



SA: Impact of the Adoption & Safe Families Act on Family Separation of Black & Brown Families

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Project Title

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Scope of Work

Research and compile case law in New York and across the country; summarize findings.

Timing

Due August 15, 2023

Jurisdiction

New York

Contact Information

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Description


The matter was referred by Brooklyn Defender Services.

The Adoption and Safe Families Act (“ASFA”) is a Clinton-era federal statute ostensibly aimed to address the perceived problem of children “languishing” in foster care. In fact, the federal law, and its implementation by states across the country, has had the impact of separating Black and brown families—permanently, and at a disproportionate rate—and devaluing their attachment and familial bonds.

This project would entail law firm associates researching and compiling case law in New York and across the country that points to the importance of continued relationships between biological family members throughout the late stages of child protective proceedings, as well after the establishment of permanency (i.e., guardianship or adoption). Associates may also include related secondary source materials, including social science and law review and journal articles.

Subtasks (0)

Reminders(1)

 1 day(s) before