

November 9-11 Preconference: November 7-8 Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis, IN





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November 9, 2016

Dear Farmworker Advocates:

Farmworker Justice welcomes you to the 2016 National Farmworker Law Conference and Indianapolis. Once again, we appreciate the National Legal Aid and Defender Association for hosting us as part of its annual conference. We know from past years that advocates from the different legal aid organizations will take the opportunity to exchange knowledge, network, and return home with the tools to better serve our communities.

Farmworkers – most of whom are immigrants – labor day after day on our farms and ranches to feed our nation. For most, the wages, benefits and living conditions are not what they should be. And the federal labor laws, like those of most states, discriminatorily deny agricultural workers labor protections afforded to other occupations. Yet, too often, the laws are broken, inflicting wage theft, dangerous working conditions and unhealthy living conditions. The work that we all do - educating farmworkers about their rights, helping to enforce the laws that protect them, assisting their organizations, and advocating for more effective state and federal labor protections and enforcement – is crucial to the goal of empowering farmworkers to improve their working and living conditions. While the obstacles are significant, there are opportunities that dedicated advocates are helping farmworkers seize to bring a greater measure of justice to the fields and rural communities.

We are very fortunate to have as our plenary speakers this year freelance journalists Lizzie Grossman and Tracie McMillan, who are both very familiar with the living and working conditions of farmworkers in the U.S. Ms. Grossman specializes in environmental, science and related policy issues, with a focus on environmental, public and occupational health. She has written extensively on EPA's pesticide regulatory process and its impact on farmworkers and their families. Ms. McMillan's writing explores the American food system and the inherent social and economic inequality in that system that inflicts harm on farmworker families and their communities. They will share their perspectives on the media coverage of farmworkers.

We thank all the advocates who have come from around the country to share their experience and insights. A group of seasoned veterans has again agreed to lead the 2-day New Advocate Training, ensuring that newcomers to farmworker advocacy are equipped for successful future practice. In addition, more than 70 advocates have volunteered to share their specialized expertise throughout the conference, providing an opportunity for all of us to gain advanced training on topics from labor and employment law, to occupational safety and health, immigration, farmworker housing, and outreach. We are confident that by sharing our knowledge, we will advance the effectiveness of farmworker advocacy nationwide, and ultimately improve the lives of farmworkers and their families.

I thank my colleagues at Farmworker Justice for their coordination of the planning process with advocates across the country to ensure an interesting, constructive and well-organized conference. Again, we thank our partners at NLADA, as well as the staff of the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, for their help making this conference a reality. We hope that you will return home inspired and better prepared to advance the cause of justice for farmworkers and their families.

Sincerely,

Bruce Goldstein

President, Farmworker Justice

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Tickets for NLADA Awards Luncheon**

Each year, NLADA honors individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the cause of equal justice. Do not miss this opportunity to celebrate the achievements of your colleagues. The Awards Banquet will take place in the Marriott Ballroom, 2nd floor on Friday, November 11th, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. The tickets are \$50.00 and may be purchased on the 2nd floor at the NLADA registration desk. Vegetarian meals should be requested when purchasing your ticket. Tickets must be purchased by 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 10th.

#### **Badges**

Badges must be worn to gain entrance to all meetings and functions.

#### **Cell Phones**

Please be respectful and turn off your cell phones during plenary and workshop sessions.

#### **Smoking Policy**

Smoking is not permitted inside the meeting rooms.

#### **Internet Access**

NLADA attendees have free Wi-Fi access in your guestroom if you are staying at the Marriott. We are also pleased to announce that through the generous support of our sponsor, NLADA Insurance Program, we are providing free Wi-Fi and access to the Cyber Café. The Cyber Café is located next to the NLADA conference registration desk on the 2nd floor. To access Wi-Fi choose network name: marriott\_conference, password: NLADAIns

#### **Evaluations**

NLADA is very interested in your feedback on the conference. A general conference evaluation form is included in your registration packet, and extra forms are available at the NLADA conference registration desk. Additionally, each training session will have session evaluations. Please take a few minutes immediately following your session to complete these evaluations and deposit them in the evaluation collection boxes located throughout the meeting space. You can also return them to the NLADA registration desk. We appreciate you taking the time to complete these forms because they are useful tools for NLADA in our effort to provide the highest quality training events and conferences.

### **Materials**

Session materials can be found in the dropbox link emailed prior to the conference.

#### **Continuing Legal Education**

It is a licensing requirement in most states that attorneys attend CLE-accredited training each year. A CLE instruction sheet and a three-part Certificate of Attendance can be found in your registration folder. You MUST complete the NLADA Certificate of Attendance and return it to the registration desk before the conclusion of your conference experience.

Individual state forms are available at the conference registration desk. **NLADA will not accept CLE forms after the conference**. If not submitted by the end of the conference, attorneys are required to submit the Certificate of Attendance directly to CLE jurisdictions. Please be familiar with the CLE requirements in your state. If you are an attorney from **Delaware**, **Oklahoma**, **California**, or **Illinois** please remember to stop by the registration desk and sign the mandatory sign-in sheets.

Attention **Delaware** Attorneys: Attorneys are required to sign an attendance sheet for each session they attend. The sign-in sheet is located at the registration desk. Also, fill out the Delaware certificate of attendance addendum and turn it in to the registration desk along with the NLADA certificate of attendance and an agenda with the sessions that you attended highlighted. NLADA will submit your attendance to Delaware.

Attention Illinois Attorneys: Attorneys are required to sign-in once for NLADA's records. The sign-in sheet is located at the registration desk. Attorneys will submit their completed certificate of attendance to NLADA for filing.

Attention **Kentucky** Attorneys: Complete the KBA Form #3, which may be obtained at the registration desk. Return this form with the NLADA form to the registration desk. NLADA will submit your attendance to Kentucky.

Attention **Pennsylvania** and **Virginia** Attorneys: Attorneys **MUST** pick up their state-specific form at the registration desk and return it with the NLADA certificate of attendance form directly to Pennsylvania or Virginia. Attorneys maintain their own records and report their own hours.

# **2016 National Farmworker Law Conference** Planning Committee

The 2016 National Farmworker Law Conference Planning Team would like to extend its gratitude to the Networking Reception Sponsors for enthusiastically welcoming the Conference and its attendees to the city of Indianapolis. The Committee's dedication, planning, substantive expertise and knowledge of the area were essential to the planning and success of the programmatic, entertainment and recreational elements of the Conference.

