Webinar

Understanding the Role of Experts in Immigration Proceedings Involving Victims of Battering, Part 2

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WEBINAR DESCRIPTION
Following up on a webinar from November 2013, by the same presenters, this webinar will provide participants with additional information about the uses of expert witnesses in immigration proceedings involving victims of battering. The presenters will discuss the process and use of survivor interviews/evaluations and the types of expertise necessary for different kinds of immigration proceedings. This webinar is intended for domestic violence and sexual assault experts and potential experts who are or may become involved in immigration proceedings, and will also be helpful for attorneys who represent immigrant survivors.

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PRESENTERS
Edna Yang, Esq, is the General Counsel for American Gateways, formerly the Political Asylum Project of Austin (PAPA), where she directs the legal services for the agency. Ms. Yang also served as the Interim Executive Director for American Gateways in 2012. She began her work at PAPA in 2002 as the Coordinating Attorney for the program Representing Immigrant Survivors of Abuse, providing direct representation to immigrants seeking relief under the immigration provisions of the Violence Against Women Act. She became the General Counsel for the agency overseeing all legal services and programs in 2006.

Ms. Yang represents indigent immigrants before the Immigration Service, the Immigration Court, and in Federal Court. She also conducts training sessions for law enforcement officials and social service providers throughout central Texas and nationally about how to work with, and provide services to, immigrants in the community. She organizes outreach and educational sessions for immigrant members of the community. Ms. Yang currently serves as a Council Member on the State Bar Immigration and Nationality Section and, from 2004 - 2005; she served on the Austin Commission for Immigrant Affairs. She is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas. She is also a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the National Immigration Project, and the National Lawyer's Guild.

Noël Bridget Busch-Armendariz, PhD, LMSW, MPA, has more than 20 years of experience working to end interpersonal violence. She is a professor at the School of Social Work at The University of Texas (UT) at Austin and as the Associate Dean of Research and Director of the Center for Social Work Research. Dr. Busch-Armendariz teaches graduate courses in domestic violence, research, and social policy and an undergraduate course on modern slavery. Dr. Busch-Armendariz is the Founder and Principal Investigator of the UT Austin Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (IDVSA), a collaboration of the School of Social Work, the School of Nursing, the School of Law, and the Bureau for Business Research with more than 150 affiliate community organizations.

Since joining UT Dr. Busch-Armendariz has directed research for the National Institute of Justice, the Office for Victims of Crime, the Office on Violence Against Women, Office of the Attorney General of Texas, the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission totaling more than $5.1 million dollars in external funding. Her areas of specialization are interpersonal violence, refugees, asylees, and victims of human trafficking, and international social work. She is regularly called as an expert witness in criminal, civil, and immigration cases and directs a national training on the topic.

SUGGESTED PARTICIPANTS
While this webinar is focused on advocate experts from community-based domestic violence and sexual assault programs, others currently providing expert testimony - or who are considering providing expert testimony - may also benefit from the webinar. This may include social workers, academics, and other professionals who might provide general testimony about battering and its effects. Additionally, we encourage immigration attorneys representing victims of domestic violence or sexual assault to participate.

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