

# 2020 A Practical Guide to Immigration Removal Proceedings

## June 4-5, 2020 • Live Webcast

### Thursday Morning, June 4, 2020

8:50 am	<p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b></p>
9:00 am 1.50 hrs 0.25 hr ethics	<p><b>Grounds of Deportability and Inadmissibility</b></p> <p>Review the grounds of deportability and inadmissibility, and hear strategies for contesting common grounds of removal.</p> <p>Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez &amp; Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Erica B. Schommer, St. Mary's University School of Law - San Antonio, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>
10:30 am 0.25 hr	<p><b>Q&amp;A: Grounds of Deportability and Inadmissibility</b></p> <p>Please submit questions through the Webcast chat or by email at <a href="mailto:ConferenceQA@utcle.org">ConferenceQA@utcle.org</a>.</p> <p>Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez &amp; Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Erica B. Schommer, St. Mary's University School of Law - San Antonio, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>
10:45 am	<p><b>Break</b></p>
11:00 am 1.50 hrs 0.50 hr ethics	<p><b>Bond Proceedings (approx. 30 min.)</b></p> <p>Examine bond eligibility, evidentiary requirements, and presentation of a bond determination hearing.</p> <p><b>Challenging NTAs, Motions to Suppress, and Contesting Deportability (approx. 1 hr)</b> 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.</p> <p>Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez &amp; Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Erica B. Schommer, St. Mary's University School of Law - San Antonio, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>
12:30 pm 0.25 hr	<p><b>Q&amp;A: Bond Proceedings, Challenging NTAs, Motions to Suppress, and Contesting Deportability</b></p> <p>Please submit questions through the Webcast chat or by email at <a href="mailto:ConferenceQA@utcle.org">ConferenceQA@utcle.org</a>.</p> <p>Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez &amp; Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Erica B. Schommer, St. Mary's University School of Law - San Antonio, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>
12:45 pm	<p><b>Break for Lunch—Presentation Resumes at 1:05 p.m. (Webcast)</b></p>

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**Thursday Afternoon, June 4, 2020****Luncheon Presentation**

1:05 pm  
0.50 hr

**Recent Developments in Immigration Removal Proceedings**

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1:35 pm

**Break**

1:50 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.

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3:20 pm  
0.25 hr

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

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**Break**

3:45 pm  
1.00 hr  
0.50 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.

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<p>4:45 pm 0.50 hr</p>	<p><b>Q&amp;A: Relief in Immigration Court and Wrap-Up</b></p> <p>Please submit questions through the Webcast chat or by email at <a href="mailto:ConferenceQA@utcle.org">ConferenceQA@utcle.org</a>.</p> <p>Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX  Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez &amp; Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX  Erica B. Schommer, St. Mary's University School of Law - San Antonio, TX  Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>
<p>5:15 pm</p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>

**Friday Morning, June 5, 2020**

<p>8:00 am 0.50 hr ethics</p>	<p><b>Ethical Issues and Self Care in Immigration Law in the Age of COVID-19</b></p> <p>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!</p> <p>Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez &amp; Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX  Erica B. Schommer, St. Mary's University School of Law - San Antonio, TX  Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>
<p>8:30 am 1.50 hrs 0.50 hr ethics</p>	<p><b>Changes to Asylum Policy (approx. 1 hr)</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Federal Court Actions (approx. 30 min)</b>  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.</p> <p>Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX  Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez &amp; Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX  Erica B. Schommer, St. Mary's University School of Law - San Antonio, TX  Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>
<p>10:00 am 0.25 hr</p>	<p><b>Q&amp;A: Changes to Asylum Policy and Federal Court Actions</b></p> <p>Please submit questions through the Webcast chat or by email at <a href="mailto:ConferenceQA@utcle.org">ConferenceQA@utcle.org</a>.</p> <p>Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX  Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez &amp; Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX  Erica B. Schommer, St. Mary's University School of Law - San Antonio, TX  Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>
<p>10:15 am</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>

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**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.

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0.50 hr

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

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