

The New U Visa Regulations: Understanding Their Application and Building Collaboration

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In 2000, Congress enacted the *Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act* which created the U visa classification, offering protection and temporary immigration benefits to victims of severe crimes in exchange for helping law enforcement to investigate and prosecute criminal activity. After seven years of granting deferred status to eligible victims, last October Congress finally published the necessary regulations to make U visa applications officially available.

- 8:30 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 am **Introduction – History and Purpose of the U Visa**
Speaker: Leslye Orloff, Legal Momentum
- 10:00 am **Break**
- 10:15 am **Understanding U Visa Regulations and Creating Best Practices for Trafficking and Other Immigrant Relief**
Panelists: Veronica Puente Duany, Ayuda; Stacey Herzlinger, Alexandria Police Department; and Natalie Nanasi, Tahirih Justice Center; Moderator: Jamie Abrams
- 12:00 pm **Lunch**
- 12:45 pm **Interactive Workshops**
- Option 1: How to Prepare a U Visa Petition: Guidance and instruction for advocates who are new to the U Visa petition process
- Option 2: Integrating the U Visa into Your Practice: Building collaboration among those involved in the petition and certification process.
Facilitator: Elizabeth Keys
- 3:45 pm **Closing and Summary**

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