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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 24, 2018

Presiding Officer:

Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC, Austin, TX

12:00 p.m. Registration Opens

Includes light refreshments.

12:50 p.m. Welcoming Remarks

1:00 p.m. 1.00 hr

Understanding United States Immigration and Nationality Laws

Hear 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 p.m. 1.00 hr

Immigration Agencies and Basic Immigration Terminology

Explore the roles of various federal agencies involved in the administration of U.S. immigration laws, strategies for communicating with these agencies, and basic immigration law terminology.

Amanda Baran, Immigration Policy Consultant, Arlington, VA
Sarah E. Woelk, Casa Marianella Immigration Legal Services, Austin, TX

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. .75 hr

Strategies and Practice Pointers for Family-Based and Citizenship Cases in the Age of Enforcement

Learn how to navigate and avoid pitfalls in family-based adjustment and consular processing cases, and naturalization. Address hot issues in the adjudication of these applications including NTAs upon denial, RFE's, public charge, and fraud findings.

Irene G. Mugambi, Law Office of Irene G. Mugambi P.C., Dallas, TX
Lakshmi Nayar, Nayar & McIntyre, LLP, Dallas, TX

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Immigration Law in the Age of Enforcement: Employment

Immigration issues have been a key focus of the current administration. Discuss high-profile changes pursued by the current administration, including travel bans and adjudication trends. Also, survey changes looming on the immigration landscape, including updates on DACA/"the Dreamers," temporary protected status, NAFTA, H-1B, and L-1 visas.

Caroline Tang, Ogletree Deakins, Austin, TX
Heather J. Whitfield, Ogletree Deakins, Houston, TX

4:45 p.m. .75 hr | .50 hr ethics

Navigating Removals and Asylum Applications in the Age of Enforcement

Get practical tips and information for practitioners attempting to navigate removal defense and defensive asylum applications under the increasingly oppressive policies of the current administration.

Mark Kinzler, The Law Office of Mark Kinzler, P.C., Austin, TX
Sarah Vidal, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin, Harlingen, TX

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

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THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 25, 2018

Presiding Officer:

Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C., Dallas, TX

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. .75 hr

What a Difference A Year Makes: Top Ten Changes to the Practice of Immigration Law and What Attorneys Can Do To Protect Clients' Interests.

Practicing immigration law now requires maintaining up to the minute vigilance on changes to policy, regulations, procedures, and laws. Focus on the most critical changes in the areas of family-based immigration, employment-based immigration, removal proceedings, and due process for immigrants during the last year and when/how attorneys should challenge adverse changes affecting their clients.

Moderator:

Laura F. Bachman, ASISTA, Phoenix, AZ

Panelist:

Kathleen C. Walker, Dickinson Wright PLLC, El Paso, TX

Amanda L. Waterhouse, Reina & Bates Immigration & Nationality, Houston, TX

9:15 a.m. 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics

Everywhere is a "Border:" The Legal Framework at Checkpoints and Ports-of-Entry

A unique jurisprudence has developed regarding our borders that is not limited by geography. Discuss the powers that Congress has sought to grant the federal government at the border, within a "reasonable distance" from the border, and at designated ports of entry. Also, examine the constitutional limitations on federal power in these areas, as well as any individual remedies that may exist.

Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C., Dallas, TX

Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC, Austin, TX

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. .75 hr

I-130 Visa Petitions: From the Basics to the Battles

Discuss both fundamental and advanced concepts related to I-130 visa petitions. Speakers will offer a variety of legal strategies and hit on some hot topics in this area.

Ann K. Miller, Chavez & Valko, LLP, Dallas, TX

Marisol L. Pérez, De Mott, McChesney, Curtright & Armendáriz, San Antonio, TX

11:15 a.m. 1.00 hr

PERM and I-140

Learn about the latest trends in I-140 adjudication and PERMs, including ideas and practical advice on how to handle the employment-based immigration process in this era of greater scrutiny and restriction.

Faye M. Kolly, De Mott, McChesney, Curtright, & Armendáriz LLP, Austin, TX

Judy J. Lee, Foster LLP, Houston, TX

Maggie Murphy, Jackson Lewis P.C., Austin, TX

12:15 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Francisco J. García, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:35 p.m. .75 hr

Gone to Texas: Migration Vital to Growth in the Lone Star State

Texas has relied on a large and sustained influx of workers from other states and other countries. These transplants—making up nearly half of the state's workforce—account for an even larger share of Texas' growth than their relative numbers. Significantly, this inflow brought the types of workers most in demand. Changes to immigration policy and slowing immigration can disrupt what's been a key factor sustaining Texas' growth premium.

Pia M. Orrenius, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Dallas, TX

1:20 p.m. Break

1:35 p.m. .75 hr

Consular Processing: Hidden Grounds for Visa Denial

Examine reasons for denial relating to alien smuggling, drug and alcohol abuse, gang membership, and public charge grounds. Discuss how to identify these grounds, as well as employ strategies, to avoid or overcome visa denial.

Nicolas Chavez, Chavez & Valko, LLP, Fort Worth, TX
Rosemary Vega, University of Houston Law Center, Immigration Clinic, Houston, TX

2:20 p.m. .75 hr

Change of Status/NIVs

Hear an overview of recent changes in policies and regulations and the impact of these changes on NIV processing (B1/B2, F-1, H-1B). Discuss how to advise your clients and guide them through lengthy adjudications, avoid overstays, and unlawful presence.

