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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 23, 2019

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

Examine 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.

Mona Gupta, Gupta & Wiora, P.C., Addison, TX
Sarah E. Woelk, Casa Marianella Immigration Legal Services, Austin, TX

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. .75 hr

Family-Based and Citizenship Cases in the Age of Enforcement

Review current trends in family-based and citizenship cases. Explore best practices in preparing these cases and representing clients during their interview.

Anali Looper, American Gateways, Waco, TX
Irene G. Mugambi, Law Office of Irene G. Mugambi P.C., Dallas, TX

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4:00 p.m. .75 hr

Immigration Enforcement: Alien Rights in the Face of ICE and Expanded Expedited Removal

Hear discussion on DHS' Expansion of Expedited Removal of Aliens, how your client could be subject to ER, and how you can protect them from it. Plus, understand the rights of aliens when confronted by ICE in the workplace, home, and on the streets.

Harry J. Joe, JMA Firm, PLLC, Dallas, TX

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

Gadfly Ethics

In the current era of enforcement by the Justice Department, zealous advocates push back: they buck limits on the time permitted to elicit testimony, challenge ultra vires regulations and policies, file applications for benefits that should be available to their clients, and generally raise hell. Yes, and they also keep their license.

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

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

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THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 24, 2019

Presiding Officer:

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

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

Federal Court and BIA Update

Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC, Bellaire, TX

9:30 a.m. .75 hr | .25 hr ethics

When Worksite Enforcement Turns Criminal

With ICE initiated raids and criminal investigations on the rise, examine key issues including identifying your client, damage control, staffing company issues, gathering the evidence, negotiating with the U.S. Attorney, and potential outcomes.

Moderator:

Richard A. Gump Jr., The Law Offices of Richard A. Gump, Jr. P.C., Dallas, TX

Panelists:

Paul E. Coggins, Locke Lord LLP, Dallas, TX
Richard B. Roper III, Thompson & Knight LLP, Dallas, TX

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. .50 hr

Challenging the NTA/Removal Proceeding

Learn how to navigate the ever-changing landscape of NTAs, and get tips on challenging removability in the current legal climate.

Amelia Ruiz Fischer, Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law, Nacogdoches, TX

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

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11:00 a.m. .50 hr

Detention

Discuss the circumstances of detention by ICE and CBP as well as the practical and logistical methods of obtaining release. Also explore requesting release via ICE, the Immigration Courts, and Federal Courts.

Jodi M. Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin, Harlingen, TX
Priscilla Olivarez, American Gateways, San Antonio, TX

11:30 a.m. .50 hr

Denials Based on Public Charge

Discussion of the new public charge grounds of inadmissibility and strategies for overcoming them.

Jennifer Walker Gates, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC, Austin, TX

12:00 p.m. .50 hr | .25 hr ethics

Golden Nuggets

There are plenty of nuggets out there but they may not be all that "golden"...uncover some of the current initiatives being used to curb and in some cases eliminate the flow of immigrants into the US. Hear how to spot them, avoid them and best be able to navigate today's crazy chaotic immigration policy.

Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C., Dallas, TX
Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC, Austin, TX

12:30 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

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Presiding Officer:

Nancy Taylor Shivers, Shivers & Shivers, San Antonio, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:50 p.m. .75 hr

What's Going on at the Southern Border: Immigrants' Rights Issues in Texas

Explore immigration-related issues throughout Texas, including family separation, immigrant detention and state legislation affecting immigrants.

Fatima Menendez, Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund, San Antonio, TX

1:35 p.m. Break

1:50 p.m. .50 hr

What Can You Do on a B-Visa?

The B-1 Visitor visa can provide a variety of options for foreign nationals. Address the advantages and difficulties of this visa classification.

Dorothee B. Mitchell, Foster LLP, Austin, TX

2:20 p.m. 1.00 hr

Federal Court Litigation: Mandamus, Declaratory Judgement, and Habeas Corpus. What to Bring, How to Bring it, and How to Win

Hear a primer on the federal court options for your clients, what to consider before bringing a challenge, how to get it done, and how to win the case.

