

2007 Immigration Fundamentals
April 19-20, 2007 • • Plano,
May 3-4, 2007 • Crowne Plaza Houston-Downtown • Houston, TX

Thursday Morning, Apr. 19, 2007

8:00 am In Plano Only	Registration opens
In Plano Only	Includes continental breakfast
8:45 am In Plano Only	Welcoming Remarks Welcoming Remarks
9:00 am 1.00 hr	Grounds of Deportability and Inadmissibility Review of grounds of deportability and inadmissibility; strategies for contesting common grounds of removal.
10:00 am 0.75 hr	Bond Proceedings
10:45 am In Plano Only	Break Break
11:00 am 1.00 hr	Contesting Deportability Procedural challenges to the Notice to Appear; evidentiary challenges; and tele-video procedures and challenges.

Thursday Afternoon, Apr. 19, 2007

12:00 pm In Plano Only	Lunch on your Own Lunch on Your Own
1:15 pm 1.00 hr	Citizenship Who is a U.S. citizen and how claims are documented; the Child Citizenship Act; asserting claims to citizenship in removal proceedings.

2:15 pm 1.00 hr	Challenging Crime-Based Grounds of Deportability Review of crime-based removability grounds; proof of conviction; doctrine of divisibility; and recent case law.
3:15 pm In Plano Only	Break Break
3:30 pm 1.00 hr	Demonstrations: Bond Re-Determination Proceedings and Master Calendar Hearings Conference faculty will role-play a demonstration of bond re-determination proceedings and master calendar hearings.
4:30 pm 1.00 hr	Questions and Answers Speakers discuss practical solutions to participants' questions and cases.
5:00 pm In Plano Only	Adjourn Adjourn

Friday Morning, Apr. 20, 2007

8:00 am	Conference Room Opens Conference Room Opens
	Includes continental breakfast
8:30 am 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Family-Based Visas and Procedures Family-based visa categories and procedures for respondents in removal proceedings; ethical issues raised by representation of married couples.
9:30 am 0.75 hr	Priority Dates and Grandfathering Establishment of priority dates; loss and recoupment of priority dates; change in age and marital status; grandfathering; strategies to prove earlier filed petitions; and Child Status Protection Act.
10:15 am	Break Break
10:30 am 1.00 hr	Adjustment of Status in Removal Proceedings and Waivers of Inadmissibility Eligibility for adjustment; presentation of claim in removal; public charge issues; and waivers to overcome grounds of inadmissibility.

11:30 am
1.00 hr

Relief from Removal

Cancellation of removal of permanent and nonpermanent residents; waiver of inadmissibility under former Sec. 212c.

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12:30 pm

Lunch on your Own

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1:45 pm
0.50 hr

Documentation of Applications for Discretionary Relief

Relief-strategies to document a discretionary case for relief; use of experts and witnesses, mock submission of documents into evidence.

2:15 pm
1.00 hr
0.25 hr ethics

Appeals and Motions to Reopen

When and how to appeal; standards and limitations of motions to reopen; ineffective assistance of counsel; and streamlining of appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

3:15 pm

Break

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3:30 pm
0.50 hr ethics

Ethical Issues in Immigration Law

A summary of some of the basic ethical issues facing immigration practitioners including: preparing witnesses to testify in court; preparation and presentation of documentary evidence to the court; and withdrawing as counsel when there is an ethical issue or conflict of interest.

4:00 pm
0.50 hr

Questions and Answers

Speakers discuss practical solutions to participants' questions and cases.

4:30 pm

Adjourn

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Conference Faculty

Barbara Hines has practiced in the field of Immigration Law since 1975 and is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Immigration and Nationality Law. She is currently a clinical professor at The University of Texas School of Law and directs its Immigration Law Clinic. She served as the first Co-Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of Texas, Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project and is currently of counsel and a member of the Board of Directors of the organization. She has received awards from the national and Texas chapters of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), and is listed in the Who's Who of American Women and Best Lawyers in America.

Lee Terán is a clinical professor of law and directs the Immigration & Human Rights Clinic at St. Mary's University School of Law. She is a 1975 graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law, and has been Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1984. Prior to joining St. Mary's University, she was Co-Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of Texas, Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, and was engaged in private practice.

Joseph A. Vail is a 1979 graduate of Widener Law School. He entered the field of immigration law in 1980 as a volunteer through VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America). He was a staff attorney for three years with Gulf Coast Legal Foundation in Houston, and from 1984 to 1995 he was in private practice in Houston. In 1995 he was appointed as an immigration judge with the United States Department of Justice, where he served until 1999. From July 1999 to the present he has supervised the immigration clinic at the University of Houston Law Center where he has also taught several courses on immigration law. He is board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Immigration and Nationality Law.

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