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#### 2016 Staff Support

**Virginia Ruiz** Director of Occupational and Environmental Health Farmworker Justice

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# AGENDA AT A GLANCE

# Monday, November 7, 2016

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Indiana Ballroom Foyer

**Continental Breakfast** 

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Indiana Ballroom Foyer **Pre-Conference Registration** 

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Welcome Session

Indiana Ballroom A/B

9:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Indiana Ballroom G New Advocates Training I - Day One

9:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Indiana Ballroom F New Advocates Training II - Day One

# Tuesday, November 8, 2016

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Indiana Ballroom Fover **Continental Breakfast** 

8:00-9:00 a.m. Indiana Ballroom Foyer Pre- Conference Registration

9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Indiana Ballroom G New Advocates Training I - Day Two

9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Indiana Ballroom F New Advocates Training II - Day Two

# Wednesday, November 9, 2016

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**  Indiana Ballroom A/B

7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Indiana Ballroom Fover NFLC Conference Registration

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. **Breakout Sessions** 

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. **Morning Break** 

Indiana Ballroom Foyer

10:30 a.m.- Noon Sessions

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch On Your Own

Indiana Ballroom A/B 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch Session

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Opening Plenary**  Indiana Ballroom E

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Indiana Ballroom A/B Afternoon Break

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Sessions

5:30 -7:30 p.m. Marriott Ballroom, 2nd Fl NLADA Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address

7:30 -8:30 p.m. NLADA Opening Reception

Marriott Ballroom, 2nd Fl

# Thursday, November 10, 2016

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Indiana Ballroom A/B Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Indiana Ballroom Foyer NFLC Conference Registration

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Sessions

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Indiana Ballroom A/B Morning Break

10:30 a.m.- Noon Sessions

Noon - 2:00 p.m. Lunch On Your Own

1:00 - 2:00 Indiana Ballroom A/B Migrant Section Meeting

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Sessions

3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Afternoon Break

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Sessions

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Networking Reception** 

Indiana Ballroom A/B

Adobo Restaurant and Grill

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10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Break Indiana Ballroom A/B

10:30 a.m.- Noon Sessions

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Marriott Ballroom 2nd Fl. NLADA Annual Awards Luncheon

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Closing Sessions

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Marriott 7 Latino Session Meeting







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# Indiana Ballroom C/D

"We Don't Do Taxes": So How Can Advocates Help H-2A Workers Navigate the IRS, ITINs, and the ACA?

H-2A employees may be required to file taxes, depending on how many months they work in the U.S. and how much they earn. Now, these workers most likely are required to sign up for health insurance or face tax penalties under the Affordable Care Act. Most legal services offices do not offer tax preparation. But workers are seeking our help understanding their obligations and rights in the absence of honest, competent, affordable tax assistance. This session will provide nuts and bolts tax information, share outreach strategies and tools, and explore how we can develop tax resources for the H-2A workers in our states.

Presenters: Michele Besso, Northwest Justice Project; Robert Wunderle, La Posada Tax Clinic; Caitlin Ryland, Legal Aid of North Carolina; Rachel Micah Jones, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.; Lazlo Beh, Pennsylvania Farmworker Project

### 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom G

Litigation 101 - Nuts and Bolts of Farmworker Practice Learn the basics of farmworker litigation from this workshop, which is tailored to help farmworker attorneys plan and commence affirmative litigation. In detail, the workshop will cover budgeting and planning for litigation, as well as recommendations to manage your case through to trial. Presenters will discuss issues relating to successfully pleading as well as effective representation at the 26(f) conference through discovery and into motion practice. Workshop presenters will include techniques and tips to help advocates manage parties, discovery, and motion practice. This workshop will help both experienced and inexperienced advocates successfully navigate the beginning stages of litigation by providing concrete tips from experienced farmworker attorneys.

Presenters: Lori Isley, Columbia Legal Services; Carol Brooke, NC Justice Center; Dawson Morton, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

#### 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Break

Indiana Ballroom Foyer

### 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Indiana Ballroom C/D

#### Combatting Retaliation: Strategies to Prevent, Limit, and **Redress Retaliation**

This workshop will discuss the prevention, limitation; and redress of retaliation in all stages of advocacy for worker rights. In combatting retaliation, from blacklisting to termination, strategies should include anti-retaliation messaging that fights the pervasive view of employers and their counsel that it is the expected course of action. Community legal education tactics, initial client discussion, negotiation process, and settlement language will be discussed. Litigation strategies, including proceeding anonymously, will be addressed as well as successful examples of litigation.

Presenters: Keith Talbot, Legal Services of New Jersey; Dawson Morton, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation; Caitlin Berberich, Southern Migrant Legal Services

#### 10:30 a.m. - Noon

#### Indiana Ballroom G

Recent Developments under the Migrant & Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act

This session will review important recent developments under the AWPA, including pleading and proving entitlement to liquidated damages under the Act in the wake of the Supreme Court's Spokeo decision; recent rulings defining joint employment relationships under the AWPA, the continued viability of class actions under the

AWPA following recent Supreme Court rulings, the use of AWPAs working arrangement protections to enforce the rights of domestic farmworkers to jobs for which H-2A workers are requested, and efforts to extend AWPA coverage to dairy and seafood processing workers.

Presenter: Greg Schell, Southern Migrant Legal Services

#### Wednesday, November 9, 2016

#### 10:30 a.m. - Noon

#### Indiana Ballroom F

**Revisions to the Worker Protection Standard** 

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently revised regulations to strengthen workplace protections for farmworkers and pesticide applicators. The new Worker Protection Standard and Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training regulations include provisions that improve pesticide safety training for workers and applicators; implement minimum age requirements for pesticide handlers; and improve the information accessible to workers and their medical care providers about the pesticides used at their workplace. Panelists will provide an overview of the new workplace safety rules and discuss concerns related to implementation and enforcement.

Presenters: Virginia Ruiz, Farmworker Justice; Shelley Latin, Legal Aid Services of Oregon; Julie Samples, Oregon Law Center

#### Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch On Your Own

See conference bag for hotel restaurants specials and nearby restaurants

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Indiana Ballroom A/B Brown Bag Meeting of the Low Wage Workers Legal Network

#### Bring your own lunch

The Low Wage Workers Legal Network is a loose association of 395 legal advocates for low wage, immigrant and contingent workers, representing 140 organizations and 33 private firms located in 34 states, DC and Mexico. The LWWLN provides a platform for monthly training calls on critical emerging legal problems and opportunities, collaborative advocacy on important issues through working groups and networking among advocates for workers around the country. LWWLN maintains a listserv and a password protected web page archiving training and practice materials. To participate one need only ascribe to the goals of the organization and be engaged in representing low wage workers (employee side advocates only). There are no dues.

Members of the LWWLN and those interested in learning more who meet the eligibility criteria for membership are welcome to attend this session.

# 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

**Opening Plenary** 

Farmworkers in the News: Journalists Covering the Lives and Labor Conditions of Farmworkers



Freelance journalists Elizabeth Grossman and Tracie McMillan have written about farmworkers' living and working conditions in recent years. Ms. Grossman reports extensively on workplace exposure to chemicals and occupational safety regulation, including farmworkers' exposure to pesticides. Ms. McMillan views farmworkers as an important part of the food system. In preparing for her book The American Way of Eating, she worked as a farmworker and reported on the grueling conditions in California's fields. These journalists will discuss their experiences researching and writing about farmworkers, and will they offer insight and advice about how farmworker advocates can pitch stories to journalists.

Moderator: Bruce Goldstein, Farmworker Justice

#### 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Break

#### 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Farmworker Housing and State Advocacy

Advocates from several states will discuss their experiences in updating state farmworker housing standards and improving farmworker health and safety, including working with community partners, state administrative agencies, and state legislators. Learn about the struggles and strategies to improve farmworker housing conditions and how advocates can push for improved standards in their states.

