:30 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

#1 BASIC ASYLUM AND SIJS OVERVIEW

(for CLE Credit)

Lori Adams

Managing Attorney (New York)
Human Rights First

Liane Aronchick

Senior Pro Bono Coordinating Attorney
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)

#2 MEDICAL, MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS OF REFUGEE FAMILIES

(for CLE Credit)

Jessica Gorelick, M.A., L.C.S.W.

Social Worker
Refugee Representation Program
Human Rights First

Cristina Muñiz de la Peña, Ph.D.

Mental Health Director and Co-Founder
Terra Firma
at Montefiore Medical Center and
Children's Health Fund

Ian Philabaum

Project Coordinator
Innovation Law Lab

Anita Ravi, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.H.P.

Clinical Director - The PurpLE Clinic
The Institute for Family Health

Moderators:

Mary Beth Morrissey, Ph.D., M.P.H.

APA Public Interest Directorate Grant Recipient and
APA Division 24 Treasurer
Health Law Counsel, Alcott Law Group
Fellow, Fordham University Global Healthcare
Innovation Management Center

Virginia C. Strand, D.S.W.

Professor and Co-Director
National Center for Social Work Trauma Education
and Workforce Development
Fordham University Graduate School of
Social Service

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The humanitarian crisis in Central America's Northern Triangle region—which is comprised of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras—is well documented.

The civil society response to this humanitarian crisis and the federal policy response of family detention and expedited removal is the focus of the Conference. We will explore and discuss:

- The federal government's federal family detention policies and practices;
- The urgent need for full-scope representation of asylum-seeking families in New York City and the metropolitan region;
- The continued need for limited-scope legal assistance at Dilley, Texas and other family detention centers;
- The country conditions that are driving the "push" factors for families fleeing the countries of the Northern Triangle and seeking safety in the United States and other nations;
- The varied medical, mental health, and social services needs of asylum-seeking families as they go through the immigration legal process and try to integrate in new communities;
- The critical importance of and best practices in providing trauma-informed care and services; and
- The opportunities local and state government, the nonprofit sector, the faith community, and other sectors have to better respond to the humanitarian crisis and the asylum-seeking families that end up in our region.

In the wake of civil wars in the 1980s, the nations of the Northern Triangle are wracked by endemic violence and fragile institutions. An estimated three million (10%) of these countries' residents have fled, many seeking asylum in neighboring countries and in the United States. According to federal government data, since Federal Fiscal Year 2013, **200,812** adults with children have been apprehended by United States Customs and Border Patrol agents in the Southwest Border. (Over one million other individuals, including unaccompanied immigrant children, have also been apprehended.)

#3 HOW SHOULD CIVIL SOCIETY RESPOND TO FAMILY DETENTION AND CENTRAL AMERICAN REFUGEE CRISIS – CREATING A BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION (No CLE Credit)

Dora Galacatos

Executive Director
Feerick Center for Social Justice
Fordham University School of Law

Anahi Mendoza

Community Fellow
Immigrant Justice Corps

2:55 p.m.

REPORT BACKS

3:10 pm

BREAK

3:20 p.m.

ETHICAL ISSUES IN REPRESENTING CENTRAL AMERICAN REFUGEE FAMILIES

Theo Liebmann

Clinical Professor of Law and Attorney-in-Charge,
Hofstra Youth Advocacy Clinic
Director of Clinical Programs,
Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University

Elizabeta Markuci

Director
Immigration Project
Volunteers of Legal Service

Rebecca Press

Senior Staff Attorney
Central American Legal Assistance

Moderator:

