

2018 Fundamentals of Immigration and Nationality Law
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Wednesday Afternoon, Oct. 24, 2018

Presiding Officer:

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12:00 pm In Austin Only	Registration Opens Includes light refreshments.
12:50 pm	Welcoming Remarks
1:00 pm 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 pm 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 pm	Break
3:15 pm 0.75 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
4:00 pm 0.75 hr	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 pm 0.75 hr 0.50 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
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