Presenters: Eugenio Mollo, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality; Michele Besso, Northwest Justice Project; Tom Thornburg, Farmworker Legal Services of Michigan

#### 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

### **FLSA Collective Actions**

One way that LSC funded programs are able to have a broad impact on the underpayment of wages is by doing FLSA 216(b) collective actions. Unlike Rule 23 class actions, which are prohibited to LSC funded programs, collective actions under FLSA have been recognized by FLSA as permissible representation. This panel will discuss the basics of collective actions and how they differ from Rule 23 class actions. The workshop will include experienced attorneys who will share what they've learned about how to manage complex collective actions so that they don't become overwhelming and how to collaborate with private counsel and/or unrestricted legal services programs successfully. This is a chance to learn how to take our advocacy up a notch!

Presenters: Michael Dale, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; Jim Knoepp, Southern Poverty Law Center; Katy Youker, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

Indiana Ballroom A/B

Indiana Ballroom C/D

Indiana Ballroom G

# Wednesday, November 9, 2016

#### 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom F The ACA and Farmworkers: What You Need to Know

Although the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has helped many Americans access health care, farmworkers have not benefitted from the ACA to the same extent as others. Advocates need tools to help farmworkers understand their rights and obligations under the ACA and to overcome considerable challenges to securing benefits under the law. During this workshop, we will provide an overview of the ACA and how it affects farmworker communities. We will discuss employer obligations and special considerations for migrant workers, H-2A (and H-2B) workers, and mixed status families. We will also share successful tools and strategies to educate and connect farmworkers with health insurance. There will also be a discussion focused on recommendations to improve farmworkers' access to health insurance and health care.

Presenter: Alexis Guild, Farmworker Justice

#### 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Marriott Ballroom, 2nd Fl NLADA Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address NFLC attendees are invited to attend.

#### 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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#### NLADA Opening Reception



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Indiana Ballroom Foyer

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8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

# Indiana Ballroom C/D

Litigation Strategies for Farmworker Groups

Join esteemed Professor Robert Klonoff and farmworker advocates for a discussion about cutting edge developments in class and collective actions, including recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions - Campbell-Ewald, Tyson & Spokeo; predictions of future trends; and using injunctive relief to obtain relief for farmworker groups.

Presenters: Lori Isley, Columbia Legal Services; Robert Klonoff, Lewis & Clark Law School

### 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom E

#### Challenges in Transnational Litigation: Seeking Portable Justice by Continuing Representation When Your Clients Return Home

In this workshop, we will discuss strategies to ensure that your farmworker clients have access to portable justice after they return to their countries of origin - no matter the reason (removal, end of H-2 contract, etc.). Copies of the Global Workers Justice Alliance's Challenges in Transnational Litigation substantive practice manual (5th edition) will be available for workshop participants. The panel of experienced advocates will provide an overview of the law and discuss various hypotheticals, providing perspective on the following points: Dealing with opposing counsel who use a plaintiffs' whereabouts to gain tactical advantage. Discovery issues, including protective order motions, remote deposition practice pointers, and document authentication. Bringing clients back to the United States to participate at trial (humanitarian parole, the B visa and waivers of inadmissibility). Special problems in pursuing workers' compensation claims. Managing these cases on a limited budget.

Presenters: Nan Schivone, Global Workers Justice Alliance; Beth Lyon, Cornell Law School; Sarah Rich, Southern Poverty Law Center; Andrea Ortega, Florida Rural Legal Services Inc; Doug Stevick, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

#### 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom G

#### Strengthening Medical-Legal Partnerships in Farmworker Communities

Common legal problems involving living and working conditions and access to services and benefits can affect the health of farmworkers and their families. Medical-legal partnerships (MLPs) integrate the work of health care and legal services and can help identify, treat, and prevent health-harming legal needs in farmworker communities. MLPs may focus on access to workers' compensation or labor camp access for health care providers, for example. During this session, we will discuss the benefits, challenges, and strategies to initiate and maintain an MLP in farmworker communities. Presenters from Farmworker Justice and the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership will share their experiences working with health centers and legal services organizations on MLPs. We will also share MLP toolkits created by the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership and Farmworker Justice.

Presenters: Alexis Guild, Farmworker Justice; Ann Mangiameli, Legal Aid of Nebraska

#### 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom F

#### The H-2B Program: Overview of Regulatory Protections and Legal Claims

The workshop will give an overview of the regulatory protections available to H-2B workers and workers in corresponding employment and the recent changes in the H-2B regulatory framework. It will also include a discussion of the types of claims attorneys have brought on behalf of H-2B workers in the last few years, including Arriaga, breach of contract, NLRA, and AWPA. Panelists will share practice tips about finding and representing H-2B workers, investigating their claims and gathering evidence. This workshop is intended to be accessible to attorneys who are unfamiliar with the H-2B program as well as those who have some familiarity. It will be an updated version of the H-2B workshop from the 2012 conference.

Presenters: Clermont Ripley, North Carolina Justice Center; Vanessa Coe,

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Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.; Arthur Read, Friends of Farmworkers; Meredith Stewart, Southern Poverty Law Center

# Thursday, November 10, 2016

#### 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Break

Indiana Ballroom A/B

#### 10:30 a.m. - Noon

# Indiana Ballroom C/D

Tried in the Fire: Best Practices for Preparing Farmworker Sexual Harassment Cases for Litigation

As the media and our farmworker programs have begun to shine light on the rampant sexual harassment in the agricultural industry, more farmworkers who are victims of sexual harassment are empowered to come forward to enforce their legal rights. As a community of farmworker advocates, we need to be prepared to provide effective legal representation to these survivors. Preparing sexual harassment cases for successful litigation requires practices and strategies unique from traditional wage and hour claims. In this workshop, some of the very few attorneys who have litigated farmworker sexual harassment cases around the country will share their experiences and lessons learned. The workshop's panelists will cover the skills and best practices from investigation through litigation, including interviewing and supporting farmworker survivors of sexual harassment, finding witnesses and preserving evidence, evaluating credibility issues that will affect a sexual harassment victim's case, evaluating whether your case is appropriate for litigation or alternative resolution, and preparing a sexual harassment case for trial, from voir dire to expert witnesses.

Presenters: Alyson Dimmitt Gnam, Northwest Justice Project; Blanca Rodriguez, Northwest Justice Project; Natalia Ospina, California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.; Julie Samples, Oregon Law Center

#### 10:30 a.m. - Noon

#### Indiana Ballroom E

Integrating a Race Equity Lens into Farmworker Advocacy Race-whether coded or explicit-is front and center in the lives of farmworkers and their families. The systems within which our clients operate-employment, education, health care, criminal justice-are interconnected and often function to uphold a racial hierarchy and legitimize inequality. Many of these systems have become the pillars of a second-class status for farmworkers. How can we, as farmworker advocates, examine these systems more critically and identify ways to dismantle the barriers such systems pose for our clients? Are there new approaches or tools we can use to address the persistent problems that have plagued our farmworker communities for far too long? This session will provide an introduction to basic racial equity concepts and tools, such as implicit bias and systems thinking. Participants will then be invited to explore how these tools can be applied in their farmworker advocacy.

