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WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT 27, 2021

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. 1.50 hrs | .25 hr ethics

Grounds of Deportability and Inadmissibility

Review the grounds of deportability and inadmissibility, and hear strategies for contesting common grounds of removal.

10:00 a.m. .50 hr | .25 hr ethics

Bond Proceedings

Examine bond eligibility, evidentiary requirements, and presentation of a bond determination hearing.

10:30 a.m. 10-Minute Break

10:40 a.m. 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics

Challenging NTAs, Motions to Suppress, and Contesting Deportability

Learn how to launch procedural challenges to the Notice to Appear (NTA) and the timing, process, and substance of a Motion to Suppress. Discuss how to challenge individual allegations in the NTA, including burdens of proof, evidentiary challenges, and assessing citizenship claims.

11:40 a.m. .50 hr

Morning Q&A

Please submit questions at the registration table, through the Webcast chat, or by email at ConferenceQA@utcle.org.

12:10 p.m. Pick up Lunch

Included in registration.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:40 p.m. .75 hr

Hot Topics: Prosecutorial Discretion is Back!

Explore how immigration enforcement priorities have changed, including through the use of prosecutorial discretion. Review recent memos and discuss best practices for submitting requests for prosecutorial discretion.

1:25 p.m. 15-Minute Break

1:40 p.m. 1.00 hr | .50 hr ethics

Challenging Crime-Based Grounds of Deportability

Discuss the categorical approach, plus a review of crime-based removability grounds, proof of conviction, doctrine of divisibility, and recent case law.

2:40 p.m. .75 hr

Cancellation of Removal and Other Discretionary Relief

Learn about establishing eligibility for Cancellation of Removal for permanent residents and non-permanent residents, waivers of inadmissibility, and other forms of relief.

3:25 p.m. .50 hr

Appeals and Motions to Reopen: The Basics

Get an outline and overview of the basic rules for filing appeals and motions to reopen.

3:55 p.m. Afternoon Drink Break

4:10 p.m. 1.00 hr | .50 hr ethics

Mock Hearings in Immigration Court

This interactive session gives attendees the opportunity to practice contesting removability, advocating for release from detention, and appearing via Webex in mock hearings.

5:10 p.m. .50 hr

Afternoon Q&A

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5:40 p.m. Adjourn

CONFERENCE FACULTY

JAVIER N. MALDONADO, is a lawyer in private practice in San Antonio, Texas who specializes in representing individuals in complex federal and state litigation in the areas of immigration, employment disputes, and civil rights. He attended Columbia University for both undergraduate and law school and then clerked for the Hon. George P. Kazen in Laredo, Texas. Mr. Maldonado was awarded a Skadden Fellowship to work at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) and then joined the legal staff at the end of his fellowship. He was subsequently employed as a trial attorney with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and then became the executive director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of Texas where he litigated several class action and individual civil rights cases on behalf of immigrants. Since March 1996, Mr. Maldonado has been in private practice and regularly presents at state and national conferences on civil rights and immigration matters.

MICHELLE L. SAENZ-RODRIGUEZ is the co-founder of Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates in Dallas, Texas. Now in her 29th year of practice, Michelle is Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the State Bar of Texas. Michelle is former Chair for the Texas Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers. She is currently a member of the ABA Commission on Immigration. Michelle has recently been named "Top Lawyer in the Field of Immigration for 2018" by Best Lawyers in America. She recently became a Director for the AILA Board of Governors. She is on the AILA ICE National Liaison Committee and also serves as the EOIR Liaison in Dallas, Texas.

ERICA B. SCHOMMER is a Clinical Associate Professor of Law at St. Mary's University School of Law where she teaches the Immigration and Human Rights Clinic. Before joining St. Mary's, Schommer was a partner at Rios & Cruz, P.S. in Washington State where she focused on detained removal defense and federal court litigation. From 2012 to 2015, Schommer served on the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration and was the co-chair of the Commission's Mental Health Advisory Group. Schommer has a background in international human rights and has worked on various human rights issues in Mexico, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

JACQUELINE L. WATSON is an El Paso native and undergraduate alum of the University of Texas at El Paso. She earned her J.D. at the University of Texas School of Law. Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Jacqueline has practiced immigration law in Austin since 1999 and proudly joined Walker-Gates Vela, PLLC in 2016. She served the AILA Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico Chapter as its Chair from 2015 to 2016.

