

31st Annual Conference on Immigration and Nationality Law
October 17*, 18-19, 2007 • Marriott Plaza, San Antonio • San Antonio, TX

Wednesday Afternoon, Oct. 17, 2007

4:00 pm	Registration Opens
5:00 pm 2.00 hrs	Fundamentals of Immigration Law: Grounds of Inadmissibility and Deportability, Removal Proceedings, and Relief Barbara Hines, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, TX Lee J. Terán, St. Mary's University School of Law - San Antonio, TX

Wednesday Evening, Oct. 17, 2007

7:00 pm	Break Includes light dinner - please RSVP on registration form.
7:15 pm 2.00 hrs	What Every Immigration Lawyer Should Know About the Immigration Consequences of Crime Jodilyn Marie Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX Joseph Reina, Reina, Bates & Kowalski Immigration Law Group - Dallas, TX
9:15 pm	Adjourn

Thursday Morning, Oct. 18, 2007

Presiding Officer:

Jodilyn Marie Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX

8:00 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
8:20 am	Welcoming Remarks
8:30 am 0.75 hr	A Nation of Immigrants, Nonimmigrants, Citizens, and Undocumented Persons A framework of family-based and employment-based immigration, as of October 2007. Paul Parsons, Paul Parsons, P.C. - Austin, TX

9:15 am 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>The Fundamentals of Citizenship Including Acquisition, Derivation and Proof Problems</p> <p>Every immigration practitioner needs to know the basics of citizenship, including acquisition and derivation. In addition, border practitioners are seeing more proof problems when the client has two (or more!) birth certificates from different countries.</p> <p>Daniel M. Kowalski, Reina, Bates & Kowalski Immigration Law Group - Austin, TX Robert McWhirter, Phoenix, AZ</p>
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am 0.75 hr	<p>Family Based Immigration Categories: Getting the Relatives (or About-to-be-Relatives) Here</p> <p>A discussion on family-based immigration categories including strategies and options for dealing with extended family members and fiancées.</p> <p>Nancy Taylor Shivers, Shivers & Shivers - San Antonio, TX</p>
11:15 am 0.75 hr	<p>Adjustment of Status in 2007: Top Ten Mistakes to Avoid, Part 1</p> <p>To adjust or not to adjust: that is the question. What is the answer? This panel will discuss the adjustment of status process including eligibility, grandfathering, inadmissibility, affidavit of support requirements and important exceptions, prior removal/deportation orders, potential waivers.</p> <p>Richard S. Fischer, The Law Offices of Richard S. Fischer - Nacogdoches, TX Joseph Reina, Reina, Bates & Kowalski Immigration Law Group - Dallas, TX</p>

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12:15 pm	<p>Pick up Box Lunch</p> <p>Included in conference registration fee.</p>
12:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p>A Discussion of the Fallout Post the Failure of Comprehensive Immigration Reform - Lessons Learned and Consequences</p> <p>The speaker will discuss the political fallout from the Comprehensive Immigration Reform debacle, the increase in state and local legislative and ordinance efforts, and the continuing conflation of civil and criminal realms in the context of immigration.</p> <p>Kathleen C. Walker, Kemp Smith LLP - El Paso, TX</p>

1:30 pm 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Adjustment of Status in 2007: Top Ten Mistakes to Avoid, Part 2</p> <p>There is no question: If you can adjust status, do so. If you cannot adjust status you must face the alternative of consular processing. This session covers consular cases from the National Visa Center to the Consular Post. Emphasis will be on Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Bars and waivers will be discussed on a practical level including time-frame for adjudication and new InfoPass appointment system for CIS in Ciudad Juarez.</p> <p>Richard S. Fischer, The Law Offices of Richard S. Fischer - Nacogdoches, TX Joseph Reina, Reina, Bates & Kowalski Immigration Law Group - Dallas, TX</p>
2:15 pm 1.00 hr	<p>The Lions at the Gate: Tales of Adventure & Chance</p> <p>Dealing with Waivers for Grounds of Inadmissibility-how to be well-prepared when dealing with the Consulate.</p> <p>Wafa Abdul Rauof Abdin, Catholic Charities - Houston, TX Matthew John Gallagher, Chavez & Gallagher LLP - Dallas, TX Moderator: Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates - Dallas, TX</p>
3:15 pm	Break
3:30 pm 2.00 hrs 0.25 hr ethics	<p>A Primer on Removal</p> <p>Never been to a removal hearing? Been to several but still need pointers? This panel will discuss the ABC's of removal hearings including discussions on the Notice to Appear, pleadings, forms of relief, witnesses, evidence, local rules, appellate procedures and jurisdiction. From the basics to the details often forgotten to the more complex and advanced issues in removal defense, this panel will offer nuggets for all levels of knowledge.</p> <p>Moderator: Jodilyn Marie Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX M. Elizabeth "Liz" Cedillo-Pereira, Cedillo-Pereira & Cedillo, PLLC - Dallas, TX Iliana Noemi Holguin, Diocesan Migrant & Refugee Services - El Paso, TX</p>
5:30 pm	Adjourn to Reception

Friday Morning, Oct. 19, 2007

Presiding Officer:

