

2005 Conference on Immigration and Nationality Law
September 22-23, 2005 • Hyatt Riverwalk • San Antonio, TX
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Thursday Morning, Sep. 22, 2005

Presiding Officer:

In San Antonio: **Harry Gee Jr.**, Law Office of Harry Gee, Jr. & Associates, APC - Houston, TX

9:00 am In San Antonio Only 1.00 hr	Working with Family-Based Petitions This session covers the I-130 petition, including spouses, parents, children, and preference categories. Daniel M. Kowalski, Attorney & Counselor at Law - Austin, TX
10:00 am In San Antonio Only 1.00 hr	Priority Dates, Grandfathering, and the Child Status Protection Act Understanding Sec. 245(i), grandfathering, derivative priority dates, cross-chargeability, recapturing and preserving priority dates and the Child Status Protection Act. Richard S. Fischer, The Law Offices Of Richard S. Fischer - Nacogdoches, TX Iliana Munoz Holquin, El Paso, TX
11:15 am In San Antonio Only 1.00 hr	Understanding and Dealing with Three Key Grounds of Inadmissibility This session covers three key grounds of inadmissibility: affidavits of support, fraud and unlawful presence. Joseph Reina, Reina & Bates Immigration Law Group - Dallas, TX

Thursday Afternoon, Sep. 22, 2005

Presiding Officer:

In San Antonio: **Daniel M. Kowalski**, Attorney & Counselor at Law - Austin, TX

12:15 pm In San Antonio Only 1.00 hr	Box Lunch Presentation: Navigating the Bureaucracy: Who to Call Judy J. Lee will discuss procedures at the Texas Service Center of the USCIS. A representative from each region will give a short presentation and then be available for a detailed Q&A session. Sarah Z. Brown, Miley & Brown, P.C. - Dallas, TX Jaime M. Diez, Jones & Crane - Brownsville, TX Martha E. Garza, Attorney at Law - Bellaire, TX Judy J. Lee, Quan Burdette & Perez PC - Houston, TX Robert F. Loughran, Tindall & Foster, PC - Austin, TX Susanna Visconti, El Paso, TX
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2:00 pm In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	<p>PERM—Through the Looking Glass</p> <p>Old law, new procedures. A look at the law of Labor Certification and the new procedures that have changed how we view the law, including an analysis of the PERM form.</p> <p>Gary E. Endelman, BP America Inc - Houston, TX Eugene J. Flynn, Eugene J. Flynn, P.C - Dallas, TX</p>
2:30 pm In San Antonio Only 0.25 hr	<p>Deemed Exports</p> <p>This presentation will explore the legal requirements for deemed exports, and will provide practical tips for export compliance in the context of immigration law.</p> <p>Michelle Schulz, Braumiller Schulz & Co LLP - Dallas, TX</p>
2:45 pm In San Antonio Only 0.75 hr	<p>Employment Based Immigrant Visa Petitions—The First Three Preferences</p> <p>Statutory and regulatory requirements for EB-1, EB-2 & EB-3 categories; discussion of the term “permanent” for outstanding researchers; ability to pay issues; recent AAO opinions; and CIS memoranda.</p> <p>T. Douglas Stump, T. Douglas Stump & Associates - Oklahoma City, OK</p>
3:45 pm In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	<p>485 Adjustments & Consular Processing</p> <p>The pros and cons of selecting adjustment of status or choosing to process your client’s case through a U.S. Consulate outside the United States. The fastest way isn’t always the safest way.</p> <p>Nancy Taylor Shivers, Shivers & Shivers - San Antonio, TX</p>
4:15 pm In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	<p>Problems and Waivers</p> <p>A discussion of 212(a)(9)(B), 212(a)(9)(C), and waivers of other grounds of inadmissibility including medical grounds of exclusion.</p> <p>Jodilyn M. Goodwin, Law Office Of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX</p>
4:45 pm In San Antonio Only 0.32 hr	<p>Q&A and Discussion on “485 Adjustments and Consular Processing” and “Problems and Waivers”</p> <p>A question and answer session on the two previous sessions, “485 Adjustments and Consular Processing” and “Problems and Waivers.”</p> <p>Jodilyn M. Goodwin, Law Office Of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX Nancy Taylor Shivers, Shivers & Shivers - San Antonio, TX</p>
5:05 pm In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	<p>Enforcement and Investigations after Wal-Mart</p> <p>Government crackdown on employer violations: I-9’s; PERM; H-1B’s, subcontract employers; why audits and compliance plans are essential for immigration risk management.</p> <p>Richard A. Gump Jr., Attorney at Law - Dallas, TX</p>

