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## THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 4, 2020

8:50 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

9:00 a.m. 1.50 hrs | .25 hr ethics

### Grounds of Deportability and Inadmissibility

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

10:30 a.m. .25 hr

### Q&A: Grounds of Deportability and Inadmissibility

Please submit your questions in advance to [ConferenceQA@utcle.org](mailto:ConferenceQA@utcle.org).

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. 1.50 hrs | .50 hr ethics

### Bond Proceedings (approx. 30 min.)

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

### Challenging NTAs, Motions to Suppress, and Contesting Deportability (approx. 1 hr)

Learn how to launch procedural challenges to the Notice to Appear (NTA) and the timing, process, and substance of a Motion to Suppress. Discuss how to challenge individual allegations in the NTA, including burdens of proof, evidentiary challenges, and assessing citizenship claims.

12:30 p.m. .25 hr

### Q&A: Bond Proceedings, Challenging NTAs, Motions to Suppress, and Contesting Deportability

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12:45 p.m. Break for Lunch

Presentation resumes at 1:05 p.m.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

### LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

1:05 p.m. .50 hr

### Recent Developments in Immigration Removal Proceedings

1:35 p.m. Break

1:50 p.m. 1.50 hrs | .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.

3:20 p.m. .25 hr

### Q&A: Challenging Crime-Based Grounds of Deportability

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3:35 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. 1.00 hr | .50 hr ethics

### Relief in Immigration Court

Learn how to build your case for relief and prepare for trial, including tips on gathering and organizing documentary evidence, preparing witnesses to testify. We will also discuss how to deal with ethical issues relating to your duty of candor to the court, confidentiality, and zealous advocacy.

4:45 p.m. .50 hr

### Q&A: Relief in Immigration Court and Wrap-Up

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5:15 p.m. Adjourn

## FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. .50 hr ethics

### Ethical Issues and Self Care in Immigration Law

Learn the importance of taking care of yourself to not skate the edges of ethical representation with issue of competence and lack of communication. Attention to burn out and secondary trauma are key to keeping yourself on career marathon instead of sprint!

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This course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 11.25 hours, of which 3.00 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 (#169).

8:30 a.m. 1.50 hrs | .50 hr ethics

### Changes to Asylum Policy (approx. 1 hr)

In the changing world of asylum policy, 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.

### Federal Court Actions (approx. 30 min)

Agency decisions are often just the first step in a long legal journey. Whether the issue is review, mandamus, or habeas, learn the nuts and bolts of getting your immigration case before a federal court.

10:00 a.m. .25 hr

### Q&A: Changes to Asylum Policy and Federal Court Actions

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10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. 1.25 hrs | .25 hr ethics

### Adjustment of Status (approx. 30 min.)

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.

### Cancellation of Removal and Other Discretionary Relief (approx. 25 min.)

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

### Appeals and Motions to Reopen: The Basics (approx. 20 min.)

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

11:45 a.m. .50 hr

### Q&A: Adjustment of Status, Cancellation of Removal, Appeals and Motions to Reopen, and Wrap-Up

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12:15 p.m. Adjourn

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## LIVE WEBCAST

**June 4–5, 2020**

### KEY DATES

**May 27, 2020**

*Last day for full refund cancellation*

**June 1, 2020**

*Last day for partial refund cancellation*

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**June 4, 2020, 8:50 a.m., CST**

*Webcast begins*

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## CONFERENCE FACULTY

**JAVIER N. MALDONADO** is a lawyer in private practice in San Antonio, Texas who specializes in representing individuals in complex federal and state litigation in the areas of immigration, employment disputes, and civil rights. He attended Columbia University for both undergraduate and law school and then clerked for the Hon. George P. Kazen in Laredo, Texas. Mr. Maldonado was awarded a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) and then joined the legal staff at the end of his fellowship. He was subsequently employed as a trial attorney with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and then became the executive director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of Texas where he litigated several class action and individual civil rights cases on behalf of immigrants. Since March 1996, Mr. Maldonado has been in private practice and regularly presents at state and national conferences on civil rights and immigration matters.

**MICHELLE L. SAENZ-RODRIGUEZ** is the co-founder of Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates in Dallas, Texas. Now in her 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ERICA B. SCHOMMER** is a Clinical Professor of Law at St. Mary's University School of Law where she teaches the Immigration and Human Rights Clinic. Before joining St. Mary's, Schommer was a partner at Rios & Cruz, P.S. in Washington State where she focused on detained removal defense and federal court litigation. From 2012 to 2015, Schommer served on the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration and was the co-chair of the Commission's Mental Health Advisory Group. Schommer has a background in international human rights and has worked on various human rights issues in Mexico, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

**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, and currently serves on the AILA National Board of Governors.

## REASONS TO REGISTER

This virtual course is designed for beginning and intermediate immigration practitioners, criminal lawyers, family lawyers, and employment lawyers involved with the increasingly complex area of removal proceedings. This course walks through:

- Recent Developments in Immigration Removal Proceedings
- Ground for Deportability and Inadmissibility
- Bond Proceedings, Challenging NTAs, Motions to Suppress, and Contesting Deportability
- Challenging Crime-Based Grounds of Deportability
- Relief in Immigration Court
- Asylum
- Adjustment of Status, Cancellation of Removal and Other Discretionary Relief, and Appeals and Motions to Reopen