Victoria Neilson

Legal Director
Immigrant Justice Corps

5:00 p.m.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Dora Galacatos

SPEAKERS

Lori Adams is the Managing Attorney in the New York office of Human Rights First, where she oversees the pro bono legal representation of indigent asylum seekers. She provides support to volunteer lawyers from law firms in New York and New Jersey who represent asylum seekers at all levels of the system. She also provides information and legal services to asylum seekers in immigration detention, and helps to coordinate their legal representation. Ms. Adams is a member of the Study Group on Immigrant Representation, launched by Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, which aims to increase high-quality pro bono representation of asylum seekers and otherwise address the unmet legal needs of the immigrant poor in New York. She is also a member of the Working Group on Immigrant Representation, led by Judge Michael Chagares of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, which has similar aims in New Jersey. She is also a frequent speaker on immigration-related topics and a co-author of a report on the negative impact of the one-year filing deadline in asylum cases. Before joining Human Rights First, Ms. Adams was the attorney advisor in the New York Immigration Court, where she drafted decisions for twenty-eight immigration judges and supervised the work of the court's law clerks and interns. She has also worked for the American Civil Liberties Union and for the Honorable Deborah A. Batts in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Ms. Adams has a philosophy degree from the University of Oregon and a law degree from New York Law School. She is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and is admitted to practice law in New York and New Jersey.

Jojo Annobil is the Executive Director of Immigrant Justice Corps. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Annobil was the Attorney-in-Charge of The Legal Aid Society's Immigration Law Unit, a city-wide leader in the provision of high quality immigration legal services. Mr. Annobil is an adjunct professor at New York University School of Law where he co-teaches the Immigrant Defense Clinic. He also serves as Special Counsel to the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division First Department's Disciplinary Committee on Immigration matters and is co-chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Immigration Representation. Mr. Annobil graduated from Fordham Law School in 1990 and worked at The Legal Aid Society as a staff attorney in the Criminal Appeals Bureau and as a Criminal/Immigration Specialist and Supervising Attorney in the Immigration Law Unit. Mr. Annobil is the recipient of the Asian Americans for Equality Agent of Change Award, the Fordham Law School Louis J. Lefkowitz Public Service Award, a New York City Council Proclamation for Outstanding Service to the City of New York, and the New York City Bar's Legal Services Award.

Liane Aronchick is a Senior Pro Bono Coordinating Attorney with KIND in New York. Prior to joining the team at KIND, Ms. Aronchick was a staff attorney at Human Rights First in New York, where she represented Central American families and children in removal proceedings, and mentored pro bono attorneys in pursuing asylum and SIJS for their clients. Ms. Aronchick also spent four and a half years on defense teams representing individuals charged with international human rights violations in The Hague, Netherlands, both at the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Before moving to The Hague, Ms. Aronchick served as a clinical intern and of counsel at Catholic Charities' Department of Immigrant and Refugee Services, where she pursued family based petitions, T/U-visas, asylum and other relief for clients. Ms. Aronchick also served in the Peace Corps in Quito, Ecuador from 2003 to 2006, where she spearheaded a number of adult literacy, anti-domestic violence, and anti-trafficking-in-persons campaigns. She graduated from Barnard College in 2003 and graduated from St. John's University School of Law in 2009. She is admitted to practice in New York State.

Karla Castillo is Salvadoran and recently graduated from the Advanced Economics and Business School (Escuela Superior de Economía y Negocios - ESEN). There, she founded and continues to direct a mentorship program for students from low-income background who will be first in their families to graduate from university. During 2014, Karla completed over a third of the interviews in the investigation Elizabeth Kennedy led and has presented the findings to government entities, nonprofits, the public and the press. She has worked for UNHCR and USAID in El Salvador.