Harry James Joe, Winstead PC - Dallas, TX

8:00 am 1.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Of Counsel: Ask the Experts</p> <p>A leading panel of experienced practitioners will answer questions from conference registrants. Questions should be submitted in advanced via email to service@utcle.org or at the conference.</p> <p>Richard S. Fischer, The Law Offices of Richard S. Fischer - Nacogdoches, TX Harry Gee Jr., Law Office of Harry Gee, Jr. & Associates, APC - Houston, TX Jodilyn Marie Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX Harry James Joe, Winstead PC - Dallas, TX Robert Arley Shivers, Shivers & Shivers - San Antonio, TX Carl Michael Shusterman, Law Offices of Carl Shusterman - Los Angeles, CA Peter D. Williamson, Williamson & Chaves - Houston, TX</p>
9:00 am 0.50 hr	<p>Working Around the H-1B Cap</p> <p>Cap exempt H-1Bs and Alternatives to H-1B, including Intra-company Transferees, Treaty Traders and Investors, Extraordinary Ability Workers, Canadian & Mexican Professionals, Trainees and Business Visitors.</p> <p>Judy J. Lee, Foster Quan, LLP - Houston, TX</p>
9:30 am 1.00 hr	<p>What's New with PERM in 2007</p> <p>This session will discuss the latest trends and information relating to the PERM labor certification process including recruitment requirements, completing Form 9089, and identifying trigger questions and audits.</p> <p>Ron Klasko, Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer, LLP - Philadelphia, PA</p>
10:30 am	<p>Break</p>
10:45 am 0.75 hr	<p>Immigration Options and Issues for Religious Workers</p> <p>Have you ever considered the R-1 or the EB-4 religious worker categories for your client and were concerned about the current USCIS approach to these classifications? This session will discuss current R-1 and EB-4 practices, and cover USCIS proposed regulations and where USCIS wants to take the religious worker categories.</p> <p><i>Note: This session will take place at 3:45 p.m. on Friday.</i></p> <p>Stewart Rabinowitz, Rabinowitz & Rabinowitz PC - Dallas, TX</p>
11:30 am 0.75 hr ethics	<p>Ethical Issues Faced by Immigration Lawyers</p> <p>This session will discuss ethical issues arising from dual representation situations and how immigration lawyers can avoid grievances, and how they should respond to grievances and malpractice lawsuits, and the unauthorized practice of law and fee splitting relationships.</p> <p>Moderator: Harry James Joe, Winstead PC - Dallas, TX B. Prater Monning III, Monning & Wynne LLP - Dallas, TX</p>

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Magali S. Candler, Tindall & Foster - Houston, TX

12:15 pm	Pick up Box Lunch Included in conference registration fee.
12:30 pm 0.75 hr	Law Office Management Issues for Immigration Lawyers Practical advice on office processes and forms, and how effective time management can reduce your time in the office. Richard S. Fischer, The Law Offices of Richard S. Fischer - Nacogdoches, TX Moderator: Paul Parsons, Paul Parsons, P.C. - Austin, TX Joseph Reina, Reina, Bates & Kowalski Immigration Law Group - Dallas, TX Vanna Slaughter, Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc.—Immigration and Legal Services - Dallas, TX
1:30 pm 0.75 hr	Mandamus and Other Options for Judicial Relief Delays on non-responsive status inquiries leave every lawyer questioning: What can I do to make the government do its job? This panel will discuss the rising swell of federal court litigation including mandamus in security check delays in adjustment and naturalization cases, federal court authority to adjudicate naturalization applications pursuant to INA 336 (8 USC 1447). Practical guide and pointers for getting your case adjudicated. Ron Klasko, Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer, LLP - Philadelphia, PA
2:15 pm 0.50 hr	Essential Tax Facts for Immigration Lawyers In many immigration cases income tax problems can delay, or even terminate, the progress of your client's immigration case. This presentation will cover common tax problems and solutions that immigration attorneys should be aware of in order to keep their client's case moving forward. Also, any income tax filing requirements contained in newly passed or pending immigration legislation will be reviewed. Robert W. Alcorn, Dallas, TX
2:45 pm 0.75 hr	Using the Internet to Stay Current with Immigration Laws, Procedures, and Agency Interpretations How to more effectively use the internet to market your practice, conduct legal research, check case status, access current processing times, and keep current with new laws, procedures, and agency interpretations. Eugene J. Flynn, Eugene J. Flynn, P.C. - Dallas, TX Carl Michael Shusterman, Law Offices of Carl Shusterman - Los Angeles, CA
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Immigrants, The Reach of Local Laws, and Preemption

This session will examine the extent to which state and local laws that seek to regulate employment by aliens are pre-empted by IRCA under the supremacy clause to the US Constitution. It will examine in detail all major court cases on pre-emption and apply these legal concepts to these legislative initiatives. It will not focus on state and local enforcement in the criminal realm but just in the civil arena. It will suggest that there may not be such a clear answer as observers might suspect at first glance and that, simply because a statute deals with someone from another country, does not necessarily make it an immigration issue.

Note: This session will take place at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday.

Gary E. Endelman, BP America, Inc. - Houston, TX

4:15 pm
0.75 hr

Worksite Enforcement

What employers and employees need to know about ICE raids, I-9s, audits, social security no-match letters and other enforcement matters.

Magali S. Candler, Tindall & Foster - Houston, TX
Nicole Lawrence Ezer, Greenberg Traurig, LLP - Houston, TX

5:00 pm

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