

# **Theo Liebmann**

**Clinical Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Programs at Hofstra University**

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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.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **Education**

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

J.D.

Yale University, New Haven, CT

B.A. Philosophy

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## **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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