

# Protecting Immigrant Clients within COVID-19 Practice Constraints Webinar

**Friday, May 29, 2020**  
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**Roshell Amezcua** is the Family Defense and Immigration Counsel at The Bronx Defenders. Roshell has represented parents in neglect and abuse proceedings since 2016. Her role has shifted to also include developing a deeper understanding of the harmful impact the child welfare system has on a parent's immigration status and eligibility for immigration relief. Her role includes advising family defense and immigration advocates on the enmeshed harms a child welfare proceeding or investigation has on one's immigration status, and vice versa. She has trained and presented at law schools, several parent defense conferences, and to other practitioners. She has also conducted 'know your rights trainings' for noncitizen parents at community-based organizations. Prior to coming to The Bronx Defenders, Roshell was a post-bar law clerk at the Orange County Public Defender's Office, the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office, and was a hired law clerk at Loyola Law School's Center for Juvenile Law and Policy. She received her undergraduate education at the University of California, Davis, and went to Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, California. Her passion lies in racial, economic, immigrant justice and justice for Black, Indigenous, queer, trans, and gender non-conforming people of color.

**Sophie Feal** was recently promoted to Supervising Immigration Attorney of the Western New York Regional Immigration Assistance Center at the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo (LABB), where she has served as a public defender since 2017. Prior to her tenure with LABB, Sophie practiced immigration law for almost thirty years. She concentrated her practice in removal defense, asylum, and family-based applications in Buffalo, San Francisco, and Washington, DC, and almost exclusively in the non-profit sector. She has been active with various professional associations throughout her career, and has spoken and published extensively in the field of immigration and naturalization law. She is a 1988 graduate of the University of Buffalo Law School. An immigrant herself, she was raised speaking, reading, and writing French and Spanish.

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