Nayeli Y. Chavez-Dueñas is a Licensed Psychologist who received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the APA-accredited program at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Currently, she is an Associate Professor in the Counseling Psychology Department at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology where she serves as the faculty coordinator for the concentration in Latina/o Mental Health. She is the Associate Editor of *Latina/o Psychology Today* (LPT) and the co-author of a textbook that focuses on providing culturally responsive treatment to Latinos titled, *Cultural Foundations and Interventions in Latino/a Mental Health: History, Theory and within Group Differences* published by Routledge Press. She also co-authored the *Guidelines for the Treatment of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Minors: What Mental Health Professionals and Detention Center Personnel Can Do* published by the National Latina/o Psychological Association (NLPA). Dr. Chavez-Dueñas is also the co-founder and co-director of the *IC-RACE Lab* (Immigra-

tion, Critical Race, And Cultural Equity). Dr. Chavez has significant clinical experience working with immigrant children and adolescents who have experienced physical and sexual abuse, trauma, and neglect. She has provided clinical services to individuals and families referred by the Department of Children and Family Services in Chicago. Her research focuses on immigration, colorism, skin-color differences, parenting styles, unaccompanied minors, multiculturalism, and race relations. She has earned a number of awards, including the 2016 *Distinguished Research Award* from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Conchita Cruz is Founder and Co-Director of Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) at the Urban Justice Center and a Gruber Fellow in Global Justice and Women's Rights. Prior to law school, Ms. Cruz served as Deputy Chief of Staff to U.S. Congressman Jared Polis (D-CO) and as Chief of Staff for State Senator Gustavo Rivera of the Bronx. Ms. Cruz has worked as a policy and political advisor for progressive local, state, and federal candidates in Colorado, Florida, New Mexico, and New York, and served as a Spanish-language spokeswoman for President Obama's re-election campaign in Florida. Ms. Cruz is originally from Miami, Florida. She graduated with honors from Brown University in 2007 with a degree in Latin American Studies, and earned her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2016, where she co-founded ASAP. While in law school, Ms. Cruz worked for the Bronx Defenders' Immigration Unit, the Immigrant Defense Project, and the Miami-Dade Public Defenders. She was a member of the Criminal Justice Clinic (CJC) and Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC), where she helped to prepare federal litigation defending President Obama's immigration executive actions. Ms. Cruz is the daughter of a Guatemalan immigrant and a Cuban refugee.

Matthew Diller is Dean and 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 he was 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 was Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 2003 to 2008. He served as a member of the board of directors of Legal Services NYC from 1999 to 2009, and he was vice chair from 2003 to 2007. He was a member of the executive committee of the poverty law section of the Association of American Law Schools and was chair in 1999-2000. From 2000 to 2008, he was a member of the board of directors of the National Center for Law and Economic Justice. Dean Diller also was 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 Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services in New York and is chair of the Task Force's Committee on Law School Involvement. He also serves on the board of the Legal Aid Society of New York and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

John D. Feerick is a graduate of Fordham College (1958) and Fordham Law School (1961), where he was editor-in-chief of the *Fordham Law Review*. He served as a practicing lawyer with the firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, 1961-82. He served as Dean of Fordham Law School, 1982-2002, and as a professor at Fordham, 1982-present, where he is the occupant of the School's Sidney C. Norris Public Service Chair and senior counsel of its poverty center, the Feerick Center for Social Justice. Professor Feerick served the Judiciary as a director of the American Judicature Society, chair (1995-1999) of the Fund for Modern Courts in New York, and chair (2003) of the New York State Commission to Promote Public Confidence in Judicial Elections, which recommended and helped secure the adoption of a statewide system of judicial qualification commissions; charter member of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board for lawyers (1998-2002); chair of the New York State Committee to Review Audiovisual Coverage of Court Proceedings (1996-1997); and a member of the New York State Commission to Promote Public Trust and Confidence in the Legal System and of the Judicial Salary Commission. Professor Feerick also served as President (1987-1998) of Citizens Union Foundation; chair of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the American Arbitration Association (1997-2000); co-chair of a Statewide Coalition to promote ethics reforms in New York State; and chair of the board of the Center for Information on America. In addition, Professor Feerick served New York Government as chair of the New York State Commission on Government Integrity (1987-1990); chair of the New York State Ethics Commission; founding chair of the New York State Public Integrity Commission; a member of the New York State Law Revision Commission; representative of New York City to the Office of Collective Bargaining; Special Master of Family Homelessness in New York City; and Judicial Referee in the public funding litigation known as *Campaign for Fiscal Equity v. New York State*. Professor Feerick has served widely as an arbitrator and mediator of disputes as a result of appointments by courts, provider organizations, and parties, including as NFL special master and arbitrator, NBA arbitrator, chair of labor disputes at the New York Jacob Javits Convention Center, and as designated chair of labor disputes occurring at national political party conventions (1992 and 2004). He chaired the committee that produced the 1994 Model Standards for Mediators of Disputes. Professor Feerick has written broadly on topics of constitutional and ethics reforms and other subjects of public interest. He is the author of several books, one of which, *The Twenty-Fifth Amendment*, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, and acted as principal draftsman of ABA publications on electing the President, amending the Constitution, and voter participation.

