

2018 A Practical Guide to Immigration Removal Proceedings
June 7-8, 2018 • Norris Conference Center - CityCentre • Houston, TX
June 7-8, 2018 • Live Webcast

Thursday Morning, June 7, 2018

8:00 am In Houston Only	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:50 am	Welcoming Remarks
9:00 am 1.00 hr	Grounds of Deportability and Inadmissibility Review the grounds of deportability and inadmissibility, and hear strategies for contesting common grounds of removal. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
10:00 am 0.75 hr	Bond Proceedings Examine bond eligibility, evidentiary requirements, and presentation of a bond redetermination hearing. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am 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. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
11:30 am 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. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
12:30 pm In Houston Only	Pick Up Lunch Included in registration.

Thursday Afternoon, June 7, 2018

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:50 pm 0.50 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. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
1:20 pm	Break
1:35 pm 1.50 hrs 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. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
3:05 pm	Break
3:15 pm 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. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
4:15 pm 1.00 hr	Questions and Answers Make note of practical solutions to participants' questions and cases in this structured session. Please submit your questions in advance to ConferenceQA@utcle.org or on-site at the conference registration desk. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
5:15 pm	Adjourn

Friday Morning, June 8, 2018

8:00 am In Houston Only	Conference Room Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:30 am 0.75 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. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
9:15 am 1.00 hr 0.25 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. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am 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. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
11:30 am 0.50 hr	Appeals and Motions to Reopen: The Basics Get an outline and overview of the basic rules for filing appeals and motions to reopen. Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC - Houston, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX
12:00 pm In Houston Only	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.

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Immigration Removal Proceedings Workshop

In Houston Only	*Optional Workshop Add-On: \$100 registration fee (1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.) *Workshop is not included as part of Live Webcast.
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1:00 pm In Houston Only	Conference Room Opens
1:30 pm In Houston Only 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 pm In Houston Only	Break
3:15 pm In Houston Only 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 pm In Houston Only	Adjourn
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