

NAVIGATING THE WALL OF IMMIGRATION ~ Do we go Over, Under, Around, or Through? ~

AILA Texas, Oklahoma & New Mexico Chapter Spring Conference
May 2 – 4, 2019
Holiday Inn Downtown Marina
707 N. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Thursday, May 2, 2019

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Registration (The Lexington)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Federal Court Practice (The Lexington)

The foreign born defendant and the challenges faced in federal court.

Speakers:

Frank Morales, *Federal Public Defender, Corpus Christi, Tx*
Lance Curtright, *De Mott McChesney Curtright & Armendariz, LLP,
San Antonio, Tx*

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Social event (*The Lexington*)

Friday, May 3, 2019

6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

Yoga on the Bay with Ellen (Bring yoga mat)

7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

Registration

8:20 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome by Chapter Chair Olsi Vrapic

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Border Practice

The Caravan and other Asylum Seekers
MPP, Expedited Removal

Speakers:

Jodi Goodwin, *Law Office of Jodi Goodwin, Harlingen, Tx*
Caroline Walters, *American Immigration Council*

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Citizenship and Naturalization Issues

Naturalization, Derivative citizenship,
Child Citizenship Act of 2000, Midwife births

Speakers:

Nancy Shivers, *Shivers & Shivers, San Antonio, Tx*
AND SURPRISE GUEST . . .

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Court Procedures –

If the Judge's not happy, ain't nobody happy!

Speakers:

Hon. David Ayala, *Ayala & Acosta, LLP, McAllen, Tx*
Teresa Coles-Davila, *Law Office of Teresa Coles-Davila,
San Antonio, Tx*

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch/Chapter meeting

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Employment based immigration extravaganza.**
H-1B issues, TN developments, Worksite enforcement and investigations, employment based interviews, EB denials and NTAs.
- Speakers: Brent Huddleston, *Huddleston Law Group, Dallas*
Lisa Sotelo, *Elise Healy and Associates, Dallas*
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **District Court Issues**
Domestic Violence Victims and Abusers, SIJ, U visas
- Speakers: Hon. Inna Klein, *214th District Ct Judge, Corpus Christi, Tx*
Irene Mugambi, *Law Office of Irene G. Mugambi, Dallas, Tx*
- 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Hot topics in removal proceedings: What you need to know.**
- Speakers: Brian Bates, *Reina & Bates Immigration Law, Houston*
Michelle Saenz Rodriguez, *Saenz-Rodriguez
& Associates, LLP, Dallas, Tx*
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. **“Not Guilty”**
Getting verdicts your clients can live with on *this* side of the border. Pre-trial diversion, deferred adjudication, emerging trends and new programs.
- Mark Gonzalez, *Nueces County District Attorney, Corpus Christi, Tx*
Juan Carlos Rodriguez, *De Mott McChesney Curtright &
Armendariz, LLP, San Antonio, Tx*

Saturday, May 4, 2019

- 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. **Yoga / Run**
- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Family Based Issues**
Ethics in Immigration Law: Remaining True to Your Clients While Upholding Your Ethical Duties
- Speakers: Jackie Watson, *Walker, Gates, Vela PLLC, Austin, Tx*
Kate Goldfinch, *Lincoln-Goldfinch Law, Austin Tx*
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Waivers of Inadmissibility : Updates in AOS and Consular Processing**
Updates on the 3 and 10 year bars in AOS cases; New Policies and Timing of Filings; Stateside Waivers and Consular Processing; Public Charge
- Speakers: Kelli Stump, *Kelli J. Stump PLLC, Oklahoma City, Ok*
Rebecca Kitson, *Rebecca Kitson Law, Albuquerque, NM*
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Don't Grieve for me

How to avoid a grievance (or at least make them go away)

Speakers:

Olsa Alikaj Cano, *Foster Global LLP, Houston, Tx*

Hon. William Zimmer, *Houston, Tx*

Rosemary Vega, *Professor, Joseph Vail Immigration Clinic,
University of Houston, Houston, Tx*

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Practice Management of Small to Medium Practices

How to Start and Build an Immigration Law Practice.

Ruby Powers, *Powers Law Group PC, Houston, Tx*

Debra Rodriguez, *Rodriguez & Moretzsohn PLLC,
Corpus Christi, Tx*

Adjournment