



Protecting Immigrant Women and Girls Fleeing Violence

## **FREE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT** **TRAINING**

Tahirih Justice Center and DLA Piper are pleased to invite interested attorneys to attend a free Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) training. This training will last approximately one hour and will count toward CLE credit. Participants may also choose to take on a VAWA matter from Tahirih after the training. Lunch will be provided to all attendants.

*Time, Place and Location:* This training will be held on September 29, 2011 from 12:00 to 1:00 at DLA Piper's Houston office located at 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 2800, Houston, Texas 77002.

*Training:* This training will equip attorneys to help immigrant female survivors of domestic violence seek shelter under the Violence Against Women Act. This Act allows women to gain legal status independent of their abusers, so that they are not forced to choose between deportation and remaining in an abusive relationship upon which their legal status depends.

*Tahirih Justice Center:* The Tahirih Justice Center provides protection to immigrant and refugee women and girls fleeing gender-based violence through public policy advocacy, legal representation and community education. Further, Tahirih provides excellent support to pro bono attorneys by assigning one of its experienced attorneys to assist with each matter. For more information, see Tahirih's website at <http://www.tahirih.org/services>.

*Anne Chandler, Speaker:* Anne Chandler, JD is the Director of Tahirih Justice Center's Houston office. Prior to joining Tahirih in August of 2009, Anne served as a Clinical Professor for the University of Houston Law Center where she served as the Interim Director of the Immigration Law Clinic. Prior to joining the Law Center in 2003, she served as the Director of Immigration Legal Services for the YMCA International Services of Greater Houston. Anne is a cum laude graduate of the University of Houston Law Center where she served on the Houston Law Review, received a Distinguished Service Award, won the Joan Glantz Garfinkel Scholarship for civil liberties research, and served as President of the Public Interest Law Organization, focusing on provision of services to immigrant children detained in Harlingen, Texas.

*RSVP Information:* Please e-mail Peggy Harper at [peggy.harper@dlapiper.com](mailto:peggy.harper@dlapiper.com) by September 26th if you would like to attend this training. Also, if you plan to take on a VAWA matter after the training, please indicate this in your e-mail.