

## **Training on Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) Program for the NBC: Trainer's Agenda**

### **Day 1: SIJ Petitions**

#### **Getting to Know SIJ: Introductions and Opening Exercise (All) 8:30 – 9:00 am**

- Introduce roles of the various offices in SIJ program.
- Participant introductions and exercise. Participants will write down a question they have related to the SIJ program, and participants will share at least one question as part of their introduction. Questions will be turned in and speakers will address throughout the day.

#### **The Evolution of the SIJ Program: An Overview (OP&S lead, OCC co-present) 9:00 -10:00 am**

- Discuss scope and benefits, evolution of program, legislative history, eligible populations and roles of state courts and USCIS.
- Review of hand-outs (red-lined version of SIJ regulations and handout on current statute).

#### **Break 10:00 – 10:15 am**

#### **Why is this Small Program Such a Big Deal? (FOD lead, OCC co-present) 10:15 – 10:45 am**

- Discuss bigger picture issues with the SIJ program including Congressional interest, media interest, state courts' concerns, and stakeholder concerns.

#### **Form I-360 Adjudication (OP&S lead, FOD and OCC co-present) 10:45 – 12:00 pm**

- Will discuss policies and procedures related to the adjudication of an SIJ petition, and participants will move through the adjudication of an I360 petition by applying each policy/procedure.
- Resource material: NBC checklist for the Adjudication of an SIJ I-360 petition.

#### **Lunch Break 12:00 -1:00 pm**

#### **Form I-360 Adjudication cont. (OP&S lead, FOD and OCC co-present) 1:00-2:15 pm**

- Will discuss policies and procedures related to the adjudication of an SIJ petition, and participants will move through the adjudication of an I-360 petition by applying each policy/procedure to a case sample they will have.
- Resource material: NBC checklist for the Adjudication of an SIJ I-360 petition.
- I-360 appeals \*Tentative – the NBC is working on this information and would present

#### **Break 2:15-2:30 pm**

#### **Current SIJ Litigation Issues (OCC lead) 2:30 – 3:00 pm**

#### **SIJ Case Examples (OCC and FOD co-lead, OP&S co-present) 3:00-4:00 pm**

- Review of cases that illustrate challenging issues that adjudicators may face. Include review of AAO case decisions.

#### **Closing 4:00 – 4:30 pm**

## **Day 2: SIJ-based Adjustments and Case Review**

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| <b>Opening Discussion</b>  | <b>8:30 – 9:00 am</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recap the prior day training and answer any follow questions</li></ul>   |                         |
| <b>Form I-485 Adjudication (FOD lead, OP&amp;S and OCC co-present)</b>   | <b>9:00 -10:15 am</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Will discuss policies and procedures related to the adjudication of an SIJ based I-485 application, and participants will move through the adjudication of an I485 application by applying each policy/procedure.</li></ul>  |                         |
| <b>Break</b>   | <b>10:15 –10:30 am</b>  |
| <b>Form I-485 Adjudication (FOD lead, OP&amp;S and OCC co-present)</b>   | <b>10:30 – 12:00 pm</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Will discuss policies and procedures related to the adjudication of an SIJ based I-485 application, and participants will move through the adjudication of an I485 application by applying each policy/procedure.</li></ul>  |                         |
| <b>Lunch</b>   | <b>12:00 – 1:00 pm</b>  |
| <b>Live Case Studies (FOD)</b>   | <b>1:00 – 2:15 pm</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Break into small groups of 3 or 4 and review an SIJ based I-360/I-485 filing</li><li>Determine what is sufficient in each filing to establish eligibility and what evidence is missing;</li><li>Review for any fraud indicators or issues with the filing; and</li><li>Determine what the next step would be in the adjudication (i.e. approve, deny, RFE, NOID, interview/fraud referral, etc).</li></ul> |                         |
| <b>Break</b>   | <b>2:15 – 2:30 pm</b>   |
| <b>Live Case Studies, continued</b>  | <b>2:30 – 4:00 pm</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Large group discussion of small group findings</li></ul>   |                         |
| <b>Closing</b>   | <b>4:00 - 4:30 pm</b>   |