

HELPFUL RESOURCES¹

Immigration Forms, Updates, Fee Information

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services website – www.uscis.com

The USCIS website includes many links to the latest USCIS policy and procedural information, the status of applications, current filing fee amounts, and easy access to downloadable USCIS forms.

Asista website – www.asistahelp.org

The Asista website includes a resource library of all the legacy-INS and USCIS policy memoranda relevant to VAWA, U visa and T visa cases as well as many helpful sample materials, motions, declarations, etc. See more information about Asista below.

Technical Assistance

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) – www.ilrc.org

The ILRC provides technical assistance via email, phone or fax Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm through its Attorney of the Day (AOD) service. This service is free to all California IOLTA-funded legal services programs and all San Francisco Bay Area nonprofit agencies.

Asista – www.asistahelp.org

Asista's purpose is to centralize assistance for advocate and attorneys facing complex legal problems in advocating for immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. They provide free technical assistance and training to legal services providers that receive grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women.

National Immigration Law Center – www.nilc.org

NILC staff specializes in immigration law, and the employment and public benefits rights of immigrants. Their website contains links to their policy analysis and impact litigation, publications, technical advice, and trainings information. NILC provides advice over the telephone and some training in the Los Angeles area. Special expertise in public benefits law and in T visas for victims of human trafficking.

¹ Source: Immigrant Legal Resource Center, U-Visa Manual, April 2012.

National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild – www.nationalimmigrationproject.org

The “domestic violence” link on the website of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild contains extensive materials on VAWA, SIJS and U visas, including links to background information, USCIS policy memoranda and strategy articles. The Project provides technical assistance, advice and resources to its members. It sponsors seminars and produces publications on a variety of subjects to develop and improve legal and advocacy skills.

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) – www.cliniclegal.org

CLINIC works to expand the availability of professional, low-cost immigration services by providing legal expertise, training and technical assistance to CLINIC’s member agencies and constituents. Attorneys from the National Legal Center provide legal advice to more than 1,000 nonprofit community-based immigrations service providers through phone consultations, multi-day trainings, broadcast e-mails, and a variety of publications.

Legal Momentum – www.legalmomentum.org

Legal Momentum has expertise on the rights and services available to immigrant victims of domestic and other violence. It shares this expertise through comprehensive materials and trainings for lawyers and advocates nationwide, and leads advocacy for legal protections, social services and economic justice for immigrant women.

Trainings, Webinars, & Seminars

Immigrant Legal Resource Center – www.ilrc.org

CLINIC – www.cliniclegal.org

American Immigration Lawyers Association – www.aila.org

Asista – www.asistahelp.org

Listserves

VAWA Updates

The VAWA Updates listserv is maintained by the ASISTA Technical Assistance Project and provides ongoing updates about changes in VAWA and the new U visa provisions. To join the listserv, contact ASISTA at questions@asistahelp.org

VAWA Experts

The VAWA Experts listserv consists of over 300 attorneys, advocates and BIA-accredited representatives who do a significant portion of their work with VAWA and/or U visa-eligible clients. This is an interactive listserv that allows participants to post to each others’ messages. To join the listserv, contact the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild at ana@nationalimmigrationproject.org.