

Theo Liebmann

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Biography

Professor Liebmann has directed the interdisciplinary Hofstra Youth Advocacy Clinic since its inception. In his capacity as Attorney-in-Charge, he supervises law students and mental health trainees working together to advocate on behalf of youth involved in the immigration and child welfare legal systems. Professor Liebmann and his students have represented hundreds of youth in cases involving physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect, as well as related delinquency, custody and guardianship matters. Prior to his current position at Hofstra, Professor Liebmann was a lawyer for children in maltreatment and juvenile delinquency cases at the Manhattan office of the Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Division. Professor Liebmann serves as Director of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Training the Lawyer to Represent the Whole Child program, frequently leads workshops on topics such as the role of the law guardian and immigrant youth issues, and co-authors regular columns in the New York Law Journal on children and the law. He recently developed a NITA case file and program providing training in collaborative skills for lawyers and social workers who work in the child dependency field. Professor Liebmann has written in the areas of the overlap between child welfare and immigration law, the impact of family law legal standards on the physical and emotional well-being of youth and children, and ethical problems in the representation of children.

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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