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2025 eConference on Immigration and Nationality Law

Session 1 1.00 hr	**Executive Authority & Immigration: Legal Shifts and Strategic Impacts** An overview of executive actions under the new administration. **Sharvari (Shev) Dalal-Dheini,** American Immigration Lawyers Association - Washington, DC **Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez,** Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX **Jacqueline L. Watson,** JLW Immigration Law Group - Austin, TX
Session 2 0.50 hr	**Alien Enemies Act Overview** Discuss the ongoing fight against the Trump Administration's unprecedented invocation and use of the Alien Enemies Act, a wartime authority used only three times in the nation's history. **Daniel Galindo,** ACLU - New York, NY
Session 3 0.75 hr	**Worksite Audits and Raids: What to Expect in 2026** Refresher on warrants and subpoenas, employer and employee rights, civil and criminal penalties. **Richard A. Gump Jr.,** The Law Offices of Richard A. Gump Jr. P.C. - Dallas, TX **Richard B. Roper III,** Vartabedian Hester & Haynes LLP - Dallas, TX
Session 4 0.75 hr | 0.50 Ethics	**Client Expectations and Counseling Challenges in the Trump Era** The Trump Administration’s immigration policy changes have created new challenges for immigration lawyers in setting reasonable client expectations and in advising clients on the legal risks of available courses of action. Discuss strategies to set and manage expectations in a sea of changing circumstances and law. **Jodi M. Goodwin,** Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX **Charles Herring Jr.,** Herring & Panzer, L.L.P. - Austin, TX
Session 5 1.00 hr	**Let's Talk about Detention** Deep-dive into the current state of detentions by DHS and other law enforcement authorities, including detentions at court, USCIS, ICE check-ins, and community & workplace raids. Discuss potential options for release from detention and the changing landscape with respect to parole and bond eligibility. **Laura Flores-Dixit,** American Gateways - San Antonio, TX **Jodi M. Goodwin,** Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX **George Rodriguez,** Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX

Session 6 0.75 hr | 0.25 Ethics	**Challenges of Registration, Compliance, and Maintenance of Status** Address the implications of the resurrection of registration as an enforcement priority and the challenges of compliance. Discuss the expectations for minors and their guardians as to registration, the removal trap of the change of address requirement, and when to use the new G-325R. **Kathleen Campbell Walker,** Dickinson Wright PLLC - El Paso, TX **Irene G. Mugambi,** Law Office of Irene G. Mugambi P.C. - Dallas, TX
Session 7 0.75 hr	**"Routine" Invasiveness: US Border Searches in the Digital Age** What is the Required Quantum of Suspicion — Daunting Search for Reasonableness in our Time **Simon M. Azar-Farr,** Simon Azar-Farr & Associates - San Antonio, TX
Session 8 0.75 hr | 0.75 Ethics	**Ethical Challenges Facing Lawyers in the Constantly Changing Immigration World** Explore how immigration lawyers can continue to practice safely and ethically in the wake of the March 2025 presidential memo, which has raised concerns about potential intimidation of the immigration bar. Discuss recent asylum developments and how to navigate shifting policies and political scrutiny while upholding our professional responsibilities. **Craig Dobson,** Dobson Law LLC - New York, NY
Session 9 0.75 hr | 0.50 Ethics	**The Loss of Funding for Programs Providing Pro Bono Legal Education and Services** Focus on the loss of long-standing bipartisan federal funding for pro bono organizations providing legal education and services to immigrants in removal proceedings and in detention. Discuss the changes in access to information about various forms of humanitarian relief for vulnerable populations, as well as arrests and enforcement at immigration courts and other protected places without due process. **Erica B. Schommer,** St. Mary's University School of Law - San Antonio, TX **Edna Yang,** American Gateways - Austin, TX
Session 10 1.00 hr	**Case Law Update** Precedential case law updates spanning 2024 to 2025, with a focus on decisions positive for noncitizens where possible! Hear a discussion on Supreme Court updates, as well as interesting precedent from the Fifth Circuit, other Circuits, and BIA. Topics will include asylum, crimmigration, and more! **Jonathan Levy,** American Gateways - Austin, TX **Rekha Sharma-Crawford,** Sharma-Crawford Attorneys at Law - Kansas City, MO
Session 11 1.00 hr | 0.25 Ethics	**Removal Issues** Discuss practical tips and legal strategies to arm yourself and fight for your client against the onslaught of new caselaw, EOIR policy memoranda, OPLA practices, ICE tactics, and other horrific changes in enforcement and removal proceedings under the Trump Administration. **Amelia Ruiz Fischer,** Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law - Nacogdoches, TX **Michael Sharma-Crawford,** Sharma-Crawford Attorneys at Law - Kansas City, MO
Session 12 0.75 hr	**Employment Issues** Review current trends in employment-based immigration, including updates and strategies in RFE trends in H-1B, L-1, TN and I-140 Cases; I-9 and worksite compliance & OCAHO updates;

