

Early Bird Pricing extended to February 6, 2018

We hope you can join us at this three-track conference on asylum and immigration law. The CLE is on Friday, February 23 and offers up to 8.5 hours of credit. Refreshments and lunch are included.

Register Below.

Immigration and Asylum Conference 2018—Feb 23, 2018

	Track A: Basic/Diversity/Ethics WA10	Track B: Special W400	Track C: Asylum Topics Auditorium
8:30-8:45 a.m.	WELCOMING REMARKS by Hon. Amiena Khan (in NAIJ capacity) and Professor Lenni Benson of Safe Passage Project, Auditorium		
8:45-9:00 a.m.	KEYNOTE WELCOME by Bitta Mostofi, Acting Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, Auditorium		
9:00-10:30 a.m.	INTRODUCTION TO ASYLUM LAW 1.5 Prof. Practice CLE (Trans/Non)	UNICEF & UNHCR: CHILD MIGRANTS & STATELESSNESS 1.5 Prof. Practice CLE (Trans/Non)	BEST PRACTICES BEFORE THE ASYLUM OFFICE 1.5 Prof. Practice CLE (Trans/Non)

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	<p>Learning Objectives: This presentation will provide an introduction to the asylum process within the U.S. It will address the entities involved, the standards and burdens of proof, and basic case law. In addition, presenters will compare asylum, withholding of removal, and relief under the Convention Against Torture, as well as provide a basic review of the standards and law.</p> <p>Moderator: Raquiba Huq, <i>NJ Legal Services & Rutgers University School of Law</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venus Bermudez, Esq. • Rebecca Feldman, <i>Seton Hall Law School</i> • Amy Gell, Esq. 	<p>Learning Objectives: Discussion of different models that work to help get representation to UACs and asylum-seekers with particular needs; new UN guidance on representing children, including the new joint General Comments from the Committee on Migrant Workers and the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Representation in complex areas, such as stateless people; the role of guardians in Immigration Court; and new statelessness representation manual developed, in part, by UNHCR Washington.</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Robert Weisel (Retired IJ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Farmer, <i>Statelessness & Representation</i> • Elizabeth Frankel, Esq., <i>The Young Center</i> • Kerry Neal, <i>UNICEF</i> 	<p>Learning Objectives: This program is designed for attorneys representing clients before the New York and Newark Asylum Offices. Experts will discuss how to prepare, file, and present asylum applications and discuss best practices with adjudicators from both asylum offices.</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Claire R. Thomas, <i>New York Law School</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Axford, Esq., <i>Central American Legal Assistance (CALA)</i> • Brooke Kelly, <i>Newark Asylum Office</i> • Marcia Lopes, <i>Newark Asylum Office</i> • Jodi Ziesemer, <i>Catholic Charities Community Services</i> • TBD, <i>New York Asylum Office</i>
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Transition		
10:45-12:15 p.m.	<p>NEXUS: HOW TO PROVE PERSECUTION ON ACCOUNT OF PROTECTED GROUNDS 1.0 Prof. Practice CLE (Trans/Non)</p>	<p>MATERIAL SUPPORT AND PERSECUTOR BARS 1.0 Prof. Practice CLE (Trans)</p>	<p>PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP: ADVANCED DISCUSSION 1.0 Prof. Practice CLE (Trans)</p>
	<p>Learning Objectives: What is the theory of the case?</p> <p>Moderator: Lauren Anselowitz, <i>Harlan York & Associates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murat Berdyev, Esq. • Jeff Chase, Esq. (Ret. IJ) • Susan Roy, Esq. • Dr. Alicia Triche 	<p>Learning Objectives: This panel will discuss statutory and regulatory provisions that preclude individuals from immigration benefits where the government maintains that person has assisted terrorist organizations or persecuted others</p> <p>Moderator: Usman B. Ahmad, Esq.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phillip Chwee, Esq. • Anwen Hughes, Esq. <i>Human Rights First</i> • Neha Kala, Esq. • Professor Steven Schulman 	<p>Learning Objectives: A discussion and exploration of the BIA and federal court developments refining the concept of persecution on account of membership in a particular social group. The speakers will explore existing law, building a theory of a case, supporting evidence, and current issues.</p> <p>Moderator: Desiree C. Hernandez, Esq., <i>Deputy Director, Safe Passage Project</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabi Ardalán, <i>Professor, Harvard Law School</i> • Dree Collopy, Esq.
12:15-12:30 p.m.	Transition		

