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Dear Honorable Judges and Judicial Educators:

I am writing to you today to explore the possibility of bringing our free judicial training, funded by the State Justice Institute (SJI), to your state or jurisdiction. The National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University, Washington College of Law received a grant from SJI to train state court judges on the intersections between immigration law, crime victimization and family law. The training provides access to legally accurate information, direct technical assistance to judges and court staff and addresses issues that arise in your courts involving immigrant parties and immigrant families.

As immigrant populations grow in communities across the country, more and more state court judges and state courts encounter a range of issues that directly impact the ability of the courts to offer access to justice to immigrant families, children, victims of domestic and sexual violence and litigants.

The training we offer will provide tools and a better understanding of the unique dynamics of immigrant populations, legal options for immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking, legal options for immigrant parents and children, and the importance of legally accurate information about current immigration laws for state court judges.

Please see the attached training and technical assistance flyers and training proposal for more information. We would be very interested in offering this training in your jurisdiction. We appreciate any help you could provide in connecting us with those who lead or convene judicial training efforts in your state or jurisdiction.

Additionally, under our SJI grant we have developed a series of bench cards, tools, charts, and training materials for judges and courts these issues. Our webinars and webcast are viewable 24/7. These materials are currently available at: <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/reference/additional-materials/materials-for-adjudicators-and-judges/tools-for-courts>. We are seeking your assistance in distributing these materials widely to judges and state courts. Any advice you can provide regarding suggestions for our development of a distribution list that will reach court staff and judges for these and future materials we develop for courts would also be very helpful.

We look forward to hearing from you about our proposed trainings and about help with materials distribution. Please contact us at [info@niwap.org](mailto:info@niwap.org) or at (202) 274-4457. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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