	PERM backlogs and tips for maintenance of nonimmigrant status; E-Verify compliance and state activity. **Maggie Murphy,** BAL - Austin, TX **Daniel N. Ramirez,** Monty & Ramirez LLP - Houston, TX
Session 13 0.75 hr | 0.25 Ethics	**The ABCs of Warrants** Discuss the regulations regarding warrants and how to hold ICE accountable. **Richard B. Roper III,** Vartabedian Hester & Haynes LLP - Dallas, TX **Michael Sharma-Crawford,** Sharma-Crawford Attorneys at Law - Kansas City, MO
Session 14 0.50 hr | 0.50 Ethics	**Self-Preservation** Join us for an interactive lunchtime discussion focused on actionable tips and tactics to help you safeguard your time, reduce stress, and enhance your capacity for professional excellence without self-sacrifice. **Jennifer Walker Gates,** JLW Immigration Law Group - Austin, TX
Session 15 0.75 hr	**Sue 'Em** Strategies, tips and materials for mandamus, APA, class actions, FOIA and FTCA lawsuits against the government. **Jesse Bless,** Bless Litigation LLC - Georgetown, MA **Richard S. Fischer,** Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law - Nacogdoches, TX **Javier N. Maldonado,** Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC - San Antonio, TX
Session 16 0.75 hr	**Parole: An Overview, Current Developments, Future Arguments, and Advance Parole** Provide an overview of parole, address current developments regarding parole, in particular the termination of various parole programs, address arguments that can be made regarding parole, and a discussion of advance parole. **Paul B. Hunker III,** De Mott, Curtright and Armendáriz, LLP - Dallas, TX **Rekha Sharma-Crawford,** Sharma-Crawford Attorneys at Law - Kansas City, MO
Session 17 0.75 hr	**Texas Legislative Updates and the Correlation with Immigration Policy** Explore how recent Texas legislative efforts intersect with immigration policy at the state and federal levels, with a focus on education, workforce participation, criminalization, and legal challenges. Discuss key bills, implementation trends, and implications for immigrant communities across Texas. **Kristin Etter,** Texas Immigration Law Council - Austin, TX **Faye M. Kolly,** McChesney Kolly PLLC - Austin, TX
Session 18 1.00 hr | 0.50 Ethics	**Ask the Experts** Hear top immigration lawyers answer your questions and provide solutions to your ethical quandaries. Please submit your questions in advance to **ConferenceQA@utcle.org.** **Jacqueline L. Watson,** JLW Immigration Law Group - Austin, TX **Amelia Ruiz Fischer,** Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law - Nacogdoches, TX **Richard S. Fischer,** Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law - Nacogdoches, TX **Irene G. Mugambi,** Law Office of Irene G. Mugambi P.C. - Dallas, TX **Maggie Murphy,** BAL - Austin, TX
Session 19	**(BONUS SESSION) Running Your Law Firm as a Business**

1.00 hr	In today’s competitive legal landscape, it’s no longer enough to simply hang your shingle and get by on the broad scope of subjects you studied for the Bar. To thrive as a lawyer, you must understand how to properly run your law firm. You may not be a business lawyer, but all lawyers need to know how to run their business. This CLE seminar provides you with valuable insights, practical strategies, and actionable takeaways to elevate your law firm’s performance and profitability. **James David Rosenblatt,** The Rosenblatt Law Firm - San Antonio, TX