Dora Galacatos is an alumna of Fordham University School of Law and serves as Executive Director of the Law School's Feerick Center for Social Justice. She has experience working in city government, the not-for-profit sector, and legal services for low-income individuals. Prior to attending Fordham Law School, Ms. Galacatos worked for the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice and the New York City for 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. Ms. Galacatos was the 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. Ms. Galacatos 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). Ms. Galacatos is a member of the New York County Lawyers' Association Pro Bono Committee and former chair of the New York City Bar Civil Court Committee.

Jessica Gorelick is a Social Worker in the Refugee Representation Program. Ms. Gorelick collaborates with in-house legal staff as well as pro bono attorneys to address the psychosocial needs of asylum-seeking individuals and families. She works from a trauma-informed approach to provide support in the form of referrals, individual and group counseling, advocacy, and crisis intervention. She has also worked on advocacy issues related to family detention in an effort to elucidate the socio-emotional effects of this practice on families. Before joining Human Rights First, Ms. Gorelick worked for several years as a psychotherapist in North Philadelphia and East Harlem, providing services in predominantly Latino communities. Ms. Gorelick also worked at Long Island City High School in Queens through Global Kids, offering counseling and supportive services to a largely immigrant community of students and families facing obstacles to educational success. Additionally, she worked as the Program Administrator at a non-profit bilingual school through Bilingual Education for Central America (BECA) in Cofradia, Honduras, managing educational and psychosocial aspects of the program. Ms. Gorelick holds a B.S. in Clinical Psychology and Spanish from Tufts University, an M.S.W. from University of Pennsylvania, and an M.A. in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from Arcadia University. She has participated in several years of post-graduate psychoanalytic training and maintains a psychotherapy practice in Manhattan.

Judge Robert A. Katzmann is the Chief Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He became Chief Judge on September 1, 2013. 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 A.B. (summa cum laude) from Columbia College, A.M. and Ph.D. in government from Harvard University, and a J.D. from the Yale Law School, where he was an 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*; editor and project director of *The Law Firm and the Public Good*; co-editor of *Managing Appeals in Federal Court*; editor and contributing author of *Daniel Patrick Moynihan: The Intellectual in Public Life*; and editor and contributing author of *Judges and Legislators*. He chaired the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on the Judicial Branch, and serves as a member of the U.S. 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 of the Federal Bar Council; the Chesterfield Smith Award of the Pro Bono Institute; the Stanley H. Fuld Award of the New York State Bar Association; the Michael Maggio Memorial Pro Bono Award of 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.

Elizabeth G. Kennedy is a social scientist who focuses on the experiences and needs of child, youth and forced migrants. A former Fulbright Fellow in El Salvador, she has written numerous articles, op-ed pieces, and a book chapter on unaccompanied child migrants and their families from Central America. Ms. Kennedy has also made presentations to government and multinational agencies and non-profit organizations, in addition to providing expert testimony in asylum proceedings in the United States and other countries.