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In San Antonio: **Ouisa D. Davis**, El Paso County Domestic Relations Office - El Paso, TX

8:15 am In San Antonio Only 0.75 hr	How the System Works This session will cover how the immigration system works and “who does what.” Who issues a notice to appear? What is the role of the immigration judge? Who adjudicates petitions? What do the government lawyers have to do with all of this? Hon. Robert Brown Felipe D. Millan, Felipe D.J. Millan, P.C. - El Paso, TX
9:00 am In San Antonio Only 1.25 hrs	Relief from Removal for Permanent Residents This session will cover eligibility for and the presentation of applications for relief from removal for permanent residents, including cancellation of removal, §212(c), and adjustment of status. The discussion will highlight issues relating to the stop-time rule, special rule §212(c), Matter of Blake, multiple waivers, threshold equities and discretion. Barbara Hines, University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX Lee J. Terán, St. Mary's University School Of Law - San Antonio, TX
10:30 am In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	Asylum after Real ID Codification of existing law or radical new concepts? Proving your client’s asylum case in light of the Real ID Act. Lawrence E. Rushton, The Rushton Law Firm - Bellaire, TX
11:00 am In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	Motion to Reopen and Appeals This session will cover what to do after the immigration judge has made the decision, including: framing issues for appeal and presenting the case to the board and getting new information into the record. Joseph A. Vail, Houston, TX
11:30 am In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	Judicial Review after Real ID A short review of the changes effected by the Real ID Act and how it affects federal court review of immigration matters. Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office Of Javier N. Maldonado - San Antonio, TX

Friday Afternoon, Sep. 23, 2005

Presiding Officer:

In San Antonio: **Nancy Taylor Shivers**, Shivers & Shivers - San Antonio, TX

1:15 pm In San Antonio Only 0.67 hr	Tax and Social Security Issues Unique to Non-Citizens In many immigration cases, U.S. income tax returns are required. This presentation covers the many unique tax problems faced by immigrants, and their solutions. Also, social security applications and procedures will be discussed. Robert W. Alcorn, Dallas, TX Vickie Higgins, Social Security Administration - Dallas, TX
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1:55 pm In San Antonio Only 0.82 hr	<p>Derivative Citizenship</p> <p>Foreign born persons can—unknowingly—be U.S. citizens under the often overlooked “derivative citizenship” rules. The evaluation of whether a client might be a U.S. citizen should be one of the first inquiries made as part of client intake. Join one of the leading authorities on citizenship, for a definitive tour through the world and rules of derivative citizenship.</p> <p>Robert A. Mautino, Mautino and Mautino - San Diego, CA</p>
3:00 pm In San Antonio Only 1.00 hr	<p>Naturalization</p> <p>A practical guide to the rules, procedures, and most effective practices and strategies for moving clients through the path of naturalization to U.S. citizenship, along with jurisdiction of the federal courts in naturalization litigation.</p> <p>Maurice Y. Hew Jr, Texas Southern Univeristy - Houston, TX Robert A. Mautino, Mautino and Mautino - San Diego, CA</p>
4:00 pm In San Antonio Only 0.50 hr	<p>An Immigration Lawyer’s Guide to Factual and Legal Research on the Web</p> <p>Use Web-based resources to conduct research, check case status, access current processing times, and keep current with new law and procedures.</p> <p>Eugene J. Flynn, Eugene J. Flynn, P.C - Dallas, TX Carl Shusterman, The Law Offices of Carl Shusterman - Los Angeles, CA</p>