

**2021 A Practical Guide to Immigration Removal Proceedings**  
**October 27, 2021 • AT&T Conference Center • Austin, TX**  
**October 27, 2021 • Live Webcast**

**Wednesday Morning, Oct. 27, 2021**

7:30 am	<p><b>Registration Opens</b></p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
8:20 am	<p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b></p>
8:30 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>
10:00 am 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p><b>Bond Proceedings</b></p> <p>Examine bond eligibility, evidentiary requirements, and presentation of a bond determination hearing.</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	<p><b>10-Minute Break</b></p>
10:40 am 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p><b>Challenging NTAs, Motions to Suppress, and Contesting Deportability</b></p> <p>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>
11:40 am 0.50 hr	<p><b>Morning Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>Please submit questions at the registration table, 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>

12:10 pm  
In Austin Only

**Pick up Lunch**

Included in registration.

**Wednesday Afternoon, Oct. 27, 2021**

**Luncheon Presentation**

12:40 pm  
0.75 hr

**Hot Topics: Prosecutorial Discretion is Back!**

Explore how immigration enforcement priorities have changed, including through the use of prosecutorial discretion. Review recent memos and discuss best practices for submitting requests for prosecutorial discretion.

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1:25 pm

**15-Minute Break**

1:40 pm  
1.00 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.

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2:40 pm  
0.75 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.

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3:25 pm  
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.

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3:55 pm

**15-Minute Beverage Break**

4:10 pm  
1.00 hr  
0.50 hr ethics

**Mock Hearings in Immigration Court**

This interactive session gives attendees the opportunity to practice contesting removability, advocating for release from detention, and appearing via Webex in mock hearings.

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5:10 pm  
0.50 hr

**Afternoon Q&A**

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5:40 pm

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