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## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT. 28, 2022

### Presiding Officer:

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

### 12:00 p.m. Registration Opens

Includes light refreshments.

### 12:50 p.m. Welcoming Remarks

### 1:00 p.m. 1.00 hr

#### Understanding United States Immigration and Nationality Laws

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

Paul Parsons, Paul Parsons, PC, Austin, TX

### 2:00 p.m. .50 hr

#### The Devil's Dictionary: Basic Immigration Terminology

A run-down of the agencies and acronyms in the language of immigration law.

Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C., Dallas, TX  
Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC, Austin, TX

### 2:30 p.m. .75 hr

#### Family-Based Immigration: Petitions for Family Members, Visa Quota System and Countries Chargeability

An introduction to the family immigration system, who can petition for who, the requirements, process, procedure and paperwork.

Jodi M. Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin, Harlingen, TX  
Irene G. Mugambi, Law Office of Irene G. Mugambi P.C., Dallas, TX

### 3:15 p.m. 15-Minute Break

### 3:30 p.m. .75 hr

#### Employment-Based Immigration Basics

Breakdown of employment-based nonimmigrant and immigrant categories; navigating applicable law, regulation, and policy; importance of building strong administrative record; resources for attorneys.

Christine Traversi, Jackson Lewis P.C., Houston, TX

### 4:15 p.m. .75 hr

#### Adjustment of Status/Consular Processing and Waiver Basics

Answers to clients' most pressing questions: Can I adjust? Will I have to leave the country? What happens if I need a waiver?

Rosa Maria Berdeja, Law Office of Rosa Maria Berdeja, Fort Worth, TX  
Krystal Gomez, Lincoln-Goldfinch Law, Austin, TX

### 5:00 p.m. .50 hr ethics

#### Liquid Ethics

Participate in a group discussion about the latest ethical issues facing immigration law practitioners today. Hear how to deal with unique issues that practicing law in the age of COVID-19 have created. A look at the rules and an open discussion for all participants.

Julieta Andrea Grinffiel, Hammond Neal Moore, LLC, Dallas, TX  
George Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C., Dallas, TX

### 5:30 p.m. Adjourn

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**THURSDAY MORNING, SEP. 29, 2022**

**Presiding Officer:**

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

**7:30 a.m. Registration Opens**

Includes continental breakfast.

**8:20 a.m. Welcoming Remarks**

**8:30 a.m. .75 hr**

**Acquired Citizenship: If Your Client Has Acquired Citizenship, The Rest of This Conference is MOOT**

Many professionals are so focused on the familiar business or family immigration topics, that they forget to ask about ancestors. Gain insight to tools and examples of what to look for when interviewing a potential client and how to develop and file a citizenship case.

Kathrin Mautino, Kathrin S. Mautino APLC, San Diego, CA

**9:15 a.m. .75 hr**

**Naturalization From Easy to Difficult**

A look at naturalization cases from the very straightforward to the most common (and uncommon) difficult issues and red flags.

Natalie Hansen, Hansen & Taylor, PLLC, Austin, TX  
Guillermo M. Hernández III, Rivera Hernandez Campos PLLC, San Antonio, TX  
Kathrin Mautino, Kathrin S. Mautino APLC, San Diego, CA

**10:00 a.m. 15-Minute Break**

**10:15 a.m. 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics**

**Crimmigration**

Learn how to approach and analyze criminal issues of inadmissibility and deportability. Listen to an overview of the categorical and modified categorical approach, review how to apply the approaches to issues that may arise in your cases, and hear helpful and creative practice pointers.

Amelia Ruiz Fischer, Fischer & Fischer, Attorneys at Law, Nacogdoches, TX  
Jordan Pollock, Dallas County Public Defender's Office, Dallas, TX

**11:15 a.m. 1.00 hr**

**Federal Case Law Update**

Learn about the latest case decisions by federal courts.

Javier Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, PC, San Antonio, TX  
Imran B. Mirza, Law Office of Imran Mirza, PC, Houston, TX

**12:15 p.m. Pick up Lunch**

Included in registration.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

**Presiding Officer:**

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

**LUNCHEON PRESENTATION**

**12:35 p.m. 1.00 hr**

**National Policy Updates**

Join members of AILA's Executive Committee and Board, as well as AILA's Director of Government Relations to review current regulatory and policy updates as we head into the government's next fiscal year. From DACA – 10 Years Later to Changes in I-9 policy, this panel will review recent changes in immigration policy and what to expect for 2023.

Sharvari (Shev) Dalal-Dheini, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Washington, DC  
Maggie Murphy, Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP, Austin, TX  
Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez & Associates, P.C., Dallas, TX  
Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC, Austin, TX

**1:35 p.m. 15-Minute Break**

**1:50 p.m. 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics**

**New Focus on to NIWs**

Entrepreneurs and investors may explore the National Interest Waiver category to pursue permanent resident status. Examine the category and review practical considerations in this option.

Ramón E. Curiel, Oliva, Saks, Garcia, Curiel, LLP, San Antonio, TX

**2:50 p.m. 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics**

**Navigating the H-2A and H-2B Filing Process**

A discussion on the ever-changing landscape of the H-2A and H-2B filing processes.

