

Yale Law School  
**Immigration Reform and Rights after the Election**  
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**12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**  
**SLB 129**

**Moderated by Professor Lucas Guttentag**  
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**Mark Delich**

*Director of Congressional Affairs at FWD.us*

Congressional Affairs at FWD.us, is a bipartisan organization founded by leaders in the technology community to support policies like comprehensive immigration that will keep the American Dream achievable in the 21st century. Mark leads the organization's congressional outreach efforts to build relationships with lawmakers in key offices to help push immigration reform through Congress. Mark joined FWD.us with more than a decade of public policy experience, most recently as a senior advisor to Senator John McCain, where he was on the forefront of issues involving homeland security and immigration. There, he served as a lead staffer on a number of high-profile legislative initiatives, including the comprehensive immigration reform bill S. 744, which passed in the Senate with an overwhelming majority in December 2013. Prior to advising Sen. McCain, Mark was the director of policy at the Reform Institute, where he set the strategic direction for the Institute's policy work on immigration and homeland security issues.

**Marshall Fitz**

*Managing Director of Immigration, The Emerson Collective*

Marshall believes that America is a place where fairness, justice, and opportunity should be available to all—including those who were born on other shores. Those values drive his work in overseeing the Emerson Collective's investments and advancements in immigration policy at the federal, state, and local levels.

Marshall is one of the nation's leading legislative strategists and advocates in support of comprehensive immigration reform. He regularly advises Members of Congress, the Obama Administration, and the Department of Homeland Security on policy, politics, and strategy. He has also served as a media spokesperson on a broad array of immigration policy and legislative issues.

Marshall is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress (CAP) where, prior to joining the Emerson Collective, he served as Vice President for Immigration Policy. At CAP, he directed research and analysis of the economic, political, legal, and social impacts of immigration policy in America. By the appointment of DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson, Marshall also serves on the

Homeland Security Advisory Council. He led the Immigration Working Group for Secretary Clinton's campaign and was consulting with the Secretary's presidential transition team.

Previously, Marshall practiced immigration law and served as director of advocacy for the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Marshall is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and served on the *Virginia Law Review*. He clerked for the Honorable Bruce M. Selya on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

## **Kica Matos**

*Director, Immigrant Rights and Racial Justice Center for Community Change*

Kica Matos is the Director of Immigrant Rights and Racial Justice at the Center for Community Change ("CCC"), an organization whose mission is to empower the people most affected by injustice to lead movements to improve the policies that affect their lives. She has extensive experience as an advocate, community organizer and lawyer.

Since joining CCC, Ms. Matos has been a national advocate for immigration reform and coordinates the work of the Fair Immigration Reform Movement, the nation's largest network of immigrant rights organizations.

Prior to her work at CCC, Ms. Matos served as Deputy Mayor in the city of New Haven, where she oversaw the city's community programs and launched new initiatives including prisoner re-entry, youth and immigrant integration.

Matos was previously the Executive Director of JUNTA, New Haven's oldest Latino advocacy organization. She also worked as an assistant federal defender for death sentenced inmates and with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and Amnesty International on death penalty and criminal justice issues.

She has a B.A. from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, an M.A. from the New School and a J.D. from Cornell Law School. She has received numerous awards including the John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award and New Haven Register's "Person of the Year" award.

## **Esther Olavarria**

Esther Olavarria served as a Senior Counselor to Secretary Jeh Johnson at the Department of Homeland Security from 2014 to 2016 where she helped draft the immigration administrative actions. During 2013, she worked for the White House Domestic Policy Council on immigration legislation and policy. She previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at DHS. From 1998 to 2007, she was Senator Edward Kennedy's chief immigration counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee. She has also served as a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress and a senior advisor for the UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency. Esther began her career as an immigration attorney in Miami, Florida, working at several not for profit organizations. Esther was born in Havana, Cuba and raised in Florida. She has a law degree from the University of Florida.

## **Greisa Martinez Rosas**

*Advocacy Director at United We Dream*

United We Dream (UWD) is a national nonpartisan, membership-based organization of over 100,000 immigrant youth and allies. Led by its 55 affiliate organizations in 26 states, UWD advocates for the dignity and fair treatment of undocumented immigrant youth and their families.

Originally from Hidalgo, Mexico, Greisa came to the U.S. with her family at a young age as an undocumented immigrant. Greisa studied Political Science and Economics at Texas A&M University.

She has organized immigrant youth, students and workers for the passage of pro-immigrant policies at the local, state and national level for the past 10 years.