

2026 Courses

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Understanding Vulnerabilities and Trafficking Red Flags for Adults and Children

This program equips UCS jurists and attorneys with the awareness to recognize human trafficking as it intersects with and is often hidden within various case types impacting adults and children. Participants learned about developmental factors, trauma impacts, and social influences which affect trafficking vulnerability, recruitment and control tactics, and key trafficking red flag indicators, enabling more effective detection and response when trafficking might otherwise go unrecognized in matters before the court.

Recognition of Foreign Marriages and Divorces

Are they even divorced (or married)? Should you recognize a couple's divorce or marriage from another country? Learn about the guiding principles for when you should, or should not, recognize a foreign divorce, including the impact of sequential marriages and divorces, proxy divorces, mail order divorces, and customary or religious divorces. Learn also about the validity of foreign marriages, including civil and religious ceremonies between US citizens that take place abroad and of couples who "marry" overseas and then move to New York. The speakers will also address the validity of religious marriages.