**Presenters**: Patricia Hernandez, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality; Ellen Hemley, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law; David Morales, Northwest Justice Project; Kevin Herrera, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

#### 10:30 a.m. - Noon

**Representing H-2A Workers** 

#### Indiana Ballroom G

This session will give an overview of H-2A claims from the investigation stage through litigation and into cutting edge topics. Topics include gathering information for claims, current trends and hot topics in litigation, how to prove and maximize damages, keeping your case in federal court and the pros and cons of RICO claims.

**Presenters**: Amanda Caldwell, Community Legal Services; Dawson Morton, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation; Javier Riojas, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

#### 10:30 a.m. - Noon

#### Indiana Ballroom F

#### How to Write a Settlement Agreement Most Beneficial to Your Client

The end is in sight, but how can you best advocate for your client while drafting a settlement agreement? What needs to be included to protect against potential issues, to deal with tax issues, to ensure compliance? What must be avoided and why? What about settlements where there is group representation? This panel will explore and discuss a checklist of settlement issues for AWPA, FLSA, and H2A/H2B related claims.

**Presenters**: Lori Johnson, Legal Aid of North Carolina Farmworker Unit; Carol Brooke, NC Justice Center; Greg Schell, Southern Migrant Legal Services

#### Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch On Your Own

See conference bag for hotel specials and nearby restaurants.

Indiana Ballroom A/B

#### **Migrant Section Meeting**

#### 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom C/D

Settlement-Related Tax Issues in Farmworker Cases

This workshop will address the most common tax issues that arise when settling the legal claims of farmworkers. The panelists will give practical pointers for minimizing the likelihood of tax problems for the workers and their attorneys, as well as putting the clients in a position to comply with federal tax law. The session will also touch on the special settlement-related tax issues of H-2A workers, and of persons who are nonresident aliens for federal tax purposes.

**Presenters**: Doug Stevick, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; Briana Beltran, Cornell Law School Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic; Larry Norton, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid

#### 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom E

Indiana Ballroom G

Joint Employers and Farm Labor Contractors - Who's Responsible?

Who are the defendants in your case and what regulations did they violate? H-2A employers can file a job order jointly with other growers, with associations, and with farm labor contractors. Farm labor contractors can file their own job order. We will discuss how to identify the defendants in your case and what special regulations and case law apply.

**Presenters**: Joe Morrison, Columbia Legal Services; Caitlin Ryland, Legal Aid of North Carolina; Amanda Caldwell, Community Legal Services

#### 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

#### Immigration Advocacy & Prospects for Reform

This workshop will present the current state of immigration reform efforts and the prospects for the next year. Topics will include prospects and strategies for legislative reform, administrative efforts to improve the H-2 programs, efforts to create a process for affirmative relief for workers enforcing their labor or civil rights, and the state of immigration enforcement. **Presenters**: Adrienne DerVartanian, Farmworker Justice; Meredith Stewart, Southern Poverty Law Center; Mark Heller, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality

#### Thursday, November 10, 2016

#### 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom F

Farmworkers and Fair Housing Fair housing and civil rights laws can be used to address discriminatory land use, code enforcement, and other housing practices that negatively affect farmworker housing. The panel will discuss fair housing law and cases that involve zoning and mobile home park closures.

Presenters: David Morales, Northwest Justice Project; Ilene Jacobs, California Rural Legal Assistance

#### 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Afternoon Break

Indiana Ballroom A/B

#### 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Indiana Ballroom C/D

Improving Housing Conditions, Enforcing Health and Safety Codes, and Remedies for Farmworker Clients

Litigation to enforce federal and state law can improve farmworker housing conditions. Workshop topics will range from AWPA, innkeeper exemptions, state and common law remedies, to using experts, proving damages and seeking other remedies, H2A housing issues, and access to labor camps.

**Presenters**: Art Read, Friends of Farmworkers; Tom Thornburg, Farmworker Legal Services of Michigan; Greg Schell, Southern Migrant Legal Services; Daniela Dwyer, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Farmworker Project; Ilene Jacobs, California Rural Legal Assistance

#### 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom E

#### Building Trust and Effectuating Justice Between Local Police and Farmworker Communities

Across the country, many communities, including farmworkers, face barriers to security, economic success, and justice because of poor relationships with local law enforcement. Mistrust and fear of the police lead to the underreporting of crimes, which threatens public safety. As advocates, we must learn how to facilitate trust-building between local law enforcement and our client communities, through both adversarial or collaborative efforts. When local law enforcement leaders are willing, trust-building can be a collaborative process that benefits all involved. In other communities, litigation may be the most effective tool. This panel will explore successful collaborative models where advocates have worked with client communities and law enforcement to create policies that help farmworkers, including policies on working with victims of crimes who have no immigration status, and those with limited English proficiency. The panel will also explore litigation strategies to address racially biased and anti-immigrant policing practices that foster fear in our client communities. Representatives of law enforcement will also speak about the challenges they face in working with our client communities. Participants will learn how to begin a trust-building initiative in their own client communities, whether through an adversarial or collaborative process.

**Presenters**: Kathleen Kersh, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality; Carly Fox, Worker Justice Center of New York; Mark Heller, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality; Wendy Stiver, Dayton Policy Department

#### 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom F

#### Combating International Recruitment Fraud and Abuse – Country of Origin Approaches

International labor recruitment remains riddled with problems that lead foreign migrant farmworkers to suffer from fraud and abuse. The root causes – a lack of meaningful regulation, transparency, intergovernmental cooperation, and difficulties holding employers legally responsible - persist, despite vigorous policy advocacy and litigation strategies. In this workshop, we will discuss current initiatives and ideas aimed at tackling recruitment fraud and abuse in foreign farmworkers' countries of origin. The creative approaches discussed will include: a brief explanation of the denuncia process and other administrative complaint options victims may take against recruiters in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, and a realistic assessment of these mechanisms's efficacy; a demonstration of http://www.contratados.org/ - a worker-friendly internet review website - with a focus on how advocates can contribute and benefit from the information reported; a presentation of RADAR, a binational (Mexico/USA) pilot project that seeks to detect abuses in the labor recruitment process for temporary migrant workers and provide powerful tools for litigators and enforcement agencies that advocate on their behalf; an introduction to the Iniciatiava Regional sobre Movilidad Laboral (INILAB) and reflections on the benefits and challenges faced by country of origin policy advocates; and current perspectives on working with the Nonimmigrant Visa Fraud units in U.S. Consulates abroad.

**Presenters**: Nan Schivone, Global Workers Justice Alliance; Rachel Micah-Jones, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.; Eric Wiesner, Proyecto de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales (ProDESC)

#### 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom G

Securing Labor Camp Access and the Farmworker's Right to Have Visitors

This workshop will instruct attendees on the status of labor camp access around the nation and discuss strategies for better securing access to our client population. We will review recent developments at the state level, such as laws designed to increase penalties for trespassing on agricultural properties and "ag gag" laws. The panelists will also discuss recent efforts to protect access, including the use of international laws and treaties, administrative advocacy, and coordination with law enforcement via anti-trafficking networks. Advocates will then strategize on ways to further reinforce the right to access.

