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WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 21, 2009

***Fundamentals of Immigration Law**

Presiding Officer:

Nancy Taylor Shivers, San Antonio, TX

4:00 p.m. Registration Opens

5:00 p.m. 1.00 hr

Introduction to U.S. Immigration Law

A framework of family-based and employment-based immigration, as of October 2009.

Paul Parsons, Austin, TX

6:00 p.m. 1.25 hrs ethics

Ethical and Professional Practice Issues in the New Immigration Paradigm

Experienced practitioners discuss the challenges, pitfalls, and vigilance needed to practice ethically and professionally in today's complex and unforgiving immigration environment.

Moderator:

Peter D. Williamson, Houston, TX

Panelists:

Arthur R. Amdur, Houston, TX

Feroz Farook Merchant, Houston, TX

7:15 p.m. Adjourn

THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 22, 2009

Presiding Officer:

Daniel M. Kowalski, Austin, TX

7:45 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:15 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. 1.25 hrs

Fundamentals of Family-Based Immigration

This session covers the very basics of family immigration law. A comprehensive look at the procedural steps to filing 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

9:45 a.m. .50 hr

Waivers of Inadmissibility, Part I: The Lay of the Land

Statutory requirements and scope of waivers for nonimmigrants and immigrants inadmissible for fraud, crimes, unlawful presence, and health problems.

Moderator:

Nancy A. Falgout, Houston, TX

Panelists:

Jason C. Mills, Fort Worth, TX

L. Edward Rios, El Paso, TX

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. .75 hr

Waivers, Part II: Navigating from 212(c) to 237(a)(1)(H)...without Getting Lost

Practical information on how waivers really work at the consulate, before USCIS, and in immigration court.

Moderator:

Nancy A. Falgout, Houston, TX

Panelists:

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L. Edward Rios, El Paso, TX

11:15 a.m. 1.25 hrs

Advanced Issues in Naturalization and Citizenship

This session covers the general requirements and procedures for naturalization, naturalization for military personnel, naturalization for disabled persons, expedited naturalization, derivative citizenship and the Child Citizenship Act, disputed birth cases, and dual citizenship and loss of citizenship.

Richard S. Fischer, Nacogdoches, TX

Margaret D. Stock, Anchorage, AK

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

John Jay Strimel, Houston, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:30 p.m. Pick up Box Lunch

Included in conference registration fee.

1:00 p.m. .50 hr

Fixing a Broken System: The Policies and Politics of Immigration Reform

Reforming our immigration system is as necessary as it is controversial. Recent legislative efforts have failed, and interim strategies for addressing the symptoms of a broken system have done little to improve things. The speaker discusses the current politics of immigration, the likelihood of legislative reform, and the policy prescriptions needed to fix the broken system.

Benjamin E. Johnson, Washington, DC

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. 1.50 hrs

Adjusting Status for Those Who Have Not Been Inspected or Admitted: T, U and VAWA Alternatives, Updates, and Changes

The moderated panel addresses the basic eligibility for U Visas, T Visas, and VAWA. Important guidance and practice pointers on the new regulations for the U Visa and U and T adjustments are covered, as well as legislative update regarding VAWA 5 and potential "fixes" to long term problems for immigrant victims of family violence.

Moderator:

Edna Yang, Austin, TX

Panelists:

Maurice Y. Hew Jr., Houston, TX

Erica Britt Schommer, Weslaco, TX

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. .75 hr

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Immigration Considerations for Texas' Foreign-Born Children Who Have Been Abused, Abandoned or Neglected

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) is an immigration benefit available to children who have been the victims of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. The speakers discuss the federal and state eligibility requirements and the procedures for applying for SIJS for children who reside in Texas; the special considerations for children who are detained in federal custody and for children in removal proceedings before an immigration judge.

Anne Haenel Chandler, Houston, TX

Hon. Peter A. Sakai, San Antonio, TX

4:15 p.m. 1.00 hr including .25 hr ethics

Of Counsel: Ask the Experts, Part I

This panel provides an interactive opportunity to have questions answered by some of the experts in the field. Registrants are asked to provide questions in writing in advance or to present questions from the conference floor. Always a “crowd-pleaser” so don’t miss this chance to bounce ideas off some of the top immigration lawyers in Texas.

