2014 Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico Spring Conference

Topics & Speakers

Approved CLE:

**TX 13.25/2.5 Ethics**

**OK 16.00/2.5 Ethics NM 12.20/1.7 Ethics**



**Registration 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Thursday Night, April 24, 2014** (3 Tracks)

6:00 – 7:00pm

Roundtable 1:

**Anatomy of a Removal Case**

*Hon. Judge Michael P. Baird; Dallas Court Coordinator Barbara Baker; & Dallas ACC Dan Gividan*

Roundtable 2:

**Anatomy of a DACA Case**

*Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira*, *Cedillo-Pereira & Associates, PC and Nancy Falgout, Nancy A. Falgout, PC*

Roundtable 3:

**Anatomy of a Visa Application Case (at the Embassy/Border)**

*Karen Lee-Pollack, Bell Nunnally and Stephanie Paver, Foster Quan and Jeff Ghouse, Fulbright Jaworski*

7:15 pm- 8:30 pm

**Welcome Reception & “Meet the Experts”** sponsored by Jeremy Cassius, M.Ed., American Immigration Council and Foster Quan *Hosted by New Member Coordinator, Olsa Alikaj-Cano, Foster Quan*

***Friday, April 25, 2014***

6:30 – 7:30 am Yoga Registration 7:30 am – 8:00 am

***Joint Session (ALL)***

8:00 – 8:30 am

Welcome – *Terry Weir, Chapter Chair*

State of Immigration – *Ben Johnson, American Immigration Council*

**Dual Track**

**Family/Removal Track**

8:30 am – 9:30 am

*Kelleen O’Fallon, Verdin Law Firm*

*George Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriquez and Assoc.*

**Fundamentals of Family Immigration: How do you get from I-130 to I-485 including same-sex marriages, DNA issues, and polygamy**

9:30 am – 10:15 am

*Paul B. Hunker, III, Dallas Chief Counsel*

*Lance Curtright, De Mott, McChesney, Curtright, & Armendáriz*

**Prosecutorial Discretion:** What does this mean for your client and how to successfully obtain the government’s mercy?

**Business Track**

8:30-9:30 am

*Paul Rynerson, Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP*

*Christin Faykus, Dunbar Harder, PLLC*

**Fundamentals NIV**

9:30 to 10:15

*Maggie Murphy, Jackson Lewis P.C.*

*Beatriz Trillos Ballerini , Trillos-Ballerini Law Firm, PC*

**Fundamentals Labor Certifications**

***Joint Sessions (ALL)***

10:30 – 11:15 am

*Ruby Powers, Law Office of Ruby Powers* (.5 Ethics)

**Practice Management:** How to effectively use technology to manage & promote your practice. Top 10 tips on using technology to manage a practice & top 10 tips on promoting your practice. Best practices in using technology including password protection, posting testimonials, using photos of your clients, etc…

11:15 – 12:15 pm

*Joel Gonzalez, Cote & Gonzalez, PLLC*

*Paul Zoltan, Law Office of Paul Zoltan*

**Dos & Don’ts of Advising a Client**; dual representation; Perjury issues; Clients rights when questioned; 5th Amendment rights.

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm ***Lunch Presentation*** (1 hr. Ethics)

*LUNCH with Robert Alcorn, Texas Grievance Oversight Committee and Dirrell S. Jones, Asst. Disciplinary Counsel SBOT.* **Top 10 best practices for managing an immigration practice in an ethical and professional manner.**

***Friday, April 25, 2014 cont.***

**Dual Tracks**

**Family/Removal Track**

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

*Javier N. Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado*

*Carlos M. Garcia, Garcia & Garcia, PLLC*

*Cesar C. Garcia Hernandez, Univ. of Denver*

**Crimmigration and Recent Developments in the Categorical Approach**

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

*Rob Dunikoski, Dallas Deputy Chief Counsel*

*Brian Bates, Reina and Bates*

**Meeting Your Burden of Proof in Complex Waiver Cases and Dealing with Multiple Waivers.**

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

*Kelli Stump, Stump and Associates*

*Jason Mills, Law Office of Jason Mills*

**Family Waivers in the U.S. and Abroad including the I-601A**

**Business Track**

1:30 - 2:30

*Brent Huddleston, Haynes and Boone, LLP*

*Dustin O'Quinn, Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP*

**Business: Advanced Strategies/Alternatives to H-1B**

2:30 - 3:30

*Harry Joe, Jackson Lewis P.C.*

*Rick Gump, Law Offices of Richard A. Gump, Jr.*

*Lauren Allen, Law Offices of Richard A. Gump, Jr.*

**I-9 / E-Verify: Short form, Long List of Complexities and Hard Hitting Penalties**

3:45 to 4:45

*Faye Kolly, DeMott, McChesney, Curtright, and Armendariz LLP*

*Susan K. McConn, FosterQuan, LLP*

**Strategy and Preparation of Short Term Work Visas**

***Joint Session (ALL)***

4:45 pm – 5:45 pm

Anu Joshi, AILA National Grassroots Advocacy

*Media Training & Advocacy*

***Conference Concludes for the Day.***

***6:00 pm Networking Happy Hour at Miley & Brown***

**Saturday, April 26, 2014**

6:30 – 7:30 am Yoga

**Family/Removal Track**

8:00 am – 8:45 am

*Irene Mugambi, Law Office of Irene Mugambi*

*Larry Davis, Lawrence E. Davis, PC*

**I-751s waivers: When the Marriage Does Not Survive Conditional Residence**

8:45 am – 9:30 am

*Carlos Spector, Attorney at Law*

**Asylum Updates including LBGT Claims post DOMA, PSG changes & the Mexican/Central American Claims**

9:30 – 10:15 am

*Michelle Saenz-Rodriguez, Saenz-Rodriquez*

*Janet Beck, University of Houston* (.75 Ethics) **Ethical Issues in representing the incompetent & juveniles in removal proceedings plus pro bono settlement update.**

10:30 am – 11:15 am

*Jacqueline L. Watson, Offices of Thomas Esparza*

*Magali Candler, Foster Quan*

**Complex issues including AOS with a Removal Order, PIP, Creative Strategies to Maintain the Family Unit**

**Business Track**

8:00 am – 8:45 am

*Lisa Sotelo, Elise Healy & Associates, PLLC Terry Weir, Dunbar Harder, PLLC*

**Current RFE Trends**

8:45 to 9:30

*Sonali Patnaik, Patnaik Law Office*

*Megan Raesner, Xerox Business Services*

**Business: Site Visits and the USCIS Fraud Detection Unit**

9:30 am-10:15 am

*Susan Bond, Susan Bond PC*

*Noaman Azhar, Azhar & Azhar, PLLC*

**Beyond the Basics—PERM**

10:30 am – 11:15 am

*Furqan Sunny Azhar, Azahar & Azhar, PLLC*

*Ann Massey Badmus, Cowles & Thompson*

**Outstanding Researcher**

***Joint Session (ALL)***

11:15 am-Noon

*Rebecca Kitson, Rebecca Kitson Law*

*Rebecca Massiatte, Jackson Lewis, P.C.*

**Consular Processing Around the World: Current Trends and Words of Wisdom for Business, Family and other.**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING**

12:00 and 1:00 pm

George W. Bush Presidential Library at SMU Tours

There will be shuttles available to take persons who have signed up for a tour of the Presidential Library