

2014 Fundamentals of Immigration and Nationality Law
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Wednesday Afternoon, Oct. 15, 2014

Presiding Officer:

Sarah E. Woelk, Casa Marianella Immigration Legal Services - Austin, TX

12:00 pm In Austin Only	Registration Opens
12:50 pm	Welcoming Remarks
1:00 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
2:00 pm 0.50 hr	Immigration Agencies and Basic Terms An overview of the various immigration agencies and basic immigration terminology. Barbara Hines, The University of Texas School of Law - 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. This overview discusses family visa categories, the qualifications for each, and the application procedures which govern family petitions. M. Elizabeth "Liz" Cedillo-Pereira, Cedillo-Pereira & Associates, PLLC - Dallas, TX Vanna Slaughter, Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc. - Dallas, TX
3:30 pm	Break
3:45 pm 1.00 hr	Introduction to Removal Proceedings An overview of Immigration Court procedures, defenses and discretionary relief. Barbara Hines, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX Stephanie Rodriguez Taylor, American Gateways - Austin, TX
4:45 pm	WELCOME RECEPTION (4:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.) Meet and network with your fellow immigration law practitioners for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and a lively ethics presentation at 5:15 p.m.

5:15 pm 1.00 hr ethics	Immigration Case Management and Beginning Ethics An immigration practice involves much more than filling out forms. Explore the ethical and practical issues that new practitioners should prepare for. Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Law Office of Thomas Esparza, Jr., P.C. - Austin, TX
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