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*Special Wednesday Evening Sessions—Fundamentals of Immigration Law
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WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 22, 2008

Presiding Officer:

Jodi M. Goodwin, Harlingen, TX

5:00 p.m. Registration Opens

Fundamentals of Immigration Law

6:00 p.m. .75 hr

Introduction to United States Immigration Law

A framework of family-based and employment-based immigration, as of October 2008.

Paul Parsons, Austin, TX

6:45 p.m. Break

Includes light dinner—please RSVP on registration form.

7:15 p.m. 1.00 hr

Fundamentals of Family-Based Immigration

This session will cover the very basics of family immigration law. A comprehensive look at the procedural steps to filing the basic family based petitions. Tips on how to organize the documents, up to date filing fees, addresses, and strategies on how to avoid an RFE.

Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Dallas, TX

8:15 p.m. 1.00 hr

Fundamentals of Business-Based Immigration

This session will discuss fundamentals of business-based immigration including non-immigrant classifications, immigrant classifications, quota systems awareness and planning, and strategic considerations for legal counsel.

Harry Gee Jr., Houston, TX

9:15 p.m. Adjourn

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 23, 2008

Presiding Officer:

Paul Parsons, Austin, TX

7:45 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:15 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr including .25 hr ethics

Naturalization and Citizenship Issues

Common problems, solutions and ethics in naturalization cases; citizenship for children; derivative citizenship; dual citizenship; litigation issues and strategies.

Gary E. Endelman, Houston, TX
Richard S. Fischer, Nacogdoches, TX

9:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

Grounds of Removal

This session reviews grounds of inadmissibility and deportability and suggests strategies to contest common charges of removability.

Barbara Hines, Austin, TX
Lee J. Terán, San Antonio, TX

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. 1.25 hrs including .25 hr ethics

Strategic Planning for Family Cases

This session covers steps for analyzing the nuances of potential clients' cases upfront, suggestions for solving cases that appear impossible, exploring waiver eligibility issues, consular processing challenges in dealing with unmet clients, and adjustment application dilemmas raised by grandfathering, VAWA, removal proceedings, CSPA and related ethical issues.

Mary Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira, Dallas, TX
Nancy Taylor Shivers, San Antonio, TX

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Harry J. Joe, Dallas, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:00 p.m. Pick Up Box Lunch
Included in conference registration fee.

12:35 p.m. .83 hr

Immigration Rights

Why we are losing the battle for immigrants' rights and why Lou Dobbs isn't completely wrong.

Ira J. Kurzban, Miami, FL

1:25 p.m. Break

1:40 p.m. .50 hr

A Primer on Foreign Adoption

This panel will discuss the procedures for immigrating children adopted through private adoptions as well as through agencies and the pre-processing through citizenship of the adopted child pursuant to the Child Citizenship Act.

Jodi M. Goodwin, Harlingen, TX
International Adoption Agency Speaker TBD

2:10 p.m. .75 hr including .25 hr ethics

Practice Issues and Immigration Options for Vulnerable Populations

Immigrant workers—in particular, women—are frequently victims of crimes, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Unaccompanied immigrant children arrive in growing numbers each year to the U.S. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (VTVPA) provides special immigration remedies to non-citizens in these vulnerable situations. This session will cover updates on the U Visas for immigrant victims of crime; VAWA self petitioning; the T Visa for victims of human trafficking; and the Special Immigration Juvenile Status (SIJS) self-petitioning process.

Meredith Linsky, Harlingen, TX
Erica Britt Schommer, Weslaco, TX
Vanna Slaughter, Dallas, TX

2:55 p.m. .50 hr

Primer: Getting A Green Card

This session provides a step-by-step primer on getting a green card including related pointers on adjustment of status.

T. Douglas Stump, Oklahoma City, OK

3:25 p.m. Break

3:40 p.m. 1.00 hr including .25 hr ethics

Removal Proceedings: The New Practice Rules

This session highlights the role and use of the revised Immigration Court Practice Manual with particular attention to the common areas of confusion and pitfalls for new practitioners.

Nicolas Chavez, Dallas, TX
Maurice Y. Hew Jr., Houston, TX

4:40 p.m. 1.00 hr including .25 hr ethics

Immigration to Criminal Law

Review of the substantial increase in criminal

prosecutions and what immigration lawyers need to know about criminal law and practice.

Ira J. Kurzban, Miami, FL

5:40 p.m. Adjourn to Reception

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FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 24, 2008

8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

Presiding Officer:

Sarah Z. Brown, Dallas, TX

8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr including .50 hr ethics

Of Counsel—Breakfast With the Experts

A leading panel of experienced practitioners will answer practice questions from conference registrants. Questions may be submitted in advance via email to service@utcle.org or at the conference.