Theo Liebmann teaches ethics at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University and has directed the Hofstra Youth Advocacy Clinic since its inception. In his capacity as Attorney-in-Charge of the Clinic, he works with law students to advocate on behalf of youth involved in the immigration and family court legal systems. Prior to his current position at

Hofstra, Professor Liebmann was a lawyer for children in maltreatment and juvenile delinquency cases at the Manhattan office of the Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division, an investigator at the New York City Commission on Human Rights, and a Community Worker at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem. Professor Liebmann serves as Director of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Training the Lawyer to Represent the Whole Child program and frequently leads workshops on topics such as the role of the children's lawyers and immigrant youth issues. Professor Liebmann has written in the areas of the overlap between child welfare and immigration law, the impact of family law legal standards on the physical and emotional well-being of youth and children, and ethical problems in the representation of children. Professor Liebmann received his B.A. from Yale University and his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center

Melissa Mark-Viverito serves as the Speaker of the New York City Council, the first Puerto Rican and Latina to hold citywide office. She represents the 8th District, which includes El Barrio/East Harlem and the South Bronx. Born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico and raised in San Juan, she worked for over a decade in local activism, nonprofit organizations and grassroots labor organizing before being elected to the City Council in 2005. Speaker Mark-Viverito was unanimously elected to serve as New York City Council Speaker in January 2014. As Speaker, she has focused on transparency in government and policies that generate socioeconomic opportunity and combat systemic inequality. In May 2014, Speaker Mark-Viverito implemented sweeping rules reforms that increase transparency in city government and streamline the legislative process to better serve New Yorkers. Speaker Mark-Viverito also established budget reforms to ensure City Council resources are more equitably distributed across districts based on poverty levels. Led by Speaker Mark-Viverito, New York City has emerged as a national leader in the fight for comprehensive immigration reform. In September 2014, Speaker Mark-Viverito announced a groundbreaking public-private partnership with The Robin Hood Foundation, New York Community Trust, and citywide legal service providers to fund legal representation for unaccompanied immigrant children facing deportation in New York City. While unaccompanied children across the nation unjustly face deportation proceedings without any legal assistance, this initiative guarantees a lawyer for all unaccompanied minors in New York City and also provides social, mental, and health services. Speaker Mark-Viverito and the New York City Council passed legislation in October 2014 limiting the City's compliance with detention requests issued by United States immigration authorities without a warrant from a federal judge. This legislation ensures that individuals are not detained without sufficient cause or needlessly torn away from their families. In January 2015, New York City launched IDNYC, the municipal identification card open to any resident of New York City. This initiative, spearheaded by Speaker Mark-Viverito and the New York City Council, offers safe and secure identification for all New Yorkers fourteen and older, regardless of immigration status. Speaker Mark-Viverito is also proud supporter of the New York Family Unity Project, the nation's first government-funded legal representation program for detained immigrants which provides high-quality, holistic representation to New Yorkers detained and facing deportation who cannot afford an attorney. As other U.S. cities seek to implement similar municipal reforms, Speaker Mark-Viverito has traveled across the United States to share New York City's progressive immigration policies. Before becoming Speaker in 2014, Speaker Mark-Viverito served as founding co-chair of the New York City Council Progressive Caucus. From 2010 -2013, she also chaired the City Council Committee on Parks and Recreation.

Elizabeta Markuci is the Director of the Immigration Project at Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS), a program designed to bring legal services directly to schools in underserved communities and support immigrant high-school students on the path to college and employment. Ms. Markuci has recruited, trained and mentored hundreds of volunteer attorneys to represent immigrants through various pro bono initiatives throughout New York City. Ms. Markuci is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, and received her Juris Doctor from the City University of New York School of Law. Ms. Markuci currently serves on the Pro Bono and Legal Services Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (ABCNY) and is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and the Public Interest Pro Bono Association (PIPBA). Previously, Ms. Markuci served as a member of ABCNY's Committee on Professional Ethics and Co-Chair of the New York Chapter of AILA's Pro Bono Committee, training and mentoring pro bono attorneys representing unaccompanied minors facing removal proceedings in immigration court through the Juvenile Docket. During her three-year tenure, the AILA New York Chapter was awarded the New York State Conference of Bar Leaders 2011 Bar Leaders Innovation Award for this project. In 2014, Ms. Markuci was a recipient of the ABCNY's Legal Services Award for her leadership of the VOLS Immigration Project.

