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Wednesday Afternoon, Oct. 23, 2013

Presiding Officer:
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12:30 pm	**Registration Opens**
1:20 pm	**Welcoming Remarks**
1:30 pm 1.00 hr	**United States Immigration Laws: An Overview** A discussion of the interplay of unlawful presence, out of status, nonimmigrant, immigrant and citizenship status for foreign nationals, their employers and their families. Paul Parsons, Paul Parsons, PC - Austin, TX
2:30 pm 1.00 hr	**Introduction to Family Immigration Practice** Family reunification has long been the cornerstone of our immigration policy, accounting for two-thirds of all immigration to the U.S. in a given year. A basic overview of the family visa categories, the qualifications for each, and the application procedures which govern family petitions. M. Elizabeth "Liz" Cedillo-Pereira, Cedillo-Pereira & Cedillo, PLLC - Dallas, TX Vanna Slaughter, Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc. - Dallas, TX
3:30 pm	**Break**
3:45 pm 1.00 hr	**Introduction to Removals** How and why respondents are placed in removal proceedings with a summary of the various ways Congress and the courts have devised for avoiding removal. Hon. Jimmie L. Benton, Gill & Benton - Houston, TX George Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX
4:45 pm 1.25 hrs ethics	**Introduction to Managing an Immigration Law Practice and Beginning Ethics** An immigration practice involves much more than filling out forms. The panelists discuss ethical and practical issues that new practitioners should prepare for. Moderator: Sarah E. Woelk, Casa Marianella Immigration Legal Services - Austin, TX Panelists: William D. Fong, Fong & Associates, L.L.P. - Houston, TX Kathleen Campbell Walker, Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated - El Paso, TX
6:00 pm	**Adjourn to Reception**

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