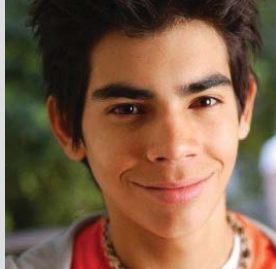


Training and Pro-Bono Opportunity for Lawyers in New Haven and Fairfield Counties



Juan was abandoned at birth by his parents, neglected and abused by his caregivers and threatened by certain death in his country of Honduras.

With no one to care for his needs, he made the brave decision to travel north with the equivalent of two dollars in his pocket. He walked for weeks and jumped onto moving trains to find refuge and safety in the United States.

Training and technical assistance to lawyers to provide **Pro-bono legal representation in probate court of undocumented minors who may qualify for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)**

The purpose of SIJS is to protect children who have been abandoned, abused or neglected by allowing them to regularize their immigration status. As a result, children who are eligible for this protection do not face the human tragedy of being returned to the terrible child abuse or neglect conditions which caused them to flee their country.

SIJS is a two part process: if the state court pursuant to a guardianship or a child abuse or neglect proceeding makes some specific findings as to the immigrant child, he or she can then take the state court order and apply for SIJS protection with the federal government.

Lawyers who sign up for this program will receive 18 hours of free legal training

and technical assistance in exchange for agreeing to provide legal representation to one child or youth in need of legal representation in probate court. The potential client will be referred to the pro-bono attorney by the International Institute of Connecticut. Registrants must attend all three sessions.

Training Includes 3 Sessions

November 12, 2015 from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

November 20, 2015 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

January 28, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Location

Wiggin and Dana, 265 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06508

Registration

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Please Note: Space is limited to 30 attendees.

