

2018

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THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 7, 2018

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

9:00 a.m. 1.00 hr

Grounds of Deportability and Inadmissibility

Review the grounds of deportability and inadmissibility, and hear strategies for contesting common grounds of removal.

10:00 a.m. .75 hr

Bond Proceedings

Examine bond eligibility, evidentiary requirements, and presentation of a bond redetermination hearing.

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. 0.50 hr | 0.25 hr ethics

Challenging NTAs and Motions to Suppress

Learn how to launch procedural challenges to the Notice to Appear (NTA) and the timing, process, and substance of a Motion to Suppress.

11:30 a.m. 1.00 hr | 0.25 hr ethics

Contesting Deportability

Discuss how to challenge individual allegations in the NTA, including burdens of proof, evidentiary challenges, and assessing citizenship claims.

12:30 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:50 p.m. .50 hr ethics

Ethical Issues and Self Care in Immigration Law

Explore some of the basic ethical issues facing immigration practitioners, including preparing witnesses to testify in court, preparation and presentation of documentary evidence to the court, and withdrawing as counsel when there is an ethical issue or conflict of interest.

1:20 p.m. Break

1:35 p.m. 1.50 hr | 0.50 hr ethics

Challenging Crime-Based Grounds of Deportability

Discuss the categorical approach, plus a review of crime-based removability grounds, proof of conviction, doctrine of divisibility, and recent case law.

3:05 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. 1.00 hr | 0.25 hr ethics

Relief in Immigration Court

Hear a general discussion of relief, dealing with relief once removability has been established. Gain tips for trial strategy including documentation, use of experts, and witness preparation.

4:15 p.m. 1.00 hr

Questions and Answers

Make note of practical solutions to participants' questions and cases in this structured session.

5:15 p.m. Adjourn

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 8, 2018

8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. .75 hr

Asylum

Learn how to present defense claims for asylum, withholding of removal, and deferral of removal under the Convention Against Torture, including basic eligibility, crafting social group claims, issues with derivatives, and preserving issues for appeal.

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

Adjustment of Status

Explore the criteria and opportunities for adjustment of status, including family based visas and proceedings, priority dates, grandfathering, and presentation of the case in immigration court.

10:15 a.m. Break

MCLE

This course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 13.50 Hours, of which 2.00 Hours credit hours will apply to legal ethics/professional responsibility credit. The University of Texas School of Law is a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider (#1944), and an Oklahoma Bar Association MCLE presumptively-approved provider (#179).

10:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

Cancellation of Removal and Other Discretionary Relief

Learn about establishing eligibility for Cancellation of Removal for permanent residents and non-permanent residents, waivers of inadmissibility, and other forms of relief.

11:30 a.m. .50 hr

Appeals and Motions to Reopen: The Basics

Get an outline and overview of the basic rules for filing appeals and motions to reopen.

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Please note Friday lunch is not included in registration. If you are registered for the Immigration Removal Proceedings Workshop, the conference room will reopen at 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

OPTIONAL WORKSHOP

Please select on registration form. Additional \$100 registration fee.

Work directly with program faculty and colleagues in this small-group, interactive forum to apply techniques and strategies discussed throughout the course to a hypothetical case study.

1:00 p.m. Conference Room Opens

1:30 p.m. 1.50 hrs

Workshop Part I

Utilizing a case study, review and discuss bond hearings, examine a Notice to Appear (NTA) and its charges, and prepare for the first Master Calendar Hearing.

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. 1.50 hrs

Workshop Part II

Utilizing a case study, observe a demonstration of a merits hearing, review the appeals process, and discuss how to file a motion to reopen.

4:45 p.m. Adjourn

HOW TO REGISTER

Online:

www.utcle.org/conferences/IFR18

Mail:

The University of Texas
School of Law
Attn. CLE
PO Box 7759
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- ☐ Friday Workshop 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. \$100

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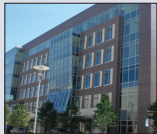
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CONFERENCE LOCATION



Norris Conference Center – CityCentre
816 Town and Country Blvd., Suite 210
Houston, Texas
713.590.0950

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Sorella CITYCENTRE
800 Sorella Ct
Houston, Texas
713.973.1600
1.866.842.0100 (reservations)

Special Room Rate: \$159

Good through May 16 (subject to availability)
Mention 'UT Immigration Removal Proceedings
guestroom block'

Parking:

Complimentary garage self-parking.
\$21 overnight valet parking.

KEY DATES

May 30, 2018

last day for early registration
add \$50 for registrations
received after this time

June 1, 2018

last day for cancellation (full refund)

June 4, 2018

last day for cancellation (partial refund)
\$50 processing fee applied

June 7, 8:50 a.m.

conference begins

CONFERENCE FACULTY

AVA BENACH is a founding partner of Benach Collopy. For nearly twenty years, she has navigated clients through the maze of immigration law. Ava has concentrated her practice on representing clients in removal proceedings and in litigation matters before the federal courts. She also has extensive experience advising clients on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and complex citizenship and residence questions. In June 2017, Ava was awarded the Edith B. Lowenstein Award for Excellence in Advancing the Practice of Immigration Law by the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

IMRAN BEG MIRZA has been Board Certified in Immigration & Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1995. He has over 28 years of experience litigating cases in the immigration, federal district and federal appellate courts of the United States. Mr. Mirza is also currently an Adjunct Professor teaching Crime and Immigration at Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Asian-American Bar Association and the Houston Bar Association's Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program.

MICHELLE L. SAENZ-RODRIGUEZ is the co-founder of Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates in Dallas, Texas. Now in her 26th year of practice, Michelle is Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the State Bar of Texas. Michelle is former Chair for the Texas Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers. She is currently a member of the ABA Commission on Immigration. Michelle has recently been named "Top Lawyer in the Field of Immigration for 2018" by Best Lawyers in America. She recently became a Director for the AILA Board of Governors. She is on the AILA ICE National Liaison Committee and also serves as the EOIR Liaison in Dallas, Texas.

JACQUELINE L. WATSON is an El Paso native and undergraduate alum of the University of Texas at El Paso. She earned her J.D. at the University of Texas School of Law. Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Jacqueline has practiced immigration law in Austin since 1999 and proudly joined Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC in 2016. She served the AILA Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico Chapter as its Chair from 2015 to 2016.