Michelle N. Mendez is a senior attorney at Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) in its Training and Legal Support section. Ms. Mendez trains other attorneys, provides technical assistance, analyzes immigration legislation, and writes and updates CLINIC's legal reference materials, while supporting CLINIC's nonprofit affiliate members. She also oversees CLINIC's role in the CARA Pro Bono Project, which seeks to end family detention while offering pro bono legal assistance to detained mothers and children. Prior to joining CLINIC, Ms. Mendez served as senior managing attorney in the Immigration Legal Services Program at Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Washington. She focused her practice on deportation defense litigation on behalf

of detained and non-detained clients, family-based petitions, appellate advocacy, and humanitarian relief—including SIJS matters in Maryland state courts. From 2013 to 2016, Ms. Mendez co-taught the Immigration Litigation Clinic at Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law. Ms. Mendez received her J.D. from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, and her B.A. from the University of Richmond. She also holds a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Georgetown University and a Professional Certificate in Peace and Conflict Resolution through the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

Anahi Mendoza is a Community Fellow with Immigrant Justice Corps. At Human Rights First, Ms. Mendoza works with the Refugee Representation team to provide legal services to asylum seekers. Prior to joining Human Rights First, Ms. Mendoza served as a Legal Representative with the CARA Pro Bono Project representing detained asylum-seeking women and children at the South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, Texas. As a Legal Representative, Ms. Mendoza prepared women and children for their Credible Fear Interviews, represented women and children before the Houston and Newark Asylum Offices, and advocated to end family detention. Ms. Mendoza continues to serve as a volunteer with the CARA Pro Bono Project supporting efforts both in Dilley and at the Berks Family Residential Center in Berks, Pennsylvania. Ms. Mendoza graduated with honors from Harvard University in 2015 with a degree in Social Studies and a secondary in Ethnicity, Migration and Rights. She was the recipient of the Joan Morthland Hutchins Thesis Prize for her thesis on the criminalization of immigrants. For her advocacy for immigrant communities, Ms. Mendoza was honored at the White House in 2014 as a White House Champion of Change.

Mary Beth Quaranta Morrissey, Ph.D., M.P.H., J.D., a health care attorney and health and gerontological social work researcher, is Health Law Counsel to the Alcott Law Group, New York, NY, and a Fellow of Fordham University's Global Healthcare Innovation Management Center. She concentrates her practice in health law and not-for-profit corporate governance. Dr. Morrissey's research and scholarship on pain, suffering and end-of-life help to inform and guide her interdisciplinary policy practice and advocacy. She has authored numerous publications in law journals and peer-reviewed scientific journals, integrating public health and ethical perspectives. Dr. Morrissey serves as chair of the NYCBA Bioethical Ethical Issues Committee and a director of the Westchester County Bar Association and is a member of the NYSBA Public Health and Ethical Issues Committees. She is currently president of the Collaborative for Palliative Care, NY, president-elect of the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, and is past president of the State Society on Aging of New York and the Public Health Association of New York City.

Elora Mukherjee is Associate Clinical Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, where she directs the Immigrants' Rights Clinic. She will be a Visiting Clinical Associate Professor of Law at Yale Law School in the Spring 2017 semester. Her areas of research include immigration law, civil rights, police misconduct, prisoners' rights, and housing and employment discrimination. Previously, Professor Mukherjee was a staff attorney at the ACLU Racial Justice Program and founded the Refugee Reunification Project. She serves on the board of the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project.