Richard S. Fischer, Nacogdoches, TX
Harry Gee Jr., Houston, TX
Jodi M. Goodwin, Harlingen, TX
Harry J. Joe, Dallas, TX
Robert Arley Shivers, San Antonio, TX
Carl Shusterman, Los Angeles, CA
Peter D. Williamson, Houston, TX

Strategic Planning for Employment Based Immigration

9:30 a.m. .75 hr

Working With Non-Immigrant Visas

"How soon can you get us a work visa for a design engineer from India? For welders from the Philippines? For a nanny from Russia?" This session will cover the immigration attorney's role in analyzing and guiding employers through the various work visa options (H-1B, H-2, H-3, TN, L, E, etc.) using a "nuts and bolts" approach.

Mona Gupta, Addison, TX
Judy J. Lee, Houston, TX

10:15 a.m. Break

10:35 a.m. .50 hr

Strategic Planning Using Immigrant Visas

Your client might have the perfect background/credentials for PERM but is this the best route toward PR? This session will cover the attorney's role in analyzing, and guiding clients through various employment based immigrant visa categories (extraordinary ability alien, outstanding researcher, multinational manager, national interest waiver and PERM) in light of visa availability, portability, time left in non-immigrant visa status, and success rates.

Mona Gupta, Addison, TX
Judy J. Lee, Houston, TX

11:05 a.m. 1.00 hr including .25 hr ethics

A Primer on PERM

A discussion about the PERM process, including case preparation, bona fide recruitment, ethical considerations and BALCA case update.

Eugene J. Flynn, Dallas, TX
Rebecca R. Massiatte, Dallas, TX

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Nancy Taylor Shivers, San Antonio, TX

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Law Office Management for Immigration Practitioners

Practical advice on office processes and forms, and how effective time management can reduce your time in the office.

Moderator: Paul Parsons, Austin, TX
Albert Armendariz Jr., El Paso, TX
Judy J. Lee, Houston, TX
Patsy Yung Micale, Dallas, TX

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. 1.00 hr

Worksite Enforcement

Worksite compliance and enforcement issues from two perspectives: the employer and the non-citizen employee. The presentation will provide up-to-date information on employer concerns such as raids, I-9s, audits, and no-match letters; and will address non-citizen employee issues including individual rights, community responses to raids, and the immigration consequences of certain criminal convictions.

Nicole Lawrence Ezer, Houston, TX
Jacqueline L. Watson, Austin, TX

2:30 p.m. .50 hr

Snatching Victory from the Jaws of Defeat

USCIS has rejected 1) your client's citizenship case for "lack of good moral character" due to incorrect tax returns and, 2) your employment based case due to Yates memo "inability to pay" issues. Learn how to overcome these denials and salvage your case...plus much more.

Robert W. Alcorn, Dallas, TX

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. .50 hr

Asylum

This session will provide information on the basics of asylum law and how to represent asylum seekers before CIS and the Immigration Court.

Edna Yang, Austin, TX

3:45 p.m. .50 hr

Using the Internet to Stay Current with Immigration Laws, Procedures, and Agency Interpretations

How to more effectively use the Internet to conduct legal research, check case status, access current processing times, and keep current with new laws, procedures, and agency interpretations.

Eugene J. Flynn, Dallas, TX
Carl Shusterman, Los Angeles, CA

4:15 p.m. .50 hr

Top 10 Immigration Updates to Help Guide Your Practice

What are the top 10 predictions every lawyer needs to know to prepare for the future?

Richard A. Gump Jr., Dallas, TX

4:45 p.m. Adjourn

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"Perfect coverage of topics I need."

"Speakers were excellent and extremely qualified. Great job!"

"Overall, a great conference!"

"Great conference—I loved the new schedule as it progressed from basics to more advanced topics. Excellent speakers!"

"Thank you for putting together a very worthwhile conference."

"Excellent program. I am an experienced lawyer getting ready to start an immigration law practice and I thought the seminar was excellent. With the materials from the program and some additional self-study on my own, I feel ready to start my practice."

"I thought the selection of topics was very good—broad enough, yet detailed for seasoned practitioners."

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- Comprehensive building blocks of immigration law fundamentals, including three primers on Wednesday evening, with a light dinner
- "Ask the Experts" session on Friday morning—get your most perplexing questions answered by experienced practitioners
- Extensive networking opportunities during breakfast, lunch, and the Thursday reception
- Leading resources from practitioners and clinical teachers
- Effective practice strategies, such as law office management issues

Don't miss this opportunity to discuss best practices and get your questions answered at sessions and informal networking events.

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Oct. 15, 2008–5 p.m.

last day for early registration

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Oct. 17, 2008–5 p.m.

last day for full refund

Oct. 20, 2008–5 p.m.

last day for partial refunds

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Oct. 22, 2008–6 p.m.

Wednesday evening sessions begin

Oct. 23, 2008–8:30 a.m.

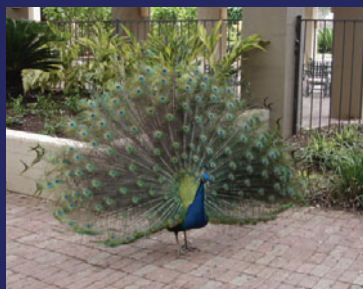
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