

**State Bar of Texas  
Immigration & Nationality Section**

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pro Bono Project: Immigration Primer & Family Preparedness Training Clinic**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019. 6 Hours MCLE/1.5 Ethics**

- **8:00 Welcome**
- **8:05 The Intersection of Family & Immigration**
  - 1 MCLE, .25 Ethics
  - Definitions (spouse, child) in various immigration and family applications
  - Immigration status & divorce/custody issues
  - The Visa Bulletin and changes in the family
  - Dual representation concerns
  - *Speakers:*
    - Margarita Hernandez - [houstonchaptermh@gmail.com](mailto:houstonchaptermh@gmail.com)
    - Javier Rivera - [Javier.Rivera@dmcausa.com](mailto:Javier.Rivera@dmcausa.com)
- **9:00 Break**
- **9:05 I-751 Waivers & VAWA/U Visas**
  - 1 MCLE, .25 Ethics
  - Impact of divorce and separation on conditional residence
  - Discrepancies in immigration and divorce proceedings
  - DV, U, and VAWA screening issues in divorce
  - Victims' confidentiality
  - *Speakers:*
    - Brandon Roche - [brandon@rocheimmigration.com](mailto:brandon@rocheimmigration.com)
    - Emma Ibarra-Martinez - [emma@imimmigrationlaw.com](mailto:emma@imimmigrationlaw.com)
- **10:00 Break**
- **10:05 Public Charge & Family Matters Affecting Citizenship & Removability**
  - 1 MCLE, .25 Ethics
  - I-864 sponsor obligations
  - I-864 enforceability in divorce proceedings
  - Public charge trends
  - Conflicts of interest
  - Family matters impacting deportability
  - Family matters impacting naturalization
  - *Speakers:*
    - Pamela Barnett - [psb@barnett-lawgroup.com](mailto:psb@barnett-lawgroup.com)
    - Elizabeth Mendoza - [mendozamacias@aol.com](mailto:mendozamacias@aol.com)
- **11:00 Break**
- **11:05 International Adoption / Custody**
  - 1 MCLE, .25 Ethics
  - Differences in adopted children: IR2, IH3, IR3, IH4, IR4
  - Hague Convention adoptions
  - Orphan (non-Hague) adoptions
  - Other adoptions
  - Child Citizenship Act
  - Alternatives to adoption for lawful status
  - *Speakers:*
    - Anne Kennedy - [akennedy@aek-law.com](mailto:akennedy@aek-law.com)
    - Lauren M. Rouhana - [lrouhana@quanlaw.com](mailto:lrouhana@quanlaw.com)
- **12:00 Lunch**
- **1:05 Special Juvenile Immigration Status**
  - 1 MCLE, .25 Ethics
  - Eligibility and screening
  - Current trends
  - SIJ findings in custody/divorce proceedings
  - Impact on UAC status of custody/guardianship/adoption proceedings
  - Dual representation or representation of child only
  - *Speakers:*
    - Jae Lee - [jlee@catholiccharities.org](mailto:jlee@catholiccharities.org)
    - Dalia Castillo-Granados - [dalia.castillo-granados@abacila.org](mailto:dalia.castillo-granados@abacila.org)
    - Claire Doutre - [cdoutre@supportkind.com](mailto:cdoutre@supportkind.com)
- **2:00 Break**
- **2:05 Family Preparedness Plan Training**
  - 1 MCLE, .25 Ethics
  - Informal arrangements for care
  - Powers of attorney, Guardianship, & child welfare proceedings
  - Important documents and emergency contacts
  - Investigating immigration options
  - 'Know Your Rights' resources and safe spaces policies
  - Giving general advice or creating client relationship
  - *Speakers:*
    - Elizabeth Tran
    - Blenda Ruiz - [jessie.campbell@hvlp.org](mailto:jessie.campbell@hvlp.org)
- **Break**
- **3:15 Family Preparedness Service Project**
  - Pro bono assistance of pre-scheduled immigrant families at risk of separation with family preparedness plans