

Joanne Macri



Prior to joining the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services as the Regional Director, Ms. Macri served as the director of the Criminal Defense Immigration Project (CDIP) and the Immigrant Defense Project of the New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA). On behalf of NYSDA, Ms. Macri travelled across New York State training criminal defense attorneys on the immigration consequences of New York criminal convictions. For her service, Ms. Macri was recognized by the New York State Bar Association Criminal Justice Section for her Outstanding Contribution to Criminal Law Education. Ms. Macri is also a Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation. Ms. Macri also participated as an adjunct professor at the State of New York University at Buffalo Law School where she has taught immigration law, immigration law practice and criminal/immigration law.

Currently, Ms. Macri serves as co-chair of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Committee on Immigration Representation which has recently published NYSBA-approved standards on immigration representation. Ms. Macri also currently serves as a liaison with the Executive Office for Immigration Review on behalf of the Upstate New York Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and is a recent member of the Third Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee. Ms. Macri has previously served on the NSYBA Immigration Litigation Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee as well as the AILA Upstate New York Chapters subcommittees for Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection. Ms. Macri received her Honors Bachelor degree from the University of Ottawa and her Juris Doctorate from Albany Law School.