Presenters: Lori Johnson, Legal Aid of North Carolina; Farmworker Unit, Andrea Schmitt, Columbia Legal Services; Robert W. Cobbs, Cohen Milstein

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Networking Reception

110 E. Washington St.

Adobo Restaurant and Grill

4-block walk; see conference folder for walking instructions.



# Friday, November 11, 2016

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Indiana Ballroom A/B

Indiana Ballroom Foyer

7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. NFLC Conference Registration

# Indiana Ballroom C/D

Isn't Everyone Eligible for Services under LSC? LSC funded organizations are oftentimes forced to turn away poten-

tial clients because they do not appear eligible for services due to alien eligibility rules. In this workshop, advocates will receive an indepth look at what "alien eligibility" means for LSC purposes and how, due to the increasing numbers of victims of certain crimes, many people we've turned away in the past may actually be eligible for our services.

Presenters: Miguel Keberlein, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago; Lisa Palumbo, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago

#### 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Indiana Ballroom G

Addressing Immigration Enforcement and Ethnic Profiling

through Litigation and Other Advocacy, and the Importance of Community Legal Education

This workshop will cover immigration enforcement in all its aspects - the law, how it looks on the ground as carried out by ICE and the Border Patrol (many times viewed as ethnic profiling), and community legal education tools to educate farmworker and immigrant communities in an effort to reduce the harm of immigration enforcement. The legal aspect will cover the authority of ICE and Border Patrol, authority of state and local law enforcement, and 4th Amendment and Equal Protection issues governing these law enforcement officials. The presesnters will also discuss the various techniques and methods used by ICE and Border Patrol Agents to enforce immigration laws that often have a disproportionate effect on farmworker and immigrant communities. Having a community legal education component is also crucial, and the presenters will provide suggestions and approaches to effectively mitigate the harm of ICE and Border Patrol and cooperating state and local law enforcement agencies. The presenters will also share successes and challenges in being involved in multi-year lawsuits, at both the federal trial and appellate levels, addressing these topics.

**Presenters**: Mark Heller, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality; Eugenio Mollo, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality

#### 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

# Indiana Ballroom F

Protecting the Rights of U.S. Workers in an H-2A World In order to receive certification to employ H-2A workers, agricultural employers must demonstrate a shortage of able and willing domestic workers to fill the jobs for which foreign labor is sought. But in many cases, there are substantial numbers of domestic workers eager to fill the positions, especially given the relatively high adverse effect wage rate. If these domestic workers are hired, the employers lose access to their desired highly-exploitable foreign workforce. This workshop will explore some of the most common techniques H-2A employers use to avoid using domestic labor and how to successfully combat these efforts. Strategies will be discussed to identify illegal job qualifications in H-2A clearance orders, such as experience requirements and drug tests, and how to have them stricken from the clearance orders. The panel will discuss ways to make pre-certification affirmative recruitment of domestic workers meaningful, rather than a pro forma exercise designed to yield few, if any, U.S. worker applicants. The workshop will include discussion of legal strategies to attack discrimination against those U.S. workers who do get hired, such as imposition of unlawful production standards, preferential job assignments given H-2A workers and use of arbitrary work rules to dismiss domestic workers. The panel will also review the legal rights of domestic workers who do not satisfy the regulatory definition of a "U.S. worker."

**Presenters**: Greg Schell, Southern Migrant Legal Services; Joe Morrison, Columbia Legal Services; Dawson Morton, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation; Shelley Latin, Legal Aid Services of Oregon

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Break

# 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Indiana Ballroom A/B

Current Issues in Workers' Compensation for Farmworkers Speakers will discuss current issues in workers' compensation for migrant, seasonal and transnational farmworkers. Issues include calculation of benefits for wage reimbursement, and transnational coordination of medical treatment for injured H-2A and H-2B workers. Panelists will suggest practical approaches to overcoming these challenges and discuss strategies for developing mechanisms to facilitate medical care.

**Presenters**: Michele Besso, Northwest Justice Project; Fabiola Flores, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; Rachel Micah-Jones, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc

#### 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Litigation 102 – Nuts and Bolts of Trial

This workshop will pick up where Litigation 101 left off and will prepare farmworker attorneys for trial by providing useful practice tips for navigating a federal court trial. Training will focus on developing a theme for trial, effective use of proof charts, witness preparation, effective use of objections at trial, and will cover tips for presenting your case in front of both judge and jury. Additionally, the training will also cover effective tips for enforcing and collecting a judgment. Farmworker cases can take years to get to trial, so this training alongside Litigation 101 is designed to provide farmworker attorneys with concrete tips and tools to prepare for trial.

**Presenters**: Blanca Bañuelos, California Rural Legal Assistance; Chris Benoit, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; Jim Knoepp, Southern Poverty Law Center; Joe Morrison, Columbia Legal Services

### 10:30 a.m. - Noon

#### Indiana Ballroom F

Immigration Remedies for Farmworker Victims of Human Trafficking, Workplace Crimes & Severe Labor Abuse In this workshop, advocates will receive both an overview of the pro-

cesses involved with applying for the T and U visas (and continued presence) and deferred action, as well as an advanced discussion on several practical issues that should influence an advocate's choice as to which immigration remedy to pursue given the facts of a particular case. Advocates will discuss specific fact patterns and choices they have made in representing HT clients, including how law enforcement's stance in cases may affect decisions regarding which visa to pursue.

**Presenters**: Miguel Keberlein, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago; Stacie Jonas, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; Lisa Palumbo, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago; Anna Lusero, USDOL Wage and Hour Division

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#### 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own See conference folder for nearby restaurants and hotel specials.

#### 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Marriott Ballroom 2nd Fl. NLADA Annual Awards Luncheon - Ticketed event

#### 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Indiana Ballroom C/D

It Takes a Village to Combat Workplace Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking

Workplace sexual violence is rampant in the agricultural industry. Two separate studies in California and Iowa report that approximately 80 percent of women farmworkers experienc sexual violence in the fields. The culture of violence is so prevalent that workers pejoratively refer to the fields as the "field of panties" or the "greenmotel." Employers often ignore complaints even though it is largely recruiters, co-workers, and supervisors who are committing the sexual exploitation. While agencies like the EEOC and state human rights departments enforce sexual harassment laws, their concentrated presence in larger cities, and time-sensitive filing deadlines make it difficult for isolated farmworkers in rural areas to obtain justice. Building coalitions and task forces break down these barriers by uniting rural and urban community organizations to create safe spaces for victims, engage in outreach to vulnerable workers, and offer access to limited resources. Participants will learn how two organizations in Illinois implemented these approaches and transformed farmworker outreach to address workplace sexual violence and human trafficking. This interactive workshop will discuss the impact safe spaces have in giving survivors a voice, provide examples of consciousness-raising outreach exercises, and give a roadmap to coalition-building and task force development in other communities.

**Presenters**: Miguel Keberlein, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago; Karla Altmayer, Healing to Action; Sheerine Alemzadeh, Healing to Action; Alyson dimmitt Gnam, Northwest Justice Project

#### 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom G

Farmworker Housing Quality and Health The November 2014 national symposium, entitled Farmworker Housing Quality and Health: A Transdisciplinary Conference, resulted in the publication of a special issue of New Solutions, A Journal of Environmental and Occupational Health Policy. The topics range from the impact on health of substandard housing conditions, to social determinants of health and an assessment of the current state of health and safety regulations. The workshop will cover the published papers and next steps for health researchers and advocates to effect change in housing conditions and improvements in governing law.