Moderator:

Jodi M. Goodwin, Harlingen, TX

Panelists:

Anne Haenel Chandler, Houston, TX

Richard S. Fischer, Nacogdoches, TX

Paul Parsons, Austin, TX

Kathleen Campbell Walker, El Paso, TX

5:15 p.m. Adjourn to Reception

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 23, 2009

Presiding Officer:

Thomas Esparza Jr., Austin, TX

8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. 1.50 hrs

Employment-Based Strategies in an Economic Downturn

A “how-to” for payroll management, navigation of myriad of choices of temporary and permanent visas, rescue of temporary and permanent visas during a company layoff, and a primer on priority dates to plan for the long term.

Moderator:

Richard A. Gump Jr., Dallas, TX

Panelists:

Judy J. Lee, Houston, TX

Cynthia Fuller Leigh, Austin, TX

10:00 a.m. .50 hr

Employer-Sponsored Immigrant Visas via Labor Certification

Obtaining employer-sponsored immigrant visas is challenging for employers and employees with ever-changing regulations and a slow economy. Deciding when and if to proceed with an application for labor certification requires careful disclosures to the employer from the outset and a clear understanding of WHO is the client.

Nancy Taylor Shivers, San Antonio, TX

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. .75 hr

Maintenance of Status

Priority dates and effects of visa retrogression, with special focus on China and India. Consequences of and strategies for curing status violations. Strategies for maintaining status and occupational mobility, both in the H1B and permanent contexts are explored with special reference to the American Competitiveness in the 21st Century Act.

Gary E. Endelman, Houston, TX

Harry J. Joe, Dallas, TX

11:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

Where, Oh Where—Here or There?

AOS vs. CP

We are often asked “Now that an immigrant visa is finally available, how do I get a green card?” The short answer is that the client can either apply here or go there. We delve into the pros and cons of staying or going and how the process can be expedited. Hot topics such as qualifying under CSPA, grandfathering, and cross chargeability are addressed.

M. Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira, Dallas, TX

Mona Gupta, Addison, TX

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12:45 p.m. .75 hr ethics

Access to Justice Update in Texas: Impact on Representation for Immigrants

An overview of the state of access to justice for low-income Texans, with an emphasis on the impact to immigrants and the programs that serve them.

Betty Balli Torres, Austin, TX

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. .50 hr

Travel Issues for Non-U.S. Citizens

What to tell a client planning a trip out of the United States—what to do and what to expect.

John Jay Strimel, Houston, TX

2:15 p.m. 1.25 hrs

Issues in Removal Proceedings

This interactive session covers the process and procedure of removal proceedings in the Immigration Court including the anatomy of a removal proceeding, burdens or proof, and relief in removal proceedings.

Jodi M. Goodwin, Harlingen, TX

Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Dallas, TX

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. .50 hr

E-Verify and More: Employment Verification in the Digital Age

The presentation provides a detailed look at the E-Verify program, the executive order requiring mandatory E-Verify participation for federal contractors, and the status of the Social Security “No-Match” regulation, as well as an update on recent enforcement initiatives related to corporate immigration compliance.

Jason Boulette, Austin, TX

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Panelists:

Harry Gee Jr., Houston, TX

Richard A. Gump Jr., Dallas, TX

Harry J. Joe, Dallas, TX

Nancy Taylor Shivers, San Antonio, TX

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Comments from Last Year’s Conference

“The program was wonderful! The topics were great, I loved the variation from the very basic topics to the specific coverage of certain areas.”

“I enjoyed the entire conference. All the speakers were great. The topics were very helpful.”

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

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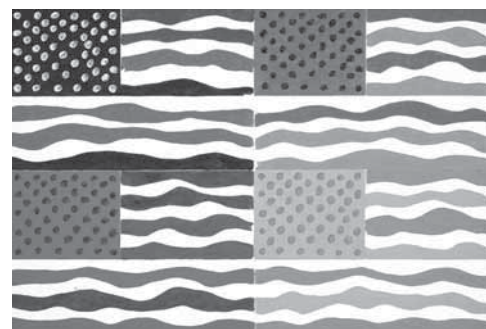
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KEY DATES

October 14, 2009

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October 16, 2009

last day for full refund

October 19, 2009

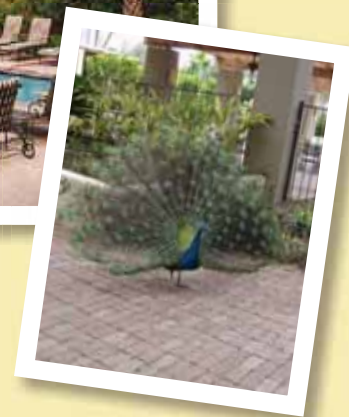
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October 21, 2009, 5 p.m.

Wednesday Fundamentals begins

October 22, 2009, 8:30 a.m.

Conference begins



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