



Chained and Silenced: The Reality of Forced and Child Marriage in the U.S.

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Rutgers Law School | Center for Law and Justice, Room 125 | 123 Washington Street, Newark, NJ

In person and Zoom

Although forced marriage and child marriage are recognized globally as forms of modern-day slavery, they remain legally permissible in most of the United States. This program will examine the legal and human rights implications of these abuses, with a focus on how cultural and religious norms can intersect with legal systems in ways that perpetuate systemic injustice. The session will explore the laws that enable and even encourage these practices, the profound human suffering they cause, and the vital role family lawyers can play to achieve justice.

Participants will hear a personal account from a survivor, gain clarity on legal definitions and religious contexts, and review relevant case law. The program will conclude with practical guidance on how attorneys can effectively represent survivors from all backgrounds and advocate for legal reform.

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Degree of Difficulty: All levels.

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