**Presenters**: Ed Kissam, Werner-Kohnstamm Family Fund; Carol Brooke, NC Justice Center; Shelley Latin, Legal Aid Services of Oregon; Ilene Jacobs, California Rural Legal Assistance

#### 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

#### Indiana Ballroom F

Fighting for Immigrant Dairy Workers' Rights

The dairy industry maximizes profits at the expense of the environment, animal welfare, and, in particular, the safety, health, and wages of dairy workers. Dairy workers and those of us advocating for them face distinct challenges when it comes to achieving workplace justice: AWPA does not apply to dairy workers; dairies with fewer than 11 employees fall out of OSHA jurisdiction; employer-provided housing is not subject to inspections; industry fatalities are standard; and dairy workers continue to be excluded from overtime compensation. The National Dairy Advocacy Network is a group of legal service providers, educators, advocates, and organizers who meet monthly to share local updates, give support, and coordinate efforts at the national level to create greater impact on behalf of dairy workers. Representatives from the group will present some of our work and victories such as: dairy-specific workplace violations, legal challenges, creative remedies like consumer campaigns, fair food programs vs. CAFOs, and advocacy for increased government regulation and enforcement such as OSHA Local Emphasis Programs.

Presenters: Molly Graver, New Mexico Legal Aid; Carly Fox, Worker Justice Center of New York; Diana López Batista, Columbia Legal Services; Julie Keller, University of Rhode Island

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Latino Section Meeting

Marriott 7



# PRESENTERS

#### Sheerine Alemzadeh

Sheerine Alemzadeh has been working with women from communities of color to fight gender-based violence for the past ten years. She is also a co-founder and co-director of Healing to Action. Sheerine started her advocacy career supporting immigrant survivors of gender-based violence at the Tahirih Justice Center. After law school, Sheerine was awarded a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, representing survivors of sexual violence in obtaining workplace justice. Sheerine has represented dozens of clients in employment disputes, obtaining favorable settlements and judgments for survivors of sexual violence. Sheerine is also a co-founder of the Coalition to End Workplace Sexual Violence (CAWSV) and has worked on community outreach efforts in Chicago, training labor organizers, rape crisis advocates, government officials, and attorneys on how to support survivors of sexual violence in maintaining job security and achieving workplace justice. Sheerine is a native of Virginia and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

#### Karla Altmayer

Karla Altmayer is an advocate for survivors of workplace sexual violence, and an immigrant rights attorney. As a co-founder and co-director of Healing to Action, Karla works to build a worker-led movement to end gender-based violence. Karla began her advocacy in 2012 as an Equal Justice Works fellow with LAF Chicago, where she led a state-wide effort to empower farmworker women who were victims of workplace sexual violence. She litigated federal and state cases, and developed and conducted "Know Your Rights" workshops on workplace gender violence in the farmworker community. During her fellowship, she also co-founded the Coalition Against Workplace Sexual Violence (CAWSV). In 2014, Karla represented adults in immigration removal proceedings with the National Immigrant Justice Center, focusing on survivors of gender-based violence who were detained. Karla is a native of Chicago and graduate of Northern Illinois University, College of Law.

#### Blanca A. Bañuelos

Blanca A. Bañuelos is a Co-Director of the Migrant Unit for California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. where she supervises substantive advocacy and litigation. Blanca graduated from Loyola Law School in December 2003. She has been with CRLA since June 2004. Prior to CRLA, Blanca held numerous clerkships with social justice organizations. She is an expert litigator having litigated dozens of cases under California's Private Attorney General Act (PAGA) and California's Unfair Competition Law (UCL). She represents farmworkers and dairy workers in wage and hour, wrongful termination and sexual harassment cases. She was lead counsel in the case of Arias v. Superior Court (46 Cal.4th 969 (2009)), which was argued in and decided by the California Supreme Court in 2009. Arias is significant for all California workers, but especially low-wage workers, as this allows them to act as private attorney generals, without the need of burdensome class action requirements. Blanca is also one of the attorneys in Arias v. Raimondo, currently filed in the 9th Circuit, where a dairy worker is suing an attorney for contacting immigration authorities in retaliation for asserting his rights.

#### Lazlo Beh

Lazlo Beh is Supervising Attorney of Philadelphia Legal Assistance's (PLA) Pennsylvania Farmworker Project (PFP) and Director of PLA's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC). He began his practice in 2004 in the Farmworker Unit of South Jersey Legal Services, and then moved to Legal Services of New Jersey's Workers Legal Rights Project. In 2014, he returned to SJLS to work in both the Farmworker Unit and SJLS's LITC. At PLA, he supervised the work of ABA Public Interest Tax Fellow Lany Villalobos on behalf of H-2A workers in Pennsylvania and collaborated with Lany and the Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP) to produce an educational info-graphic poster explaining federal income taxes to farmworkers including H-2A workers. He can be reached at LBeh@philalegal.org

#### Briana Beltran

Briana Beltran is a clinical teaching fellow with the Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic at Cornell Law School. Prior to her current position, she was a staff attorney with Southern Migrant Legal Services from September 2012 to July 2016.

#### **Christopher Benoit**

Christopher Benoit is a staff attorney with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. and an associate with The Law Office of Lynn Coyle, PLLC in El Paso, Texas. Chris has worked alongside workers and unions since 2003 and practiced employment, labor, civil rights, and human rights law for six years. Before joining TRLA, he worked on legal and organizing strategies to support communities fighting transnational mining companies and guest workers battling systemic worker exploitation as an attorney at the Proyecto de Derechos Económicos Sociales y Culturales, AC (ProDESC) in Mexico City. Before entering ProDESC, Chris started the Economic Justice Program (EJP) in El Paso, Texas as an attorney with Paso del Norte Civil Rights Project. Through his work, EJP helped to raise the profile of wage theft through the innovative combination of organizing and litigation.

#### **Caitlin Berberich**

Caitlin Berberich is the managing attorney of Southern Migrant Legal Services (SMLS), a project of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid that serves migrant farmworkers in six states across the Southeast. Caitlin has worked at SMLS for the last ten years, since graduating from law school at Emory University. Before that, she attended the University of Georgia. A native of Georgia, Caitlin is passionate about representing workers in the deep South. She has worked a varied caseload litigating AWPA, FLSA (incl. collective actions), retaliation, discrimination, H-2A contracts, and bankruptcy, and has engaged in advocacy with USDOL.

#### Michele Besso

Michele Besso is the Senior Attorney for the Farm Worker Unit of Northwest Justice Project in Washington State and practices law in Yakima. Michele has practiced law on behalf of farmworkers in Washington State for most of her legal career since receiving her law degree from Yale Law School in 1987. Michele has focused her advocacy most recently on advocating for respect for the rights of both local and H-2A workers in the foreign labor certification process, as well as continuing the long term campaign for stronger enforcement of farmworker housing standards and health and safety regulations.

