SIJS ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS WEBINAR:
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

SIJS & SIJS ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS BASICS:

STATUTE
- **INA 101(a)(27)(J)** – Special immigrant juveniles
- **INA 203(b)(4)** – Certain special immigrants
- **INA 245** – Adjustment of status of nonimmigrant to that of person admitted for permanent residence
- **INA 245(h)** – Application of adjustment provisions with respect to special immigrants

REGULATIONS
- **8 CFR 245** – Adjustment of status of nonimmigrant to that of person admitted for permanent residence
- **8 CFR 245.1(e)(3)** – Special immigrant juveniles
- **8 CFR 204.11** – Special immigrant status for certain aliens declared dependent on a juvenile court (special immigrant juvenile)
- [2019 Reopened Regulations: Special Immigrant Juvenile Petitions](#)

ADOPTED AAO DECISIONS ON SIJ PETITIONS

USCIS POLICY MANUAL ON SIJ PETITIONS & ADJUSTMENT
- Special Immigrant Juveniles
- Special Immigrant-Based (EB-4) Adjustment: Special Immigrant Juveniles

UNDERSTANDING THE VISA BACKLOG
- Backlogs in Family-Based Immigration: Shedding Light on the Numbers, CLINIC

PRACTICE GUIDES
- [CILA’s Pro Bono Guide Section III.C](#)
FORM I-485:
- Final Rule: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements
- ILRC v. Wolf litigation
- ILRC Resource, Status of USCIS Fee Waiver Changes
- USCIS Updates Intake Policies and Halts Application of the Rejection Policy in Response to Vangala v. USCIS, Frequently Asked Questions, January 14, 2021

JURISDICTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:
- CILA Resource, Adjudicating Without Jurisdiction: A Cautionary Tale (note that it will vary per jurisdiction whether OCC will cooperate to get a case dismissed in immigration court)
- 8 CFR 245.2(a)(1) – Application for Adjustment of Status
- 8 CFR 1245.2(a)(1) – Application for Adjustment of Status
- 8 CFR 239.2(c) – Cancellation of Notice to Appear
- Exercising Prosecutorial Discretion to Dismiss Adjustment Cases, ICE

USCIS ADJUSTMENT:

USCIS POLICY MANUAL ON SIJ PETITIONS & ADJUSTMENT
- Special Immigrant Juveniles
- Special Immigrant-Based (EB-4) Adjustment: Special Immigrant Juveniles

EOIR ADJUSTMENT:
- CILA Resource, How to Prepare for an Individual Hearing: Different Practitioners’ Perspectives (e-mail CILA for password to access this document)

EOIR POLICY MANUAL, PART 11, OCIJ PRACTICE MANUAL
- Chapter 3 - Filing with The Immigration Court

AGENCY GUIDANCE
- Instructions for Submitting Certain Applications in Immigration Court and For Providing Biometric and Biographic Information to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Preparing for your Biometrics Appointment
Fingerprint Check Update Request: Agreement between USCIS and ICE

Post-Order Instructions for Individuals Granted Relief or Protection from Removal by Immigration Court

**GROUND OF INADMISSIBILITY:**

- ILRC Resource, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) & The Grounds of Inadmissibility
- ILRC Resource, Immigration Consequences of Texas Assault
- ILRC Resource, A Step By Step Guide To Completing FOIA Requests With DHS
- ILRC Resource, Immigration Consequences of Juvenile Delinquency
- FBI Fingerprint Checks

**USCIS POLICY ON DISCRETION:**

- Chapter 8 - Discretionary Analysis, Volume 7 – Adjustment of Status, USCIS Policy Manual
- Chapter 10 - Legal Analysis and Use of Discretion, Volume 7 – Adjustment of Status, USCIS Policy Manual
- Understanding Allegations of Gang Membership/Affiliation in Immigration Cases

**CONNECTING WITH OTHERS FOR LOCAL INFORMATION:**

**CILA LISTSERVS**

- CILA’s Texas Children’s Immigration Listserv (asylum and SIJS)
- CILA’s Houston SIJS Working Group Listserv
- CILA’s Pro Bono Coordination for Child Immigration Listserv (national)

**FACEBOOK GROUPS**

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○ AILA State and City Chapters Listservs
  ○ https://www.ailatexas.org/member-forum/ (Texas chapter)
  ○ https://www.aila.org/membership/communities/chapters (State chapter info.)
  ○ Contact your local AILA Chapter Chair to ask about local listservs

○ AILA Non-Profit Interest Group (NPIG) Listserv
  ○ https://www.aila.org/MyAila/Account/Listservs

○ AILA Sections (Removal Defense)
  ○ https://www.aila.org/MyAila/Account/Sections

HOUSTON

○ Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative Sign-Up (sign up for updates/volunteer opportunities)