Cristina Muñiz de la Peña is Mental Health Director and co-founder of Terra Firma at Montefiore Medical Center and the Children's Health Fund, where she provides mental health services to unaccompanied immigrant children, with a focus on adolescence, complex trauma, family-systems therapy, and acculturation. Dr. Muñiz also participates in advocacy initiatives to promote policy changes to improve the rights of immigrant families. Dr. Muñiz has worked with immigrant children and families in Spain and in the U.S. She is co-author of "Terra Firma: Medical-Legal Care for Unaccompanied Immigrant Garifuna Children," *Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy* (2015) and "How Do Therapists Ally with Adolescents in Family Therapy? An Examination of Relational Control Communication in Early Sessions," *Journal of Counseling Psychology* (2011). Dr. Muñiz earned her doctoral degree from the State University of New York at Albany and her expert certificate in family-systems therapy from the Unidad de Investigación en Intervención y Cuidado Familiar at the Universidad de A Coruña in Spain.

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Suny Rodriguez is a Honduran community activist who was detained in the nation's largest detention center in Dilley, Texas for more than 4 months with her then 7-year-old son. While detained, she successfully fought for and obtained Withholding of Removal based on persecution in Honduras and secured the release of her and her son, with the help of the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) at the Urban Justice Center and Columbia Law School's Immigrants Rights Clinic (IRC). She has since brought the nation's first lawsuit seeking monetary damages against Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the inhumane treatment suffered by women and children held in immigration family detention centers. She is represented in this lawsuit by ASAP, IRC, Gibbons P.C., and the Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC) at Yale Law School.

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ORGANIZATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

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Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) at the Urban Justice Center

The Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) at the Urban Justice Center works to end the wrongful detention and deportation of refugee women and children in the United States. ASAP amplifies the traditional legal services model through creative use of technology, an international network of engaged volunteers, and innovative approaches to community building and partnership. For more information on ASAP's programs, please visit ASAP's website: <https://asap.urbanjustice.org/programs>.

Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic, 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. The clinic responds to the vital need today 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.

Fordham Law School Feerick Center for Social Justice

The Feerick Center for Social Justice promotes the rights of and addresses the problems facing marginalized and low-income New Yorkers. The center works with nonprofit, legal services, and public sector organizations and individuals to respond to the challenges of those in need. Through education and collaboration, the center engages with Fordham students, alumni, and faculty to create and implement long-term innovative solutions critical to lasting change. The Feerick Center's work of providing direct assistance and working in collaboration with others reflects the motto of Fordham Law School—"In the service of others"—as well as Fordham University's expansive Jesuit mission and vision.

Fordham Law School's Feerick Center for Social Justice is celebrating its 10th year anniversary. This conference is the second in a series of programs that are organized to commemorate this important milestone.

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Rights First works where it can best harness American influence to secure core freedoms. Human Rights First knows it is not enough to expose and protest injustice, so Human Rights First creates the political environment and policy solutions necessary to ensure consistent respect for human rights. Whether Human Rights First is protecting refugees, combating torture, or defending persecuted minorities, Human Rights First focuses not on making a point, but on making a difference. For more than 35 years, Human Rights First has built bipartisan coalitions and teamed up with frontline activists and lawyers to tackle global challenges that demand American leadership. Human Rights First's Refugee Representation team seeks to promote human rights at home by assisting people fleeing persecution abroad. Human Rights First achieves this goal by partnering with pro bono lawyers to help their refugee clients win protection in the United States, while using its expertise to enable those lawyers to become exceptional asylum advocates.

Immigrant Justice Corps

Immigrant Justice Corps (IJC), a national program, recruits talented lawyers and college graduates from around the country and partners them with New York's leading non-profit legal services providers and community-based organizations serving New York City, Long Island, Lower Hudson Valley and New Jersey. Together, IJC offers a broad range of immigration assistance including naturalization, deportation defense, and affirmative applications for asylum seekers, juveniles, and victims of crime, domestic violence or human trafficking. The largest expansion of immigration legal services in New York City's history, IJC fellows have also travelled 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, committed to providing high quality representation and innovative thinking about the delivery of legal services to a vulnerable population, including the use of new technologies.

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