Harry Gee Jr., Harry Gee & Associates, PLLC, Houston, TX

Susan Bond, The Law Office of Susan Bond P.C., Dallas, TX

3:05 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. 1.00 hr | .50 hr ethics

Anatomy of Immigration Fraud + Waivers and Other Remedies

Using REAL case studies, identify the immigration fraud issues you should be aware of and the potential pitfalls. Explore what fraud actually looks like in an immigration case, strategies for successful waivers, as well as for avoiding a finding of fraud.

Patrick K. O'Rourke, Gee & Zhang, LLP, Houston, TX
Jennifer Walker Gates, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC, Austin, TX

4:15 p.m. .75 hr ethics

Pitfalls for Zealous Attorneys: Fraud and Misrepresentation

Make note of how lawyers can zealously represent clients and still avoid ethical pitfalls that can result in sanctions, discipline, and disqualification. This discussion will include court decisions highlighting lawyers' mistakes that have resulted in serious consequences—what to do and, more importantly, what not to do!

Charles Herring Jr., Herring & Panzer, L.L.P., Austin, TX

Edna Yang, American Gateways, Austin, TX

5:00 p.m. .75 hr | .50 hr ethics

Ask the Experts

Take advantage of an interactive opportunity to have top immigration lawyers answer your questions and provide solutions to your ethical quandaries. **Please submit your questions in advance to ConferenceQA@utcle.org or on-site at the conference registration desk.**

Moderator:

Eugene J. Flynn, Eugene J. Flynn, P.C., Dallas, TX

Panelists:

Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch, Lincoln-Goldfinch Law, Austin, TX
Jodi M. Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin, Harlingen, TX
Irene G. Mugambi, Law Office of Irene G. Mugambi P.C., Dallas, TX
Maggie Murphy, Jackson Lewis P.C., Austin, TX

5:45 p.m. **Pro Bono Introduction**

Pro bono work doesn't just serve the community. Explore ways to integrate *pro bono* service into your practice, and learn how it can benefit you as well.

5:55 p.m. **Adjourn to Reception**

NETWORKING RECEPTION AND PRO BONO MIXER

5:55 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy refreshments and a networking opportunity with colleagues, conference faculty, and *pro bono* organization representatives.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 26, 2018

Presiding Officer:

Vanna Slaughter, Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs, Dallas, TX

7:30 a.m. **Conference Room Opens**

Includes continental breakfast.

8:00 a.m. 1.00 hr | .50 hr ethics

Case Strategy, Planning, and Documentation

Examine the fundamentals of "smart lawyering" using the right questions, searches, and documentation in filing for benefits in light of the changing immigration landscape. Discuss the memos released by USCIS within the past year and their impact on filing for immigration benefits.

Mona Gupta, Gupta & Wiora, P.C., Dallas, TX
George Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C., Dallas, TX

9:00 a.m. .75 hr

Asylum Update

The Trump administration is working to redefine "refugee" so that very few will qualify. Analyze the administration's policies and what it could mean for the future of asylum cases.

Paul Steven Zoltan, Law Office of Paul S. Zoltan, Dallas, TX

9:45 a.m. .75 hr

VAWA and SIJ Updates

Hear an overview of VAWA including adjustment, with a focus on hypothetical cases. Then get an overview of Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, an update on recent trends and issues, and tips for a positive adjudication from USCIS.

Dalia Castillo-Granados, Children's Immigration Law Academy, Houston, TX
Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch, Lincoln-Goldfinch Law, Austin, TX

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. 1.25 hrs

Minesweeping: Issues in Adjustment of Status

Brush up on how to identify and defuse current dangerous issues related to applications for adjustment of status for employment-based beneficiaries, Special Immigrant Juveniles, asylees and refugees, VAWA grantees, U-Visa holders, and others.

Lori Torgerson Chesser, Davis Brown Law Firm, Des Moines, IA
Amelia Ruiz Fischer, Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law, Nacogdoches, TX
Richard S. Fischer, Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law, Nacogdoches, TX

12:00 p.m. **Pick Up Lunch**

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Peter D. Williamson, Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, Houston, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:20 p.m. .75 hr

Hot Topics in Removal

Hear an overview of the top 2018 asylum cases in light of Matter of A-C-M and Matter of Neguise.

Hon. David Ayala, Law Office of Ayala & Acosta, PLLC, McAllen, TX

1:05 p.m. **Break**

1:15 p.m. 1.00 hr

Case Law Update

Review important cases and hot topics from the Supreme Court, the Fifth Circuit, and the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC, San Antonio, TX
Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC, Bellaire, TX

2:15 p.m. 1.25 hrs | .75 hr ethics

Hot Topics and Emerging Issues in ICE Audits and USCIS/FDINS Investigations

Worksite enforcement—encompassing ICE audits and USCIS/FDINS investigations—is on the rise. Discuss the continually changing policies and practices that are resulting in enhanced penalties, removal of employees, criminal and civil fraud cases, and Immigrant and Employee Rights division and debarment issues.

Lori Torgerson Chesser, Davis Brown Law Firm, Des Moines, IA
Richard A. Gump Jr., The Law Offices of Richard A. Gump, Jr. P.C., Dallas, TX

3:30 p.m. .50 hr

Motions to Reopen

Breathing new life into an old case is sometimes the only way to move forward. Explore the various types of motions to reopen and their requirements.

Jodi M. Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin, Harlingen, TX

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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October 25, 2018, 8:20 a.m.

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