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12:30-1:30 p.m. LUNCH & PLENARY (included in price) Events Center, 2nd Floor	<p>THE FUTURE OF IMMIGRATION: UPDATE ON CONGRESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION, AND THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNSEL, AND WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE HILL AND INSIDE DHS</p> <p>1.0 Prof. Practice CLE (Trans)</p> <p>Learning Objectives: This panel will look to the future of immigration based on current developments in Washington. Moderator: Prof. Lenni Benson Changes and Challenges facing the Immigration Courts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Paul Schmdtt, retired IJ, retired chair of the BIA, adjunct professor Georgetown Law School <p>American Immigration Council: View from Washington D.C., Expanding Representation of Immigrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Lucas, Esq. 		
1:30-1:45 p.m.	Transition		
1:45-3:00 p.m.	<p>ETHICS IN IMMIGRATION LAW CASES 1.5 Ethics CLE (Trans/Non)</p>	<p>BEYOND THE TEMPORARY: DACA, TPS, PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION AND AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE: CREATIVE STRATEGIES 1.5 Prof. Practice CLE (Trans/Non)</p>	<p>ADVANCED TRIAL SKILLS: DIRECT AND CROSS EXAMINATION: PRESERVING ISSUES FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW 1.5 Skills CLE (Trans/Non)</p>
	<p>Learning Objectives: Learn from experienced practitioners and ethics experts on how to avoid conflicts, your duty of candor to the tribunal, how to respond to clients, & how to avoid complaints. Moderator: Jojo Annobil, Esq. <i>Immigrant Justice Corps.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melinda Basaran, Esq. Lewis Tesser, Esq. 	<p>Learning Objectives: What are the strategies to aid people who are losing temporary status such as TPS? How to avoid the overstay bar but still access nonimmigrant or immigrant options. Should people be exploring nonimmigrant visas and 212(d)(3) waivers to resume and continue status in the U.S.? Are labor certifications being ignored for low skill workers? If Prosecutorial Discretion is a thing of the past, will litigation grown more defensive, complicated, and more people seek BIA and judicial review? Any miracle ideas? Moderator: Mark Shmueli, Esq.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samuel Chow, Esq. Linda Kenepaske, Esq. Raymond Lahoud, Esq. 	<p>Learning Objectives: Surviving to fight another day, motions, and preserving issues for judicial review. Moderator: Jeff Chase, (Retired IJ and former BIA Staff attorney)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rudra Visuvanathan, Esq. Elizabeth Duwe, Esq. Supervisory Staff Attorney in the Office of Legal Affairs, Second Circuit Court of Appeals David Isaacson, Esq.
3:00-3:15 p.m.	Transition		

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3:15-4:45 p.m.	<p>ASYLUM: STATUTORY BARS 1.5 Prof. Practice CLE (Trans/Non)</p> <p>Learning Objectives: Asylum one-year filing and other statutory bars will be discussed. Moderator: Lori Nessel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. John Gossart (Ret.) Raymond Lahoud Helen Parsonage, Esq. 	<p>BEST PRACTICE CHECKLIST FOR INTERVIEWING CLIENTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA 1.5 Diversity CLE (Trans/Non)</p> <p>Learning Objectives: As attorneys, we take the worst stories our clients carry and try to mold them into cognizable claims for relief. One of our greatest assets are memories of our clients, particularly the specific details we use to show credibility. However, the effect of trauma on memory is well documented. Oftentimes the most painful moments are hardest to clearly remember. So how can we as attorneys help our clients remember the things anyone would want to forget? In this training, we'll discuss the latest research in neuropsychology and what it can tell us about how we remember. We will review concrete techniques to reduce client stress during interviews as well as how to best support them before, during, and after testimony. We will also discuss cultural competence when working with LGBTQ+ clients and the unique trauma they experience. Finally, we'll look at what we can do to support ourselves and our colleagues in this vital and difficult work. Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andy Izenon, Esq. Geoff Kagan-Trenchard, Esq. 	<p>MOTIONS TO REOPEN AND RECONSIDERATION 1.5 Prof. Practice CLE (Trans/Non)</p> <p>Learning Objectives: The rules. The strategy. Moderator: Dr. Alicia Triche</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Schmidt, <i>Retired IJ and BIA</i> Hasan Shafiqullah, <i>The Legal Aid Society</i>

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4:45-6:15 p.m. CLOSING PLENARY Auditorium	<p>MOCK EXPERT EXAMINATION</p> <p>2.0 Skills CLE (Trans/Non)</p> <p>Learning Objectives: This program will provide a mock examination of an expert that might be used to support an asylum claim. The panelists and those playing roles will also participate in a discussion of best practices in selection, preparation, and examination of a witness.</p> <p>Role Players:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Schmidt, <i>Retired IJ and former chair of the BIA</i> • Mich Gonzalez, <i>Staff Attorney, Safe Passage Project</i> <p>Other: Betty Stevens, <i>Office of Immigration Litigation (OIL)</i>, will join the end of the program to offer her unique perspective as an appellate lawyer.</p>		
6:15 p.m.	<p>CLOSING REMARKS plenary auditorium</p> <p>Evaluations</p>		

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