

**2010 A Practical Guide to Removal Proceedings**  
**April 20-21, 2010 • Norris Conference Center - CityCentre • Houston, TX**  
**May 13-14, 2010 • Thompson Conference Center • Austin, TX**  
**May 25-26, 2010 • Belo Mansion • Dallas, TX**

**Day 1 Morning**

8:00 am In Houston Only	<b>Registration Opens</b>  Includes continental breakfast.
8:55 am In Houston Only	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
9:00 am 1.00 hr	<b>Grounds of Deportability and Inadmissibility</b>  Review of grounds of deportability and inadmissibility; strategies for contesting common grounds of removal.
10:00 am 0.75 hr	<b>Bond Proceedings</b>  Bond eligibility and strategies for presenting bond applications.
10:45 am In Houston Only	<b>Break</b>
11:00 am 1.00 hr	<b>Contesting Deportability</b>  Procedural challenges to the Notice to Appear; evidentiary challenges; and tele-video procedures and challenges.

**Day 1 Afternoon**

12:00 pm In Houston Only	<b>Adjourn to Lunch Break - 1 hour</b>  Box lunch included in course registration.
1:00 pm 1.00 hr	<b>Citizenship</b>  How to identify citizenship claims in removal proceedings. Strategies for asserting claims in removal proceedings.
2:00 pm 1.00 hr	<b>Challenging Crime-Based Grounds of Deportability</b>  Review of crime-based removability grounds; proof of conviction; doctrine of divisibility; and recent case law.

3:00 pm In Houston Only	<b>Break</b>
3:15 pm 1.00 hr	<b>Demonstrations: Bond Re-Determination Proceedings and Master Calendar Hearings</b>  The session opens with a short general discussion of Removal Proceedings, then conference faculty will role-play a demonstration of bond re-determination proceedings and master calendar hearings.
4:15 pm 0.50 hr ethics	<b>Ethical Issues in Immigration Law</b>  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.
4:45 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Questions and Answers</b>  Speakers discuss practical solutions to participants' questions and cases.
5:15 pm In Houston Only	<b>Adjourn</b>

## Day 2 Morning

8:00 am	<b>Conference Room Opens</b>  Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<b>Family-Based Visas and Proceedings</b>  Overview of the family-based visa process and practical tips on preparing applications including those in removal proceedings.
9:30 am 0.75 hr	<b>Priority Dates and Grandfathering</b>  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	<b>Break</b>
10:30 am 1.00 hr	<b>Relief in Immigration Court</b>  Dealing with relief once removability has been established. Tips for trial strategy including documentation, use of experts, and witness preparation.
11:30 am 1.00 hr	<b>Adjustment in Court</b>  Presenting an adjustment claim in court and dealing with possible waivers including 212(h), 212(i) and other less common waivers to overcome inadmissibility.

## Day 2 Afternoon

12:30 pm	<b>Adjourn to Lunch Break - 45 minutes</b>  Box lunch included in course registration.
1:15 pm 1.00 hr	<b>Cancellation of Removal and Other Discretionary Relief</b>  Establishing eligibility for Cancellation of Removal for permanent residents and non-permanent residents, section 212(c) waivers, stand-alone section 212(h) waivers, and other forms of relief from removal.
2:15 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Appeals and Motions to Reopen: The Basics</b>  An outline and overview of the basic rules for filing appeals and motions to reopen.
2:45 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Questions and Answers</b>  Speakers discuss practical solutions to participants' questions and cases.
3:15 pm 0.00 hr ethics	<b><u>Adjourn</u></b> <b>Immigration Fundamentals Faculty</b>  Nicolas Chavez, Chavez & Valko, LLP - Dallas, TX Nancy A. Falgout, Nancy A. Falgout, P.C. - Houston, TX Richard S. Fischer, The Law Office of Richard S. Fischer - Nacogdoches, TX Jodi M. Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX George Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Hines & Leigh, P.C. - Austin, TX Edna Yang, American Gateways - Austin, TX