

**2022 A Practical Guide to Immigration Removal Proceedings**  
**June 1-2, 2022 • Drury Plaza Hotel San Antonio North Stone Oak • San Antonio, TX**  
**June 1-2, 2022 • Live Webcast**

**Wednesday Morning, June 1, 2022**

7:30 am In San Antonio Only	<b>Registration Opens</b>  Includes continental breakfast.
8:50 am	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
9:00 am 1.50 hrs 0.25 hr ethics	<b>Grounds of Deportability and Inadmissibility</b>  Review the grounds of deportability and inadmissibility, and hear strategies for contesting common grounds of removal.  Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & 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
10:30 am 0.25 hr	<b>Q&amp;A: Grounds of Deportability and Inadmissibility</b>  Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & 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
10:45 am	<b>15-Minute Break</b>
11:00 am 1.50 hrs 0.50 hr ethics	<b>Bond Proceedings (approx. 30 min.)</b>  Examine bond eligibility, evidentiary requirements, and presentation of a bond determination hearing.  <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.  Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & 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
12:30 pm 0.25 hr	<b>Q&amp;A: Bond Proceedings, Challenging NTAs, Motions to Suppress, and Contesting Deportability</b>  Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & 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

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**Pick up Lunch**

## Wednesday Afternoon

### Luncheon Presentation

1:05 pm  
0.50 hr

**Recent Developments in Immigration Removal Proceedings**

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1:35 pm

**15-Minute 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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3:35 pm

**10-Minute 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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4:45 pm  
0.50 hr

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

5:15 pm

**Adjourn**

## Thursday Morning, June 2, 2022

7:30 am In San Antonio Only	<b>Conference Room Opens</b>  Includes continental breakfast.
8:00 am 0.50 hr ethics	<b>Ethical and Virtual Issues in Immigration Law</b>  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!  Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & 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
8:30 am 1.50 hrs 0.50 hr ethics	<b>Changes to Asylum Policy (approx. 1.00 hr)</b>  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.  <b>Federal Court Challenges (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.  Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & 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
10:00 am 0.25 hr	<b>Q&amp;A: Changes to Asylum Policy and Federal Court Changes</b>  Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & 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
10:15 am	<b>15-Minute Break</b>
10:30 am 1.25 hrs 0.25 hr ethics	<b>Adjustment of Status (approx. 30 min.)</b>  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.  <b>Cancellation of Removal and Other Discretionary Relief (approx. 25 min.)</b> Learn about establishing eligibility for Cancellation of Removal for permanent residents and non-permanent residents, waivers of inadmissibility, and other forms of relief.  <b>Appeals and Motions to Reopen: The Basics (approx. 20 min.)</b> Get an outline and overview of the basic rules for filing appeals and motions to reopen.  Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & 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

11:45 am 0.50 hr	<b>Q&amp;A: Adjustment of Status, Cancellation of Removal, Appeals and Motions to Reopen, and Wrap-Up</b>  Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & 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
12:15 pm In San Antonio Only	<b>Adjourn</b>  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. and the sessions will begin at 1:45 p.m.

## Thursday Afternoon, June 2, 2022

<b>Immigration Removal Proceedings Workshop</b>	
In San Antonio Only	<b>*Optional Workshop Add-On: \$125 registration fee (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)</b>
1:00 pm In San Antonio Only	<b>Conference Room Opens</b>
1:45 pm In San Antonio Only 1.50 hrs	<b>Workshop Part I</b>  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.
3:15 pm In San Antonio Only	<b>15-Minute Break</b>
3:30 pm In San Antonio Only 1.50 hrs	<b>Workshop Part II</b>  Utilizing a case study, observe a demonstration of a merits hearing, review the appeals process, and discuss how to file a motion to reopen.
5:00 pm In San Antonio Only	<b>Adjourn</b>
In San Antonio Only	<b>Faculty</b>  <b>Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez</b> , Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C., Dallas, TX <b>Erica B. Schommer</b> , St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, TX <b>Jacqueline L. Watson</b> , Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC, Austin, TX