

ASISTA

Announces New Staff Attorneys

ASISTA Immigration Assistance is thrilled to welcome two new staff attorneys to the team. Lia will be working primarily with our private members, while Kelly will be working mainly with OVW grantees.



Lia Ocasio

Lia comes to the ASISTA team from RISE Law Center, where she represented immigrant survivors of gender-based violence in their applications for humanitarian forms of immigration relief and in family court proceedings. Prior to that, at Legal Services NYC, Lia represented low-income immigrants in their asylum, naturalization, AOS, SIJS, U Visa, or VAWA applications.

During this time, Lia also collaborated with community organizations to increase accessibility for Know Your Rights presentations and legal consultations. To better meet the growing need for legal representation, Lia also trained and provided technical assistance to pro bono attorneys on specific immigration law matters, such as naturalization, asylum, VAWA, and U Visa petitions. Lia is licensed in New York and Wisconsin, and is a graduate of Binghamton University, University of Wisconsin, and University of Wisconsin Law School. In her spare time, Lia enjoys baking, keeping the Duolingo Owl happy, and watching shows that make her laugh.



Kelly Head

Kelly comes to ASISTA from Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (“CLASI”) in Wilmington, Delaware, where she served as a Skadden Fellow and then Staff Attorney. At CLASI, Kelly represented immigrant survivors of violence on U-visas, T-visas, VAWA Self-Petitions, Battered Spouse Waivers, Adjustment of Status, and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. Kelly’s experience representing survivors has given her deep substantive knowledge of survivor-based immigration relief and the effect of immigration policies, statutes, and regulations on immigrant survivors. Licensed in Delaware, Kelly is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and Georgetown University Law. In her spare time, Kelly enjoys reading, yoga, and spending time with her loved ones.

Welcome, Lia & Kelly! We're so glad to have you on board.

With Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten".

Kirsten Rambo, Ph.D.

ASISTA Executive Director