

2022 Fundamentals of Immigration and Nationality Law

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Wednesday Afternoon, Sep. 28, 2022

Presiding Officer:

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

12:00 pm In Austin Only	Registration Opens
12:50 pm	Welcoming Remarks
1:00 pm 1.00 hr	Understanding United States Immigration and Nationality Laws Explanations of concepts including unlawful presence, out of status, nonimmigrant intent, and of categories such as immigrants, nonimmigrants, and citizens. Paul Parsons, Paul Parsons, PC - Austin, TX
2:00 pm 0.50 hr	The Devil's Dictionary: Basic Immigration Terminology A run-down of the agencies and acronyms in the language of immigration law. Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
2:30 pm 0.75 hr	Family-Based Immigration: Petitions for Family Members, Visa Quota System and Countries Chargeability An introduction to the family immigration system, who can petition for who, the requirements, process, procedure and paperwork. Jodi M. Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX Irene G. Mugambi, Law Office of Irene G. Mugambi P.C. - Dallas, TX
3:15 pm	15-Minute Break
3:30 pm 0.75 hr	Employment-Based Immigration Basics Breakdown of employment-based nonimmigrant and immigrant categories; navigating applicable law, regulation, and policy; importance of building strong administrative record; resources for attorneys. Christine Traversi, Jackson Lewis P.C. - Houston, TX
4:15 pm 0.75 hr	Adjustment of Status/Consular Processing and Waiver Basics Answers to clients' most pressing questions: Can I adjust? Will I have to leave the country? What happens if I need a waiver? Rosa Maria Berdeja, Law Office of Rosa Maria Berdeja - Fort Worth, TX Krystal Gomez, Lincoln-Goldfinch Law - Austin, TX

5:00 pm
0.50 hr ethics

Liquid Ethics

Participate in a group discussion about the latest ethical issues facing immigration law practitioners today. Hear how to deal with unique issues that practicing law in the age of COVID-19 have created. A look at the rules and an open discussion for all participants.

Julieta Andrea Grinffiel, Hammond Neal Moore, LLC - Dallas, TX
George Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX

5:30 pm

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