#### **Carol Brooke**

Carol Brooke is a Senior Staff Attorney with the Workers' Rights Project at the North Carolina Justice Center. Carol litigates class and collective actions on behalf of farmworkers and other low income workers, focusing on wage and hour issues. She also advocates for state policy changes to benefit workers and has worked with a coalition of advocates to obtain needed improvements in North Carolina's migrant housing and pesticide laws. Carol graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

#### Amanda Caldwell

Amanda Caldwell is the Managing Attorney of the Farmworker, Employment, and Low Income Tax Clinic Unit at Community Legal Services in Phoenix, Arizona. Amanda has been practicing with legal services since 2008. Amanda started her career at Florida Rural Legal Services in Fort Myers, Florida. During her time in Florida, Amanda litigated Sejour v. Davis, where she won a judgement for a group of workers on their FLSA and H-2A contract claims. During her time in Florida, Amanda worked tirelessly for victims of human trafficking and in was awarded Florida's Survivor Advocate of the year award in 2014 for her work with trafficking victims. Since relocating to Arizona, Amanda has worked on H-2A issues focusing on the plight of Arizona's border commuting H-2A workers.

#### Sisi Chen

Sisi Chen started working for FRLS in 2014 as an Outreach Paralegal / Litigation Support and handles some T-Visas cases for farmworkers only. Sisi worked for FEJC from September 2007 until January 2014 on U-Visas cases, VAWA (Violence Against Women, Act) cases, and some SIJ (Special Immigrant Juvenile) cases. Sisi has a background in Marketing/Business/Accounting, and worked for Samsung Electronics Latinoamerica as a Marketing Supervisor for 6 years in Panama.

#### Robert W. Cobbs

Robert Cobbs is an Associate at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Antitrust practice group. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Cobbs clerked for the Hon. Pierre N. Leval, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and for the Hon. J. Rodney Gilstrap, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Mr. Cobbs graduated from Amherst College with a B.A. in English and Russian, magna cum laude with distinction, and received his J.D. from Yale Law School. During law school, he served as a Notes Editor of the Yale Law Journal and as a Submissions Editor of the Yale Journal on Regulation.

#### Vanessa Coe

Vanessa Coe began practicing employment law as an Equal Justice Fellow in 2011 focusing on the representation of H-2B guest workers in Florida at the Migrant Farmworker Justice Project. While mostly representing H-2B workers, she also represented J-1 visa workers, undocumented workers, and domestic workers in state and federal courts throughout Florida. She continued at MFJP post fellowship as a staff attorney until 2015. Vanessa currently runs a low wage worker project at the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

#### Michael Dale

D. Michael Dale was a legal services lawyer from 1975 until 2001, during which time he was at various points the director of Oregon's migrant program, and director of litigation at both Oregon Legal Services and the Oregon Law Center. Since 2001, he has been representing farmworkers as a private lawyer, and is "of counsel" to Texas Rio Grande Legal Assistance and the Southern Migrant Legal Services programs. He is also Executive Director of the Northwest Workers' Justice Project, a non-publicly funded legal services program to represent immigrant and contingent low wage workers, which he founded in 2003 as an Echoing Green Fellow.

#### Adrienne DerVartanian

Adrienne DerVartanian is the Director of Immigration and Labor Rights at Farmworker Justice, where she focuses her efforts on advocacy, education and training regarding immigration and labor policy. Adrienne has worked extensively on farmworker immigration legislation in Congress. In addition, Adrienne is heavily involved in advocacy regarding the H-2A agricultural guestworker program. Adrienne is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law and a graduate of Oberlin College.

#### Alyson Dimmitt Gnam

Alyson Dimmitt Gnam is an attorney in the Northwest Justice Project's Farmworker Unit in Washington State. Alyson founded Proyecto Campesina Digna as an Equal Justice Works Fellow in 2014, returning to her hometown to combat sexual harassment in the agricultural industry. Campesina Digna builds on NJP's early groundbreaking work to create a project dedicated to the issue of workplace sexual violence, resulting in survivors bringing legal claims in rural communities where the issue had been taboo and increasing NJP's role as a statewide leader in this advocacy. Alyson graduated with High Honors from University of Washington School of Law and was the recipient of the Charles Z. Smith Public Service Award and a Eugene Wright Scholar. Alyson previously worked as a Pegging Browning Fellow at the National Employment Law Project, a law clerk at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and a legal advocate for immigrant victims of domestic violence at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project.

#### Daniela Dwyer

Daniela Dwyer is the Managing Attorney of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.'s (TRLA) Farmworker Project, the nation's largest LSC-funded civil legal aid organization. TRLA provides free, civil legal services to farmworkers throughout Texas and in six southern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Mississippi. Daniela is a second-generation Mexican-American. A native of El Paso, Texas, she is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin with dual B.A.s in Government and Sociology. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago School of Law (2013). She is presently in her thirteenth year of legal practice, all of which she's gladly spent as a legal aid advocate. Daniela formerly managed the farmworker program at the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. (covering Maryland and Delaware). Afterwards, she was an attorney with Florida Legal Services, Inc., a non-LSC-funded legal services organization litigating class actions on behalf of farmworkers and other low-wage workers. She is licensed in Texas, Maryland, and Florida. She is also a Faculty Member of the Shriver Center's Affirmative

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Litigation course, which focuses on empowering legal aid organizations with the skills necessary to bring mass "law reform" actions, even if LSCfunded. Daniela has represented farmworkers in federal court in seven states to-date, and hopes to add to the list. She welcomes collaborating with community and legal advocates from all across the country.

#### **Fabiola Flores**

Fabiola Flores is a 2006 graudate of the University of Texas School of Law. She went to work for TRLA's Laredo office, and her hometown, immediately after graduation. She worked exclusively on cases of workers injured on the job for the first several years. She represents all workers injured on the job, including farmworkers, covered by Texas Workers' Compensation laws or private plans governed by ERISA. She represents claimants in administrative hearings and district court appeals throughout TRLA's service area. She has worked with attorneys in the states of Washington, Oregon, Louisiana, North Carolina, and the state agency in North Dakota to ensure that agricultural workers and silo construction workers receive medical care and wage benefits in Texas after they returned to Mexico.

#### Carly Fox

Carly Fox is a Worker Rights Advocate with Worker Justice Center of NY. As such, she conducts outreach to farmworkers and other low-wage workers, trains workers about their legal rights, and organizes workers to advocate for change. Carly has been active in the immigrant and farmworker justice movement for most of her life. Over the past twelve years she has worked as a youth activist, educator and organizer in New York City. She received her BA from Ithaca College and Masters in Urban Planning from Cornell University and has lived in Brazil, Nicaragua, Mexico and Spain. She is fluent in both Spanish and Portuguese.

#### **Bruce Goldstein**

Bruce Goldstein is President of Farmworker Justice. Bruce's activities have included litigation against private employers and the government, advocacy in administrative agencies and Congress, training of lawyers and paralegals, building nation-wide coalitions, advising grassroots organizations, and shaping public opinion through the media. He has been a leader in advocating for immigration legislation, reforming the agricultural guestworker program and improving enforcement of labor protections. Bruce's publications, litigation and advocacy have also sought to address the problem of "farm labor contractors" used by farming operations to recruit and supervise farmworkers, often in an attempt to avoid responsibility for complying with labor laws. Because farmworkers are part of a transnational labor force, Bruce has been active at the international level. He is also engaged with farm labor unions, food safety advocates and

environmentalists in efforts to improve corporate social responsibility in the food industry.

