

Theo Liebmann

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Professor Liebmann has directed the interdisciplinary Hofstra Youth Advocacy Clinic since its inception

Biography

Professor Liebmann teaches ethics and clinical courses. He serves as the Executive Director of the Freedman Institute for the Study of Legal Ethics, and has directed the Youth Advocacy Clinic since its inception. His advocacy and scholarship focuses primarily on issues related to immigration, ethics, and the representation of children and youth. Professor Liebmann and his students have represented hundreds of immigrant children in family and appellate courts, as well as in immigration proceedings and removal cases in federal immigration courts. Professor Liebmann currently serves as the co-chair of the New York State Advisory Council on Immigration Issues in Family Court with Judge Mildred Negron. The Advisory Council was formed by Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks in October 2015 to provide guidance to the bench, bar, and litigants, on immigration issues that arise in family court. The Council has issued statewide guidance related to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, a form of immigration relief for immigrant children who have been subjected to abuse, neglect, abandonment or similar family crises; U-Visas, a pathway to lawful status for victims of crimes who cooperate with courts and other government agencies; and the adverse immigration consequences to a variety of family court orders and adjudications.

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Trial Advocacy, Child Welfare, Youth Advocacy, Immigration, Juvenile Delinquency

Affiliations

Family Court Review : Editorial Board, August 2002 to Present, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts : Member, August 2002 to Present, Clinical Legal Education Association : Member, May 2000 to Present

Event Appearances

Protecting Children in New York: Threats to the Principles of Child Protection in the Current Immigration Policy Environment
Feerick Center for Social Justice, Fordham University, May 2017

Panelist, Protecting Immigrants in Our Communities

NYS Permanent Commission on Access to Justice Conference: The Role of Law Schools in Helping Meet the Essential Civil Legal Needs of Low-Income New Yorkers May 2017

Adelante: Meeting the Social and Legal Services Needs of Central American Refugees in NY Ethical Issues in Representing Central American Refugee Families

Feerick Center for Social Justice, Fordham University, December 2016

Judicial Master Class: Children in Court

New York City Family Court Judges Association June 2016

What Legislators Should Know about Immigration Law

Nassau County Bar Association February 2016

Defense of Foreign Minors in Removal Proceedings

Nassau Academy of Law, April 2015

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

J.D.

Yale University, New Haven, CT

B.A. Philosophy

Accomplishments

NYSBA Excellence in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare

The New York State Bar Association Committee on Children and the Law recognized Professor Theo Liebmann with a 2017 Howard A. Levine Award for Excellence in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare.

The Howard A. Levine Award recognizes the vital services of lawyers and non-lawyers who have done outstanding work to improve New York's child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Hofstra Law School David A. Diamond Distinguished Public Service Award

2013

CARECEN Award for Service to Latino and Immigrant Communities

2015

Center for Children, Families and the Law

Board of Advisors

State of New York Unified Court System
Advisory Council on Immigration Issues in Family Courts

American Bar Association Commission on Youth at Risk
Special Advisor

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