THE ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS & UST INTERPROFESSIONAL CENTER FOR COUNSELING AND LEGAL SERVICES PRESENT

SPRING 2021 ASYLUM CONFERENCE

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021
8:30 ZOOM OPENS

8:45 OPENING COMMENTS

9:00 - 10:30 (LEGAL TRACK)
SUITING UP FOR COURT: STANDING ORDERS, WEBEX, E-FILING

LEAD: **SARAH BRENES**, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
PANELIST: **DAVID WILSON**, IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY, WILSON LAW GROUP
PANELIST: **ANU JASWAL**, IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY, CONTRERAS METELSKA, PA
PANELIST: **JUDGE RYAN WOOD**, EOIR ASSISTANT CHIEF IMMIGRATION JUDGE

- Hear about the status of court reopening for non-detained cases and how to prepare new case flow processes when it does.
- Get tips for motion work and filings with the court as cases continue to be postponed.
- Learn about judge preferences and when/how to reach out to DHS on your case.

9:00 - 10:30 (MENTAL HEALTH TRACK)
MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS 101: FOR ASYLUM, WITHHOLDING, & CAT CLAIMS

LEAD: **ANN MARIE WINSKOWSKI**, DIRECTOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, UST
PANELIST: **ANNE SLANINA**, LP, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST
PANELIST: **DAMIR URTZUN**, MANAGER OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, HAZELDEN BETTY FORD FOUNDATION
PANELIST: **CONNOR MOLLOY**, PSYCHOTHERAPIST, HAMM CLINIC

Panel Description Coming Soon
10:40 - 12:00 (LEGAL TRACK)
YOUR CONNECTION IS UNSTABLE: NAVIGATING REGULATIONS, LITIGATION AND A NEW ADMINISTRATION TO EFFECTIVELY REPRESENT CLIENTS

LEAD: LINDSEY GREISING, ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
PANELIST: ZACHARY ALBUN, CLINICAL TEACHING FELLOW, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
PANELIST: AUDREY GILLIAM, IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY, NWIRP

- An overview of Trump-era changes to asylum law
- Discussion of the (unstable) status of asylum law in light of litigation and the new administration
- Practice pointers on how to proceed and what to think about

10:40 - 12:00 (MENTAL HEALTH TRACK)
CHANGES IN BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY (FEDERAL VS. STATE VS. LOCAL)

LEAD: GEORGE BABOILA, CO-DIRECTOR, UST ICCLS
PANELIST: TERI GUHL, IMMIGRATION LAW SPECIALIST | ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS DIVISION, MN DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES
PANELIST: LAURA MELNICK, LEAD ATTORNEY, ECONOMIC JUSTICE UNIT

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12:00 - 12:30 LUNCH BREAK
12:30 - 1:45 (JOINT SESSION)
MENTAL ILLNESS AND BRAIN INJURIES AMONG REFUGEES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENT YOUR CLIENT
LEAD: HANNE SANDISON, IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY, THE ADVOCATES
PANELIST: DR. STEVE LOCKMAN, MD, MN NEUROREHABILITATION INSTITUTE
PANELIST: KYLE LIPINKSKI, LPCC, MSS, LEDC, MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR
PANELIST: DR. JENNIFER MCQUAID, PHD, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST
MODERATOR: AMELIA WILSON, IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY, COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL
- What to expect and keep in mind in your interactions with your client
- How to determine which evaluations might best serve your client
- Understanding the interplay of trauma, brain injury, and mental illness, and what that means for your immigration case.

2:00 - 3:15 (JOINT SESSION)
WRANGLING WORK PERMITS & MAKING ENDS MEET WITHOUT THEM
LEAD: KIM BOCHE, LEGAL STAFF, ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
LEAD: RACHEL AMERMAN, UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
PANELIST: ANNE RECINOS, CO LEGAL DIRECTOR, ASYLUM SEEKER ADVOCACY PROJECT
PANELIST: MIRANDA MORGAN LILLA, DEPUTY STATE DIRECTOR, SENATOR SMITH
- Get a general legal overview of Work Permits and the regulatory changes that have made them more difficult to obtain
- Work Permit Adjudication Trends and frequent issues
3:30 - 5:00 (JOINT SESSION)
INTERPROFESSIONAL ROUNDTABLE:
HOW ATTORNEYS & MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT ASYLUM APPLICANTS

LEAD: MISTI ALLEN BINSFELD, IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY, BINSFELD LAW FIRM
LEAD: MALINDA SCHMIECHEN, IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY, AUST SCHMIECHEN, P.A.
PANELIST: JEAN CHOE, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST
PANELIST: HEATHER TRACEY, SOCIAL WORKER, CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE

- Roles of each profession
- Setting client expectations
- Sharing information between the professionals and confidentiality
- Client interviewing techniques, both in-person and virtually
- Mandatory reporting issues