



## **ASISTA & OVW Webinars**

### **Legal Remedies for Crime Survivors & Hot Topics**

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#### **[ASISTA OVW YouTube Channel \(Playlist 2021 - 2023\)](#)**

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#### **[ASISTA OVW Webinar: Confronting Anti-Blackness Against Immigrant Survivors in Civil Legal Systems \(Nov. 9, 2023\)](#)**

Anti-Blackness is embedded in America's civil legal systems, including immigration, child welfare, juvenile justice, and public benefits. This interactive webinar, appropriate for all levels, will examine the anti-Blackness faced by immigrant survivors in these systems. Through the presentation of case scenarios, presenters will explore the damaging intersection of anti-Blackness in civil legal systems and the discretionary nature of many forms of survivor-based immigration relief. Practitioners will leave the webinar with practical tips for confronting anti-Blackness and helping Black immigrant survivors obtain survivor-based immigration relief in the face of systemic racism.

#### **Speakers:**

- Marissa Alexander, *ICJR Sr. Specialist, Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community*
- Kelly Head, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA Immigration Assistance*
- Millicent Shaw Phipps, *Director of Legal Programs, Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community*
- Cristina Velez, *Legal & Policy Director, ASISTA Immigration Assistance*
- Ayana Wallace Vieux, *MS, TTA Manager, Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community.*

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### **[ASISTA OVW Webinar: Policy Developments Affecting Immigrant Survivors \(July 31, 2023\)](#)**

Changes in immigration policy can either strengthen or undermine the protections created by a bipartisan majority in Congress through both the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Trafficking Victims' Protection Act (TVPA). These shifts impact survivors' willingness to report, perceptions of risk, and access to safety. This interactive webinar, appropriate for all levels, will explore how recent federal policy changes affect immigrant survivors of gender-based violence and will provide practical strategies to attorneys and advocates for navigating those changes.

#### **Speakers:**

- Kelly Head, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA*
- Cristina Velez, *Legal & Policy Director, ASISTA*
- Yasmin Campos-Mendez, *Public Policy Manager, Esperanza United: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities*
- Grace Huang, *Director of Policy, Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence.*

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### **[ASISTA OVW Webinar: How Do New DHS Labor Protections Benefit Immigrant Survivors? \(May 31, 2023\)](#)**

This webinar will explore Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") guidance on the protection of immigrant workers involved in labor disputes and its impact on immigrant survivors. The presenters will discuss the guidance and how its protections can provide stability to survivors while they pursue permanent immigration relief. The webinar will also include practical tips for practitioners who wish to incorporate this new form of protection into their survivor-based immigration law practice.

**Speakers:**

- Kelly Head, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA*
- Cristina Velez, *Legal and Policy Director, ASISTA*
- Lynn Damiano Pearson, *Consulting Attorney, National Immigration Law Center.*

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**[ASISTA OVW Webinar: Intermediate/Advanced Case Rounds in VAWAs and U Visas \(March 14, 2023\)](#)**

This intermediate webinar will be an interactive “case rounds” discussion, covering common issues we see arising in our technical assistance related to U visas and VAWA cases. Please note that this webinar is designed for those tackling, or considering tackling, difficult issues; it will not be a primer on eligibility or procedure.

**Speakers:**

- Rebecca Eissenova, *Senior Staff Attorney, ASISTA*
- Kelly Head, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA*
- Lia Ocasio, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA*

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**[ASISTA OVW Webinar: Preventing and Responding to RFEs and NOIDs for U and VAWA Cases \(January 11, 2023\)](#)**

This interactive, intermediate/advanced webinar will examine recent trends in RFEs and NOIDs on U and VAWA cases. We will discuss strategies to avoid receiving an RFE/NOID as well as strategies and practice pointers on how to respond to them.

**Speakers:**

- Kelly Head, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA*
- Rebecca Eissenova, *Senior Staff Attorney, ASISTA.*

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**[ASISTA OVW Webinar: Navigating Systems with Your Immigrant Survivor Clients \(November 14, 2022\)](#)**

Navigating systems ostensibly designed to serve survivors can nonetheless be confusing, demoralizing, and exhausting. Immigrant survivors frequently have well-founded fear and distrust of many of these systems. This panel discussion, appropriate for all levels, will explore some of the reasons for that fear and distrust and will address best practices for attorneys and advocates navigating systems with their immigrant survivor clients.

