

**2015 Fundamentals of Immigration and Nationality Law**  
**October 5, 2015 • Radisson Hotel and Suites, Austin-Downtown • Austin, TX**  
**October 5, 2015 • Live Webcast**

**Monday Afternoon, October 5, 2015**

**Presiding Officer:**

**Jacqueline L. Watson**, Law Office of Thomas Esparza, Jr., P.C. - Austin, TX

12:00 pm In Austin Only	<b>Registration Opens</b>
12:50 pm	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
1:00 pm 1.00 hr	<p><b>United States Immigration Laws: An Overview</b></p> <p>A discussion of the interplay of unlawful presence, out of status, nonimmigrant, immigrant, and citizenship status for foreign nationals, their employers, and their families.</p> <p>Paul Parsons, Paul Parsons, PC - Austin, TX</p>
2:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>Immigration Agencies and Basic Terms</b></p> <p>An overview of the various immigration agencies and basic immigration terminology.</p> <p>Sarah E. Woelk, Casa Marianella Immigration Legal Services - Austin, TX</p>
2:30 pm 1.00 hr	<p><b>Introduction to Family Immigration Practice</b></p> <p>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. Hear an overview of family visa categories, the qualifications for each, and the application procedures which govern family petitions.</p> <p>Jenna Carl, Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc. - Dallas, TX  Vanna Slaughter, Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc. - Dallas, TX</p>
3:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:45 pm 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p><b>Introduction to Employment Immigration Practice</b></p> <p>A review of the most common types of work visas and permanent residency options available to foreign nationals and the requirements and important features of each category.</p> <p>Francisco J. García, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston - Galveston, TX  Judy J. Lee, Foster LLP - Houston, TX</p>
4:45 pm 1.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p><b>Introduction to Removal Proceedings</b></p> <p>An introduction to Immigration Court proceedings and potential defenses against removal.</p> <p>Jennifer Walker Gates, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX  Susannah Volpe, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>

5:45 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>
In Austin Only	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION (5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.)</b> Meet and network with your fellow immigration law practitioners for drinks and hors d'oeuvres.