



PRO BONO IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM

Friday, April 21, 2023

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

- **9:00 – 9:15** **Welcome & Introduction**
Sal Curran, Executive Director, VLPCNY
- **9:15 – 9:30** **Reflections on the Importance of Pro Bono Service**
Given Simphiwe Maqubela, VLPCNY Board Member and former client
- **9:30 – 10:20** **It Takes a Village: The Pro Bono Immigration Volunteer Experience**
Moderator: Sara McDowell, Director of VLPCNY Immigration Programs
Panelists: Andrew Greenberg, Teaching Professor, SUCOL
Rebecca Cohen, Attorney, Bousquet Holstein PLLC
Marisol Estrada Cruz, 3L SUCOL, Senior Legal Fellow VLPCNY
Giovanni Antonucci, 3L SUCOL
- **10:20 – 10:45** **Cultural Competency and Trauma Informed Legal Services (.5 DEI)**
Fahimeh Zaheri, Immigration Attorney, VLPCNY
- **10:45 – 11:35** **Treating Clients with Dignity & Early Learnings Interactive Session (1 DEI)**
Sal Curran, Executive Director, VLPCNY; Sara McDowell, Director of Immigration Programs, VLPCNY
- **11:35 – 12:00** **Overview of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (.5 skills)**
Sharon Ames, Attorney, Ames Immigration Law
- **12:00 – 12:30** **Lunch**
Served in atrium

- **12:30 – 12:55** **Applying for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) (.5 skills)**
James P. Tracy, Senior Attorney, Hiscock Legal Aid Society
- **1:00 – 1:25** **Asylum 101 and Representing Afghan Asylum Seekers (.5 skills)**
Jennifer Gavilondo, Immigration Attorney, VLPCNY
- **1:30 – 1:55** **Introduction to Removal Proceedings and Defensive Asylum (.5 skills)**
Grace Zaiman, Supervising Attorney, VLPCNY Upstate Pro Bono Program
- **2:00 – 2:25** **Legal Options for Ukrainian Arrivals (.5 skills)**
Anna Putintseva, Attorney, Bousquet Holstein PLLC
- **2:30 – 2:55** **Immigration Options for Victims of Crime, Trafficking and Domestic Violence (.5 skills)**
Emma Buckthal, Legal Director, WNY Coalition of Farmworker Serving Agencies, Inc.