Charles H. Kuck, Kuck Baxter Immigration LLC, Atlanta, GA

3:20 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. 1.00 hr ethics

Avoiding Malpractice

To reduce your sleepless nights and help you keep your law license, this session will discuss case scenarios illustrating key strategies for dealing with ethical challenges in the ever-changing landscape of immigration practice.

Charles Herring Jr., Herring & Panzer, L.L.P., Austin, TX
Erica B. Schommer, St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, TX

4:30 p.m. 1.00 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:

Harry J. Joe, JMA Firm, PLLC, Dallas, TX

Charles H. Kuck, Kuck Baxter Immigration LLC, Atlanta, GA

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

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

5:30 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.

5:40 p.m. Adjourn to Reception

NETWORKING RECEPTION AND PRO BONO MIXER

5:40 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.

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

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 25, 2019

Presiding Officer:

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

8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. 1.25 hrs

Recent Developments, Legislative and Policy Changes

Discuss a wide range of policy changes and recent developments affecting the practice of immigration law. Also hear updates on potential legislative changes on the horizon.

Sharvari (Shev) Dalal-Dheini, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Washington, DC

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

9:45 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics

The Basics of Asylum and Beyond: What You Need to Know When Preparing Affirmative and Defensive Asylum Cases

Hear an overview of the elements of and bars to asylum and related relief, changes in procedure and practice for affirmative and defensive cases including credible/reasonable fear interviews, and related case law updates.

Benicio Diaz, American Gateways, San Antonio, TX
Cori A. Hash, Lincoln Goldfinch Law, Austin, TX

11:00 a.m. .75 hr

Naturalization

Fighting for naturalization in the culture of no.

Richard S. Fischer, Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law, Nacogdoches, TX

11:45 a.m. .75 hr

Rescission and Denaturalization: Taking the Precious Away

Examine procedures to bring rescission proceedings against lawful permanent residents, or to strip immigrants of their citizenship status, including the conditions for and defenses against rescission and denaturalization.

Simon M. Azar-Farr, Simon Azar-Farr & Associates, San Antonio, TX
Peter D. Williamson, Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, Houston, TX

12:30 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch, Lincoln-Goldfinch Law, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:50 p.m. .50 hr

Practicing Immigration Law in an Era of Delay and Shifting Policies

The Buy American Hire American Executive (BAHA) has resulted in numerous shifts in long standing immigration policies. In addition, backlogs, denial rates, and delays in adjudications are at all-time highs, while the U.S. is losing revenues from foreign students and investors fed up with the arduous path they face concerning U.S. changing immigration policies. Litigation is now a common recourse in most areas of immigration law. Hear an overview of the current landscape post BAHA.

Sharvari (Shev) Dalal-Dheini, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Washington, DC
Kathleen C. Walker, Dickinson Wright PLLC, El Paso, TX

1:20 p.m. Break

1:35 p.m. 1.00 hr

Minding Your Hs and Ls

How to achieve success for H and L cases in an adjudications climate featuring increased RFEs, denials, stonewalling and other adverse trends.

Francisco J. García, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston, TX
Harry Gee Jr., Gee & Zhang, LLP, Houston, TX

2:35 p.m. .75 hr

The World's Got Talent! The U.S Might Have a Golden Buzzer for You

Explore visa options that require showcasing everything and anything concerning extra special achievements and recognitions, and how to impress the judges.

William D. Fong, Fong & Associates, L.L.P., Houston, TX
Rebecca R. Massiatte, JMA Firm, PLLC, Dallas, TX

3:20 p.m. 1.50 hrs | .75 hr ethics

Practice Management for Immigration Attorneys

Learn how to develop an efficient, ethically compliant, and profitable law practice, especially during a time of fluctuating policies and increasing processing times. Hear useful tips and experiences on a variety of pertinent topics, including how to manage client expectations, set legal fees, and utilize technology to both your and your client's benefit.

Nicolas Chavez, Chavez & Valko, LLP, Fort Worth, TX
Charles H. Kuck, Kuck Baxter Immigration LLC, Atlanta, GA

4:50 p.m. Adjourn

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