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Presiding Officer:

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

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

Understanding United States Immigration & Nationality Laws

Explanations of concepts including unlawful presence, out of status, and nonimmigrant intent as well as the categories for immigrants, nonimmigrants, and citizens.

Paul Parsons, Paul Parsons, PC, Austin, TX

9:30 a.m. 0.75 hr

A Beginner's Guide to Litigating Claims for Immigration Benefits

When to sue, how to sue, who to sue, and some tricks of the trade.

Richard S. Fischer, Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law, Nacogdoches, TX

10:15 a.m. 15-Minute Break

10:30 a.m. 0.75 hr ethics

It's About Ethics

Dual representation of employer/employee, and citizen petitioner/alien spouse are common in immigration. When is it impermissible and what steps does the immigration lawyer take to end it and avoid conflicts? Suborning Perjury: When does the immigration lawyer step across the line and how to avoid it.

Peter D. Williamson, Chamberlain Hrdlicka White Williams & Aughtry, Houston, TX

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11:15 a.m. 1.00 hr

Post-Apocalyptic Business and Worksite Hot Topics

Highlights of the most recent updates on such hot button topics as never ending government backlogs (EAD's, EB AOS's, consular NIV/IV interviews), worksite conundrum: in person versus remote verification issues and resurgence of I-9 audits, impact of H-2b and J-1 shortages on universities and industries, PERM based I-140 ability to pay due to COVID economics, and investor issues: (reinstated entrepreneur parole rule, E-2 and EB-5 heartaches).

Francisco J. García, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston, TX
Richard A. Gump Jr., The Law Offices of Richard A. Gump, Jr. P.C., Dallas, TX
Maggie Murphy, Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP, Austin, TX

12:15 p.m. Pick up Lunch

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

Sarah E. Woelk, Casa Marianella Immigration Legal Services, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:45 p.m. 0.75 hr

Politics & Partisanship: The Struggle for Immigration Reform

With the mid-term elections approaching, can Congress agree on any immigration reforms and what more can the administration do on its own?

Benjamin Johnson, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Washington, DC

1:30 p.m. 15-Minute Break

1:45 p.m. 1.00 hr

Post-Apocalyptic Hot Topics in Family

What does family unification as a national policy under the new administration mean for practitioners? Where are we now with family based immigration: changes in policies, impact on risk of filing complicated cases, and the latest updates.

Nicolas Chavez, Chavez & Valko, LLP, Fort Worth, TX
Cori A. Hash, Lincoln Goldfinch Law, Austin, TX
George Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C., Dallas, TX

2:45 p.m. 1.00 hr

Asylum, MPP and Other Border Issues

Dive into updates on what is happening in asylum. Focus on the aftermath of MPP, discuss what is happening on the border, and give updates about processing of cases at the Asylum Office and the Immigration Court.

Brian Manning, Manning Asylum Law, Houston, TX
Edna Yang, American Gateways, Austin, TX

3:45 p.m. 10-Minute Break

3:55 p.m. 1.00 hr

Recent Developments/Updates on Representing Youth

With a dizzying amount of changes and updates to immigration law over the last couple of years, it can be difficult to keep track. Explore hot topics in representing children and youth, including the impact of Title 42, numbers of youth entering at the border, the ORR reunification process, impacts of the Migrant Protection Protocols program, as well as updates to representing youth in asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases.

Yvette Changuin, RAICES, San Antonio, TX
Laura Egan, American Bar Association (ABA), Children's Immigration Law Academy (CILA), Houston, TX
Lindsay Gray, VECINA, Austin, TX

4:55 pm

Pro Bono Introduction

Pro bono work doesn't just serve the community. Explore ways to integrate pro bono service into your practice, and learn how it can benefit you as well.

Sarah E. Woelk, Casa Marianella Immigration Legal Services, Austin, TX
Edna Yang, American Gateways, Austin, TX

5:00 p.m. Adjourn to Reception

NETWORKING RECEPTION AND PRO BONO MIXER

5:00 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

Enjoy refreshments and a networking opportunity with colleagues, conference faculty, and *pro bono* organization representatives.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT 29, 2021**Presiding Officer:**

Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch, Lincoln-Goldfinch Law, Austin, TX

8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr**Anatomy of a Niz-Chavez**

Niz-Chavez v. Garland, turning square corners and the evolving riddle of proper immigration notice.