**Speakers:**

- Shirley Luo, *Program Manager, Resource Center, Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence*
- Paula Gomez Stordy, *M.Ed, Senior Director of National Training and TA for Esperanza United: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities*
- Ayana Wallace, *TTA Manager, Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community.*

**Facilitator:**

- Kelly Head, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA.*

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**[ASISTA OVW Webinar: Representing U Visa Clients with Complex Issues \(September 14, 2022\)](#)**

This advanced webinar will address some of the most challenging issues facing attorneys and advocates representing immigrant survivors on U visas. We will first discuss criminal grounds of inadmissibility. We will discuss the effect of the “controlled substance offense” and crime involving moral turpitude (“CIMT”) grounds of inadmissibility on U visa petitioners, as well as exceptions and waivers. We will then discuss the framework for the “controlled substance offense” ground of inadmissibility and how practitioners may be able to use controlled substance schedules to argue that this ground of inadmissibility should not apply. We will then transition to a discussion of mental health. We will discuss the rights of clients with significant mental health conditions in removal proceedings and how mental health conditions may mitigate or contextualize otherwise negative factors, including criminal history.

**Speakers:**

- Kelly Head, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA*
- Lia Ocasio, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA*

- Cristina Velez, *Legal & Policy Director, ASISTA*.

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### **[ASISTA OVW Webinar: Intermediate/Advanced U Visa Topics \(July 28, 2022\)](#)**

This intermediate/advanced webinar will cover some of the most common topics facing attorneys and advocates working on U visas. Topics will include extending U status and the definition of “victim” for U visa purposes.

#### **Speakers:**

- Amy Cheung, *Senior Legal Counsel, ASISTA*
- Kelly Head, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA*.

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### **[ASISTA OVW Webinar: Representing Immigrant Survivors During & Post-COVID: Considerations for Attorneys & Advocates \(June 10, 2022\)](#)**

The effects of the global pandemic have fallen particularly hard on immigrant survivors. This panel webinar, appropriate for all levels, explores Covid-specific considerations for attorneys and advocates representing survivors, from surmounting Covid-related inability to obtain required documents, to consular processing hurdles, to the importance of a trauma-informed relationship between attorneys and advocates navigating the Covid landscape.

#### **Speakers:**

- Shirley Luo, *Program Manager, Resource Center, Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence*
- Paula Gomez Stordy, *Senior Director of National Training and TA for Esperanza United: National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities*
- Ayana Wallace, *TTA Manager, Ujima, Inc.: The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community*.

#### **Facilitator:**

- Kelly Head, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA*

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### **[ASISTA OVW Webinar: Bias, Equity, and the Impact of Anti-Blackness on Immigrant Survivors \(April 25, 2022\)](#)**

This interactive webinar appropriate for all levels will explore the concepts of ethnicity, race, bias, and prejudice and their effects on shaping people's lives. It will also explore the anti-blackness of US immigration systems and policy and their particular effects on survivors, including practical tips for attorneys and advocates representing survivors.

#### **Speakers:**

- Kelly Head, *Staff Attorney, ASISTA*
- Ayana Wallace, *TTA Manager, Ujima*

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### **[ASISTA OVW Webinar: Hot Topics in U and VAWA Cases \(February 28, 2022\)](#)**

During this interactive webinar appropriate for all levels, ASISTA attorneys will demystify the most current trends in U visas and VAWA cases. Specific topics will include:

- DHS enforcement priorities, ICE's victim-centered directive, and their impact on immigrant survivors
- Removal proceedings for U visa and VAWA clients
- *Vangala*
- "blank spaces" settlement and its impact on U-visa petitioners
- USCIS's implementation of the
- *Medina Tovar*
- court decision in U-visa cases
- U-visa bona fide determination process
- COVID-19 considerations in representing survivors in U visa and VAWA cases.

#### **Speakers:**

- Amy Cheung, *Senior Legal Counsel, ASISTA*
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