#### Molly Graver

Molly Graver is an attorney with New Mexico Legal Aid in southeastern New Mexico and the US-Mexico border region. She coordinates the organization's worker advocacy project. Previously, she was a Graduate Teaching Fellow at Temple University School of Law, an attorney with farmworker programs in Oregon and New York, and an advocate/educator with a women's rights collective in rural El Salvador. A Haywood Burns Human Rights Scholar and Ella Baker Fellow, Graver graduated from City University of New York School of Law.

#### Elizabeth Grossman

Elizabeth Grossman is a freelance journalist specializing in environmental, science and related policy issues, with a focus on environmental, public and occupational health. Her work has appeared in a variety of publications including National Geographic News, Scientific American, Environmental Health Perspectives, the Intercept, the Guardian, Mother Jones, Food & Environment Reporting Network, Ensia, Yale e360, Civil Eats, ScienceNews for Students, The Pump Handle, the Nation, Salon, In These Times, and the Washington Post. Her work has also been published by Time magazine online, PRI's The World, Moyers & Co. and Reuters, a.m.ong others. She's also written several books, a.m.ong them High Tech Trash, Chasing Molecules and Watershed. She has a B.A. cum laude from Yale University and is based in Portland, Oregon.

#### Lisa Guerra

Lisa Guerra is a Staff Attorney for Texas Rio-Grande Legal Aid's Farmworker team. Lisa has worked as an attorney recovering wages on behalf of workers at the Office of NYC Comptroller-Bureau of Labor Law, the D.C. Employment Justice Center, and Northwest Justice Project in Yakima, WA. While in D.C., Lisa also did policy work resulting in the passage of the Workplace Fraud Amendment Act of 2012 and the Wage Theft Prevention Amendment Act of 2013. Prior to graduating from Vermont Law School in 2005, Lisa clerked and was an outreach paralegal at farmworker legal services projects in North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

#### **Alexis Guild**

Alexis Guild is Senior Health Policy Analyst at Farmworker Justice. She works with farmworker community-based organizations, legal services organizations, and community/migrant health centers to ensure access to healthcare for farmworkers and their families across the U.S. She also provides analysis and training on federal health policy issues affecting farmworker communities, including the Affordable Care Act. Alexis has extensive experience in public health. Prior to graduate school, she served as a Health Education Volunteer with the U.S. Peace Corps in Guatemala. She received her B.A. from Wellesley College and a Masters' degree in Public Policy from the University of Michigan.

#### Mark Heller

Mark Heller is an attorney with Advocates for Basic Legal Equality. He has, a.m.ong other things, litigated employment, civil rights, and immigration cases in federal court and immigration courts. He is admitted to practice in Ohio, the U.S. District Court of the Southern and Northern Districts of Ohio, and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He graduated from a joint J.D./M.S.W. program of the Washington University School of Law and the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University.

#### Ellen Hemley

Ellen Hemley brings over 30 years of experience in the equal justice community to her role as Vice President of Advocate Resources and Training at the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law where, a.m.ong other things, she directs the Center's Racial Justice Training Institute and Leadership Academies. Prior to joining the Shriver Center, Ellen served as executive director of the Center for Legal Aid Education, which provided training and leadership development programs to equal justice advocates nationwide. Previously, Ellen was Director of Training at the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute where, a.m.ong other things, she oversaw CLAE's predecessor, the Legal Services Training Consortium of New England. She also served for many years as an independent consultant; her clients included the American Bar Association, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, the Florida Bar Foundation, the Washington Access to Justice Commission, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, the Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants, and scores of other legal aid networks, bar foundations and justice-related programs across the country.

#### Patricia Hernández

Patricia Y. Hernández is a Senior attorney with Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE) in Toledo, Ohio. ABLE is an unrestricted poverty law firm that serves low income individuals and groups in Northwest and West Central Ohio. Her passion for Migrant Farmworker and Immigrant advocacy began right out of law school when she joined ABLE's Migrant Farmworker Unit in order to serve clients from her home state of Texas. She subsequently served as Managing Attorney of the Unit's then-LSC program. or the past several years, Patty worked in ABLE's Access to Justice Practice Group, providing counsel and advice to a broader client base on a wide range of issues. Her practice has included employment, immigration, housing, education and civil rights work. Additionally, she co-chaired ABLE's Diversity Committee and has always had some form of involvement in racism reduction work. She recently rejoined ABLE's Agricultural Worker &

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Immigrant Rights Practice Group and is currently focusing on Immigrant Advocacy and Racial Justice work. She was recently named a national 2016 SPARK Fellow by Welcoming America. Patty graduated from St. Mary's University and The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She has been recognized by both schools and her community for her work in advancing the rights of farmworkers and Latinos.

#### Kevin Herrera

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#### Laurie Hoefer

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#### **Blanca Rodriguez**

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES & DUES         Please check the box corresponding to the type of membership for which you are applying:         Image: Sustaining Member \$150         Individual Attorney \$100 (\$75 if program member employee)		VOTING CLASSIFICATION         It is very important that you check the box corresponding to your voting classification. This determines what candidates you will be eligible to vote for in the annual NLADA Board and Policy Group elections.         Public Member       Civil Indiv. Member
<ul> <li>Non-Attorney Professional \$60 (\$40 if program member emp</li> <li>Student/Fellow Member \$35</li> <li>Client Member \$20</li> <li>Life Member \$1500 (Can be paid over 3 years)</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Defender Indiv. Member</li> <li>Client Indiv. Member</li> <li>If you do not choose a classification, you will be listed as a</li> <li>Public Member.</li> </ul>

#### SPECIAL INTEREST SECTIONS

Individual members may enroll in any special interest section from the list below by paying the appropriate corresponding section dues.

Advocacy & Support Section - \$10	Appellate Defender Section - \$10	Client Section - \$5 (optional)
Death Penalty Litigation Section - \$10	Technology Section - \$15	Farmworker Law Section - \$5
Latino Advocates Section - \$25	Native American Section - \$5	Student Legal Services Section - \$10

□ National Alliance of Indigent Defense Educators (NAIDE) formerly Defender Trainers Section - \$24

□ National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists (NASAMS) - \$20 section dues includes a \$5 donation to the Melissa Kupferberg Scholarship Fund. Formerly the National Association of Sentencing Advocates (NASA), the Melissa Kupferberg Scholarship subsidizes travel and registration for recipients who attend the NASAMS Annual Conference. I do not wish to contribute, enclosed is my dues payment of \$15 □

□ American Council of Chief Defenders (ACCD) - \$125

ACCD Section membership is open to all chiefs and deputy chiefs (i.e., first two in command hierarchy regardless of title) of all types of indigent defense systems in the United States and its territories, including the heads of county or judicial district offices within state systems.

#### **PAYMENT INFORMATION \***

#### **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Membership Dues	\$		. Check Enclosed 🗖 Visa 🗖 Ma	sterCard 🗖 AMEX
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