Simon M. Azar-Farr, Simon Azar-Farr & Associates, San Antonio, TX

9:30 a.m. 0.75 hr**BIA and Federal Court Update**

Learn about the latest case decisions by the Board of Immigration Appeals and federal courts.

Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC, Bellaire, TX

10:15 am 15-Minute Break**10:30 a.m. 0.75 hr****Business NIV Solutions – Practical Timing Considerations to Maintain/Extend Status and Consular Processing**

Discuss strategic timing of processing issues related to premium processing; dependent EAD extensions; NIEs/ travel restrictions; the process to develop strategies for successful consular outcomes; and how to manage client expectations.

James D. Prappas, Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC, Houston, TX
Philip Eichorn, Foster LLP, Houston, TX

11:15 a.m. 1.00 hr**When All Else Fails . . . Business IV Solutions**

Dive into creative solutions to some of the nagging issues practitioners face when processing an employmentbased immigrant visa case. Whether it's with the PERM labor certification application, the I-140 petition, adjustment of status, or consular processing, some problems just don't seem to go away. Hear from three highly experienced business immigration attorneys who will share their insights and experiences that lead to case approvals (often without audit!).

Neena Renu Wiora, Gupta and Wiora, P.C., Addison, TX
Linda Rose, Rose Immigration Law Firm, PLC, Nashville, TN
Maggie Murphy, Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP, Austin, TX

Materials By:

Lucy Cheung, Goldstein and Cheung LLP, New York, NY
Ellen Kregel, Law Office of Ellen D. Kregel, LTD, Menlo Park, CA
Becki Young, Grossman Young, Silver Spring, MD

12:15 p.m. Pick up Lunch

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON**Presiding Officer:**

Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION**12:45 p.m. 0.75 hr ethics****TLAP/Lawyer Wellness**

An overview of obstacles to lawyer wellness and examines evidence-based strategies for building or maintaining mental health while engaging in the very demanding practice of law.

Erica Grigg, Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program, Austin, TX

1:30 p.m. 15-Minute Break**1:45 p.m. 1.00 hr****Family Based Solutions in the midst of COVID-19**

Navigating creative solutions to get USCIS to adjudicate and responding to RFEs in Family based petitions.

Maria E. McIntyre, Nayar & McIntyre, LLP, Irving, TX
Irene G. Mugambi, Law Office of Irene G. Mugambi P.C., Dallas, TX
Lakshmi Nayar, Nayar & McIntyre, LLP, Irving, TX

2:45 p.m. 0.75 hr**Recent Developments in Representing Vulnerable Populations**

Dive into recent developments in U and T visa petitions affecting immigrant survivors, including USCIS's bona fide determination policy for U visas, representing U and T visa petitioners in removal proceedings, and updates regarding the inclusion of after-acquired family members as derivatives in U and T visa petitions.

Amy Cheung, ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Suffield, CT
Elise Thompson Harriger, Casa Marianella Immigration Legal Services, Austin, TX

3:30 p.m. 10-Minute Break

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3:40 p.m. 0.75 hr**Consular Processing Post Pandemic**

The pandemic left the consular corps and visa processing with major backlogs and staffing dilemmas. Finding a consular post to schedule appointments and process National Interest Exceptions is akin to locating the holy grail. Epic delays in appointment availability may endure well beyond the global health crisis. Address strategies and assessments of the current state of consular affairs and visa processing.

Kathleen Campbell Walker, Dickinson Wright PLLC, El Paso, TX
Kenneth J. Harder, Dunbar Harder, PLLC, Houston, TX

4:25 pm 1.00 hr | 0.50 hr ethics**Ask the Experts**

Take advantage of an interactive opportunity to have top immigration lawyers answer your questions and provide solutions to your ethical quandaries. Please submit your questions in advance to ConferenceQA@utcle.org or on-site at the conference registration desk.

Moderator:

Eugene J. Flynn, Eugene J. Flynn, P.C., Dallas, TX

Panelists:

Richard S. Fischer, Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law, Nacogdoches, TX
Francisco J. García, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston, TX
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5:25 p.m. Adjourn**UT Law CLE is committed to Practice Excellence.**

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- Conference on Immigration eConference..... \$575

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Special Room Rate: \$189

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October 22, 2021

Last day for full refund cancellation

October 25, 2021

Last day for partial refund cancellation
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October 27, 2021, 8:20 a.m., CT

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