

AILA UPPER MIDWEST CONFERENCE (MAY 2021)

SIJS Hot Topics Panel Resource List

GENERAL RESOURCES ON REPRESENTATION OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN; SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS

Vera Institute of Justice Unaccompanied Children Program, “The Impact of Drug Trafficking on Unaccompanied Minor Immigration Cases,” (May 2015),
https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/impact_drug_trffk_unacomp_minor_cases-20180719.pdf

ILRC, “Obtaining Office of Refugee Resettlement Files for Clients Who Were Detained as Children” (Nov. 2019),
https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/orr_records_pa_final.pdf

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Trafficking in Persons,
<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/trafficking/acfresources/otip/#:~:text=The%20Office%20on%20Trafficking%20in,well%2Dbeing%20outcomes%20for%20survivors>

LIRS Child Immigration List-serve, To subscribe to this list:
ChildImmigration-subscribe@lists.lirs.org

RESOURCES ON STATE COURT COMPONENT OF SIJS CASES

USCIS, “SIJS, Immigration Relief for Abused Children: Information for Juvenile Court Judges and Child Welfare Professionals,”
https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/brochures/PED.SIJ.1015_Brochure_M-1114B_Revised_05.19.16.pdf

USCIS, “Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Information for Child Welfare Workers,”
https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/questions-and-answers/Information_for_Child_Welfare_Workers_-FINAL.pdf

American Bar Association, “A Guide for State Court Judges and Lawyers on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status” (Mar. 2017),
https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/child_law/resources/child_law_practiceonline/child_law_practice/vol-36/mar-apr-2017/a-guide-for-state-court-judges-and-lawyers-on-special-immigrant-/

RESOURCES ON USCIS ADJUDICATION OF SIJS PETITIONS (FORM I-360); AAO APPEALS

USCIS Policy Manual, Volume 6, Part J, “Special Immigrant Juveniles,”
<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-6-part-j>

CLINIC, Index of Unpublished Administrative Appeals Office Decisions on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, available by request at <https://cliniclegal.org/index-unpublished-administrative-appeals-office-decisions-special-immigrant-juvenile-status> (updated 3 times a year)

USCIS, Special Immigrant Juveniles, <https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-the-united-states/permanent-workers/employment-based-immigration-fourth-preference-eb-4/special-immigrant-juveniles>

Settlement Agreement, *Saravia v. Barr*, No. 17-03615 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 17, 2020), <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/legalNotice/SaraviaSA-Settlement.pdf>

AAO Practice Manual, <https://www.uscis.gov/administrative-appeals/aao-practice-manual>

USCIS Questions and Answers: Motions and Appeals, <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/questions-and-answers-appeals-and-motions>

Upcoming September 2021 CLINIC webinar series on dealing with USCIS denials – registration information forthcoming at cliniclegal.org

RESOURCES ON SIJS-BASED ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS

USCIS Policy Manual, SIJS-Based Adjustment, <https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-7-part-f-chapter-7>

USCIS, Adjustment of Status Filing Charts from the Visa Bulletin, <https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-processes-and-procedures/visa-availability-priority-dates/adjustment-of-status-filing-charts-from-the-visa-bulletin>

USCIS, Green Card Based on Special Immigrant Juvenile Classification, <https://www.uscis.gov/green-card/green-card-eligibility/green-card-based-on-special-immigrant-juvenile-classification>

Department of State Visa Bulletin, <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/visa-law0/visa-bulletin.html>

USCIS, Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, Instructions, <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-912instr.pdf>

American Bar Association, Children’s Immigration Law Academy, “SIJS Adjustment of Status Inadmissibility Chart,” <https://cilacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/CILA-SIJS-Adjustment-of-Status-Inadmissibility-Chart.pdf>

ILRC, “Practice Advisory: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and the Grounds of Inadmissibility” (Aug. 2020), https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/sijs_and_grounds_of_inadmissibility_8.27.20.pdf

SIJS-based adjustment checklist (separate handout)

RESOURCES ON *J.O.P. v. DHS*

USCIS, *J.O.P. v. DHS* Information, <https://www.uscis.gov/laws-and-policy/other-resources/class-action-settlement-notices-and-agreements/jop-v-us-dept-of-homeland-security-et-al-information>

CLINIC’s *J.O.P. v. DHS* webpage, <https://cliniclegal.org/resources/litigation/jop-v-dhs-class-action-lawsuit-seeks-protection-asylum-seekers-who-arrived> (includes copies of relevant court

filings such as the Dec. 2020 order certifying a nationwide class and expanding the preliminary injunction)

CLINIC's fact sheet "Immigration Court Considerations for Unaccompanied Children Who File for Asylum with USCIS While in Removal Proceedings, in Light of *J.O.P. v. DHS*,"

<https://cliniclegal.org/resources/asylum-and-refugee-law/fact-sheet-immigration-court-considerations-unaccompanied-children>

OTHER RESOURCES RELATED TO REMOVAL DEFENSE OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

Safe Passage Project, "Representing Noncitizen Youth in Removal Proceedings" (2018-2019)

<https://www.safepassageproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Safe-Passage-Project-Manual-Representing-Noncitizen-Youth-2018-2019.pdf>

Vera Institute of Justice Unaccompanied Children's Program, "Strategies for Suppressing Evidence and Terminating Removal Proceedings for Child Clients" (Mar. 2015),

<https://www.uacresources.org/library/item.555488->

[Strategies for Suppressing Evidence and Terminating Removal Proceedings for](https://www.uacresources.org/library/item.555488-Strategies%20for%20Suppressing%20Evidence%20and%20Terminating%20Removal%20Proceedings%20for%20Child%20Clients.pdf)

CLINIC, Sample Brief Seeking Termination of Proceedings Based on SIJS Approval,

<https://cliniclegal.org/sample-brief-seeking-termination-removal-proceedings-basedsijs-approval>

Contact Rebecca Scholtz (rscholtz@cliniclegal.org) to join Minnesota SIJS Advocates Listserv and SIJS Roundtable