LexVid Services, Inc., Presents:
Update on Family Separation Law with the ACLU

Total: **60 Minutes**

Speakers:
Bardis Vikili

Description

The separation of families attempting to immigrate into the United States has been a controversial topic in recent months. During this course, ACLU attorney Bardis Vakili will discuss the federal class action lawsuit filed by his office to stop family separation and require the immediate reunification of all separated children and parents. The lawsuit cites violations of the Constitution's due process clause, federal law protecting asylum seekers, and of the government's own directive to keep families intact.

I. **Background:** (5 min.)
II. **ICE Detention:** (5 min.)
III. **Legal Authority:** (5 min.)
IV. **Ms. L v. ICE**: (40 min.)
V. **Asylum Ban**: (5 min.)

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Vakili came to the ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties in September 2014 after four years in the Orange County office of the ACLU of Southern California. His primary areas of focus are immigrants' rights and the rights of youth and children, and he also works on voting rights and policing issues. For his work in the field of immigrants' rights, Vakili has received a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year award in 2017 and a National Lawyer's Guild's Daniel Levy Award in 2008. Prior to coming to the ACLU, he was the director of the political asylum program at Casa Cornelia Law Center in San Diego. He graduated from Tufts University in 1997 and the University of San Diego School of Law in 2006, where he received a Wiley Manuel award for pro bono service.

Vakili is proficient in Spanish and speaks basic Farsi.After leaving NASA, Tom spent ten years working for a number of oil field service companies as quality manager and manufacturing manager, where he turned the lessons learned from winning the space race into practice as a business leader. His last industry assignment was as Director of Training for Schlumberger Anadrill.