

**2022 Fundamentals of Immigration and Nationality Law**  
**September 28, 2022 • DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Austin • Austin, TX**  
**September 28, 2022 • Live Webcast**

**Wednesday Afternoon, Sep. 28, 2022**

**Presiding Officer:**

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

12:00 pm In Austin Only	<b>Registration Opens</b>
12:50 pm	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
1:00 pm 1.00 hr	<p><b>Understanding United States Immigration and Nationality Laws</b></p> <p>Explanations of concepts including unlawful presence, out of status, nonimmigrant intent, and of categories such as immigrants, nonimmigrants, and citizens.</p> <p>Paul Parsons, Paul Parsons, PC - Austin, TX</p>
2:00 pm 0.50 hr	<p><b>The Devil's Dictionary: Basic Immigration Terminology</b></p> <p>A run-down of the agencies and acronyms in the language of immigration law.</p> <p>Michelle L. Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriguez &amp; Associates, P.C. - Dallas, TX          Jacqueline L. Watson, Walker Gates Vela, PLLC - Austin, TX</p>
2:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>Family-Based Immigration: Petitions for Family Members, Visa Quota System and Countries Chargeability</b></p> <p>An introduction to the family immigration system, who can petition for who, the requirements, process, procedure and paperwork.</p> <p>Jodi M. Goodwin, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin - Harlingen, TX          Irene G. Mugambi, Law Office of Irene G. Mugambi P.C. - Dallas, TX</p>
3:15 pm	<b>15-Minute Break</b>
3:30 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>Employment-Based Immigration Basics</b></p> <p>Breakdown of employment-based nonimmigrant and immigrant categories; navigating applicable law, regulation, and policy; importance of building strong administrative record; resources for attorneys.</p> <p>Christine Traversi, Jackson Lewis P.C. - Houston, TX</p>
4:15 pm 0.75 hr	<p><b>Adjustment of Status/Consular Processing and Waiver Basics</b></p> <p>Answers to clients' most pressing questions: Can I adjust? Will I have to leave the country? What happens if I need a waiver?</p> <p>Rosa Maria Berdeja, Law Office of Rosa Maria Berdeja - Fort Worth, TX          Krystal Gomez, Lincoln-Goldfinch Law - Austin, TX</p>

5:00 pm  
0.50 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 pm

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