

34th Annual Conference on Immigration and Nationality Law

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Wednesday Afternoon, Oct. 20, 2010

	Fundamentals of Immigration Law
3:00 pm	Registration Opens
4:00 pm 0.83 hr	U. S. Immigration Laws: A General Survey An overview of options for seeking nonimmigrant, immigrant and citizenship status as well as a review of employer-sponsored and family-sponsored immigration. Paul Parsons, Paul Parsons, PC - Austin, TX
4:50 pm	Break
5:00 pm 0.67 hr	Immigration Benefits and Relief All Practitioners Should Know Beyond the major channels of immigration relief, the immigration law and regulations contain an assortment of specialized avenues for relief that can be powerful tools in the ever-diminishing toolbox of the immigration practitioner. This session provides an overview of important remedies including: humanitarian parole; prosecutorial discretion; deferred action; remedies for victims of violent crime, domestic violence and human trafficking; stays of removal; Temporary Protected Status; and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. M. Elizabeth 'Liz' Cedillo-Pereira, Cedillo-Pereira & Cedillo, PLLC - Dallas, TX Vanna Slaughter, Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc.- Immigration and Legal Services - Dallas, TX
5:40 pm 0.83 hr	Finding What You Need: Practice Tips for Immigration Lawyers on How to Find Key Statutes, Forms, Regulations, Government Memoranda, Manuals and More How to more effectively conduct legal research for free, check case status, access current processing times and keep current with new laws, regulations, 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
6:30 pm	Adjourn

Thursday Morning, Oct. 21, 2010

Presiding Officer:

Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX

8:00 am	Registration Opens Includes continental breakfast.
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8:55 am	Welcoming Remarks
9:00 am 1.00 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Fundamentals of Family-Based Immigration A step-by-step overview of applying for permanent residence through family members. Topics include the family-based immigration system, establishing the qualifying family relationship, filing relative petitions and benefits for surviving relatives of deceased petitioners. Laura F. Bachman, University Of Tulsa College Of Law - Tulsa, OK Commentator: Charles Wheeler, Training and Legal Support Section, Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) - San Francisco, CA
10:00 am 0.75 hr	Family Adjustment of Status and Consular Processing Coverage of basic eligibility for adjustment of status under INA sections 245(a), (c) and (i) including the necessary forms and general procedure as well as what to expect at the adjustment interview. For those ineligible for adjustment, the session covers the basics of consular processing. Common to both is the affidavit of support and sponsorship requirements. Peggy Gleason, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) - Washington, DC Charles Wheeler, Training and Legal Support Section, Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) - San Francisco, CA
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am 1.50 hrs	Overview of Grounds of Inadmissibility and Available Waivers A survey of INA section 212 focusing on most common grounds of inadmissibility and the waivers available for those grounds. The panel discusses the theoretical as well as the practical application of the grounds of removability and the processes for applying for the waivers. Moderator: Jodi M. Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX Panelists: L. Edward Rios, Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated - El Paso, TX Panelists: Laurel Deborah Scott, Scott And Associates, Attorneys At Law PLLC - Houston, TX

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Harry J. Joe, Jackson Lewis LLP - Dallas, TX

12:30 pm	Break for Lunch
	Luncheon Presentation Included in conference registration fee.

12:45 pm 0.75 hr	<p>Immigration Rights and Reform: Prospects, Promises and Pitfalls in the Courts and Congress</p> <p>As the likelihood of major federal immigration reform fades, states and localities continue to enact a wide range of laws targeting immigrants. Most of these measures, including Arizona’s notorious SB1070, are subject to legal challenges, and the Supreme Court has granted certiorari to decide the constitutionality of an earlier Arizona statute regulating immigrant employment. The speaker is directly involved in most of these court challenges and in the larger policy debates. He addresses the current legal and legislative landscape as well as other immigrants’ rights issues.</p> <p>Lucas Guttentag, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Immigrants' Rights Project - San Francisco, CA</p>
1:30 pm	Break
1:45 pm 1.50 hrs	<p>Naturalization and Citizenship</p> <p>How do you become a U.S. citizen? Are you one already and don't know it? Is it dangerous to apply for citizenship? Can you lose or give up your citizenship? All these questions—and ones you didn't even know you had—are answered in this session.</p> <p>Richard S. Fischer, The Law Office of Richard S. Fischer - Nacogdoches, TX Commentator: Carl Michael Shusterman, Law Offices of Carl Shusterman - Los Angeles, CA</p>
3:15 pm	Break
3:30 pm 1.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Mock Client Interviews with Critiques: One for Marriage and Second for Naturalization</p> <p>This session provides the audience with two mock interviews: one for naturalization and one for marriage. In each, the moderator analyzes and critiques the performance of the attorney interviewer, and reviews and comments on the attorney's intake forms and use of the forms in the interview process. Model intake forms are included as part of this session.</p> <p>Moderators: Laura F. Bachman, University Of Tulsa College Of Law - Tulsa, OK Moderators: M. Elizabeth 'Liz' Cedillo-Pereira, Cedillo-Pereira & Cedillo, PLLC - Dallas, TX Panelists: Harry J. Joe, Jackson Lewis LLP - Dallas, TX Panelists: Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch, Hines & Leigh, PC - Austin, TX</p>

