



Representing Immigrants in DHS Custody

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Speaker Biographies

Matthew Boaz is a Staff Detention attorney at the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), where works with the Friends' Representation Initiative of New Jersey (FRINJ), a public defender model project for detained indigent immigrants. Mr. Boaz was previously an Immigrant Justice Corps (IJC) Fellow at AFSC, where he represented detained and non-detained individuals in New Jersey in a variety of matters including: asylum, cancellation of removal, U-visa, Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) proceedings, TPS, and DACA. Mr. Boaz is a 2015 graduate from Georgetown University Law Center School of Law. He is admitted in New York and New Jersey, as well as the Federal District of New Jersey.

Raquiba Huq is the Supervising Attorney of the Immigration Representation Project ("IRP") at Legal Services of New Jersey, which she joined in 2007. The project's work has a particular focus on serving the needs of detained immigrants, victims of crime, and individuals with physical or mental health disabilities. Raquiba also serves on the Board of Directors for the Refugee Reunification Project, which raises and distributes funds to assist asylees with bringing their family members to the United States. Raquiba is a graduate of Yale Law School and Princeton University.

Chrystal Loyer is a Specialist in FINRA's Office of Dispute Resolution where she provides counsel and compliance oversight to senior management and trains the department's staff on new FINRA rules and initiatives. Prior to entering the financial regulatory industry, Chrystal practiced tax litigation and estate planning. Chrystal graduated *cum laude* from Seton Hall University School of Law in 2012. While a student at Seton Hall, Chrystal worked for the Center for Policy and Research as a Research Fellow where she investigated governmental records and travelled to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to observe military proceedings.

Mark P. Denbeaux the Director of the Center for Policy and Research, a non-partisan group of researchers seeking to increase the transparency, accountability, and efficacy of the government by exposing its activities to public scrutiny. He is a Full Professor of Law at Seton Hall Law School teaching Evidence, Problems of Proof and Expert Witnesses, Civil Rights, Lawyer as Detective, the Deep Web, and other courses since 1972. He is a nationally acclaimed expert witness on the limitations of forensic evidence and an author. He is one of the county's foremost experts on the Guantanamo Bay detention center. He is a practicing defense attorney representing several Guantanamo detainees and participated in numerous filings of amicus briefs arising from the rules governing the hearings for "enemy combatants." Professor Denbeaux received his B.A. degree from the College of Wooster, his J. D degree from New York University School of Law and is admitted in the NY and NJ bar. Prior to teaching, he was senior attorney in charge of

litigation for the New York City Legal Services program, and subsequently Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New York City Legal Services Program. He has testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee; the Senate Judiciary Committee; the House Armed Services Committee; and the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight. He has been an elected member of the American Law Institute since 1980 and a leading member of the Guantanamo Bar Association. From “I Have A Dream” to Selma, Denbeaux, ever passionate about civil rights for all, continually realizes the need for an analysis of the government's assumptions and the principles governing the detention process.

Lauren Major is a senior detention attorney at the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), where she works with the Friends' Representation Initiative of New Jersey (FRINJ), a public defender model project for detained indigent immigrants. Ms. Major was previously a staff attorney at Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS), where she represented detained individuals in New York and New Jersey through the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP), the first public defender program in the country for detained immigrants facing deportation. After graduating from New York University School of Law in 2012, Ms. Major was a detention fellow at AFSC and represented detained indigent individuals and provided Know Your Rights presentations, screenings, and pro se support to individuals detained in New Jersey.