Kyle Farmer, Farmer Law PC, Austin, TX  
Karen-Lee Pollak, Pollak PLLC, Dallas, TX

**3:50 p.m. 10-Minute Break**

**4:00 p.m. 1.00 hr**

**PERM Labor Certification Updates**

This panel will provide practical guidance and updates on PERM drafting trends. Issues discussed will include remote work situations, new SOC codes, good-faith compliance with regard to the Facebook settlement, and relevant BALCA summaries.

Heather L. Frayre, Dickinson Wright PLLC, El Paso, TX  
Maggie Murphy, Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP, Austin, TX  
Paige L. Taylor, Fragomen Del Ray Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, Dallas, TX

**5:00 p.m. .50 hr ethics**

**Site Visits and Audits**

Discuss the use of site visits and audits for compliance reviews by USCIS and how best practices to prepare for the possibility. Review a top ten best practices list to apply before filing applications and petitions.

Kathleen Campbell Walker, Dickinson Wright PLLC, El Paso, TX

**5:30 p.m. 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.

**5:40 p.m. Adjourn to Reception**

**NETWORKING RECEPTION AND PRO BONO MIXER**

**5:40 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.**

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

**FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 30, 2022****Presiding Officer:**

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

**8:00 a.m. Conference Room Opens**

Includes continental breakfast.

**8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics****Key I-9 Audit and Compliance Issues – Mistakes to Avoid**

You can save your client \$\$ by knowing the key mistakes they are likely to make. Common mistakes of note include: transitioning from temporary remote verification to secondary in person tactile examination of documents, automatic extensions of certain documents, pre-hire questions, citizenship discrimination or document abuse violations of DOJ Immigrant and Employee Rights Section (IER) laws, and E-Verify issues.

Richard A. Gump Jr., The Law Offices of Richard A. Gump, Jr. P.C., Dallas, TX  
Kathleen Campbell Walker, Dickinson Wright PLLC, El Paso, TX

**9:30 a.m. .75 hr****ECAS Webex and You**

This session covers the basics of navigating immigration court through the ECAS system. Tips on how to get the most out of all ECAS capabilities and hints on how to get old cases uploaded into the ECAS system.

**10:15 a.m. 15-Minute Break****10:30 a.m. .75 hr****OPT and STEM**

This session will cover basic eligibility and application requirements for 12-month OPT and STEM OPT, as well as school official, student and employer responsibilities during STEM extensions.

Martin Valko, Chavez & Valko, LLP, Dallas, TX  
David Ware, Ware|Immigration, Metairie, LA

**11:15 a.m. .75 hr | .50 hr ethics****Difficult Clients and Our Difficult Practice**

How do we safely and ethically handle difficult clients and protect ourselves and our staff in our politically-charged practices?

Amanda M. Kates, State Bar of Texas, Austin, TX

**12:00 p.m. Pick up Lunch**

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**Edna Yang, American Gateways,  
Austin, TX**

**LUNCHEON PRESENTATION****12:20 p.m. .50 hr ethics****Mental Health in Light of Difficult Clients and Difficult Practices**

How to develop Posttraumatic Growth and be psychologically and emotionally strong when working in the ongoing stress of working with trauma survivors. Review self-care and maintaining balance both professionally and personally.

Bernadette Hassan Solórzano, Our Lady of the Lake University Community Counseling Service, San Antonio, TX

**12:50 p.m. 15-Minute Break****1:05 p.m. .50 hr | .25 hr ethics****PD in a Nutshell**

A quick guide to the current state of DHS prosecutorial discretion, how to request PD, and what happens after PD is granted.

Robert W. Armstrong Jr., Armstrong Legal Law Firm, PLLC, Dallas, TX

**1:35 p.m. 1.00 hr****Asylum**

Cover major updates and changes to asylum law and process under the first two years of the Biden Administration. Topics will include updates on the implementation of the new Interim Final Rule on asylum processing, the status of MPP and Title 42, major caselaw changes in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, and affirmative asylum processing through the Houston Asylum Office.

Zoe Bowman, Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center, El Paso, TX  
Robert Painter, American Gateways, Austin, TX  
Luis Rios, ProBAR, Harlingen, TX

**2:35 p.m. .75 hr | .25 hr ethics****Humanitarian Practice & Procedures Updates**

The panel will discuss updates to policy, procedure, and reality for DACA, TPS, Parole, SIJS, and U & T visas. This will include bona fide determinations (BFD) for U visas, work authorization eligibility for SIJS, and the benefits or not of advance parole for DACA and TPS.

Sarah Vidal, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin, Harlingen, TX  
Rosemary Vega, University of Houston Law Center, Immigration Clinic, Houston, TX

**3:20 p.m. Adjourn**

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**September 23, 2022**

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**September 26, 2022**

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**September 28, 2022, 12:50 a.m., CT**

*Fundamentals begins*

**September 29, 2022, 8:20 a.m., CT**

*Conference begins*

**September 30, 2022**

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