4:30 pm 1.00 hr 0.50 hr ethics	<p>Ask the Experts</p> <p>This moderated panel provides an interactive opportunity to have questions answered by the experts. 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 the top immigration lawyers in Texas.</p> <p>Moderator: Jodi M. Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Laura F. Bachman, University Of Tulsa College Of Law - Tulsa, OK</p> <p>Panelists: Richard S. Fischer, The Law Office of Richard S. Fischer - Nacogdoches, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Harry Gee Jr., Law Office of Harry Gee, Jr. & Associates - Houston, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Harry J. Joe, Jackson Lewis LLP - Dallas, TX</p> <p>Panelists: Carl Michael Shusterman, Law Offices of Carl Shusterman - Los Angeles, CA</p> <p>Panelists: Charles Wheeler, Training and Legal Support Section, Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) - San Francisco, CA</p>
5:30 pm	Adjourn to Reception

Friday Morning, Oct. 22, 2010

Presiding Officer:

Richard A. Gump Jr., The Law Offices of Richard A. Gump, Jr. P.C. - Dallas, TX

7:45 am	<p>Conference Room Opens</p> <p>Includes continental breakfast.</p>
8:30 am 0.50 hr	<p>Criminal-Based Grounds for Removal</p> <p>A focus on the grounds of removability related to criminal convictions or criminal conduct including the "categorical approach" and other strategies for the analysis of criminal statutes as basis for removal and inadmissibility.</p> <p>Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Beg Mirza - Houston, TX</p>
	Anatomy of a Removal Case: From Arrest to Relief
9:00 am 1.25 hrs 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Removal Proceedings: Arrest, Bond and Removability</p> <p>This session examines the mechanics of removal proceedings from the arrest or initiation of proceedings through the bond requests and removability phase of proceedings. Focus is on practical considerations and process.</p> <p>Jodi M. Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
10:15 am	Break

10:30 am 1.25 hrs 0.25 hr ethics	<p>Removal Proceedings: Relief from Removal and Appeal</p> <p>This session covers the various types of relief available in removal proceedings, how to apply, the various standards and burdens of proof, and practical aspects of case presentation. The panel also discusses the basics of filing and presenting an appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals and petition for review to the U.S. Court of Appeals.</p> <p>Brian K. Bates, Reina Bates Immigration Law Group - Houston, TX Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Beg Mirza - Houston, TX Jacqueline L. Watson, Law Office of Thomas Esparza, Jr., P.C. - Austin, TX</p>
11:45 am 0.33 hr	<p>Case Law Update</p> <p>A summary of the most significant immigration-related appellate decisions in the Supreme Court and the Circuit Court for the prior year.</p> <p>Raed Gonzalez, Garza & Associates, Attorneys at Law - Bellaire, TX</p>

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Jodi M. Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX

12:05 pm	Break for Lunch
	<p>Luncheon Presentation</p> <p>Included in conference registration fee.</p>
12:20 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Managing an Immigration Law Practice</p> <p>Certain elements of legal services are required for firms of any size or practice area. High-quality recruiting and personnel management, accurate billing and collecting, good client retention and new client acquisition are essential to success. This panel of immigration law experts discusses these topics and more, including time and stress management, practice transitions, combating UPL and consultation fees—issues law practices face daily.</p> <p>Moderator: Paul Parsons, Paul Parsons, PC - Austin, TX Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX Panelists: Nicolas Chavez, Chavez & Valko, LLP - Dallas, TX Panelists: Mona Gupta, Gupta & Wiora, P.C. - Addison, TX</p>
1:20 pm	Break
1:35 pm 1.00 hr	<p>Options for Foreign Entrepreneurs and Investors</p> <p>An examination of the nonimmigrant and immigrant visa options for employment and residence based upon investment in enterprises in the United States with focus upon current qualification issues.</p> <p>Robert F. Loughran, FosterQuan, LLP - Austin, TX Kathleen Campbell Walker, Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated - El Paso, TX</p>

2:35 pm 0.50 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Options for the Unskilled Nonimmigrant: The H-2B Visa Procedures and forms have changed with the new rules. This session walks through the H-2B visa process with consideration of the latest regulations. Susan R. Littleton, Law Office of Susan R. Littleton, P.C. - Austin, TX
3:05 pm 0.75 hr	Government Investigations and Audits of Employers (I-9s and H-1Bs) What to do after you get the call—a primer on what to expect and the tools to guide you from investigation to audit to administrative hearing. William L. Davis, Jackson Lewis LLP - Dallas, TX Richard A. Gump Jr., The Law Offices of Richard A. Gump, Jr. P.C. - Dallas, TX
3:50 pm 0.58 hr 0.25 hr ethics	Q&A Session The speakers from the day's presentations are available to answer questions during this structured session.
4:25 pm	Adjourn