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Friday, February 25, 2022

8:45 – 9:00 AM | Welcoming Speech

Dean Anthony Crowell, President, New York Law School
Professor Lenni B. Benson, Distinguish Chair introducing
The Honorable Denny Chin, Senior Judge, Second Circuit Court of Appeals

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Morning - Beginner Track	Morning - Advanced Track
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raquiba Huq – Supervising Attorney, Immigration Representation Project at Legal Services of New Jersey and Rutgers Law School • Alex Grant – Senior Staff Attorney, Safe Passage Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradley Jenkins – Senior Litigation Counsel, Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) • Nicole Johnson – Acting Legal Director, Safe Passage Project
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gia Kagan-Trenchard – Adjunct Professor, New York Law School & Senior Manager, The Freewrite Project, PEN America 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susan Roy, Esq., Moderator – Chair, AILA-NJ, Secretary of the Municipal Court Practice Section Professor Heather Axford – Legal Director, Central American Legal Assistance (CALA), Adjunct NYLS Professor Sabi Ardalan – Clinical Professor, Harvard Law School & Director, Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program Blaine Bookey, Esq. – Legal Director, Center for Gender and Refugee Studies
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12:45 – 1:45 PM | Plenary Lunch Panel
Best Practices Before the Asylum Office
(1 hour of CLE credit, General)

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Speakers:

- Jodi Ziesemer, Esq., Moderator – Director, Immigrant Protection Unit, New York Legal Assistance Group
- Alex Schank – Acting Deputy Director, Newark Asylum Office
- Brooke Kelly – Section Chief, Newark Asylum Office
- Porcia Vasquez – Section Chief, New York Asylum Office
- Christina Kan – Supervisory Asylum Officer, New York Asylum Office, and/or
- Emily Elizabeth von Werlhof – Supervisory Asylum Office, New York Asylum Office

Afternoon – Beginner Track	Afternoon – Advanced Track
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2:00 – 3:30 PM Understanding Bars to Eligibility Introduction (1.5 hours of CLE credit, General)	2:00 – 3:30 PM Ethics and the Asylum Process: Challenges of the Pro Se Clinic and Exploring the Duties of the Attorney (1.5 hours of CLE credit, Ethics)
Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The One Year Bar• Parole or Other Status and the One Year Bar	Topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Scope of Representation Defined• Limited Representation Under EOIR Rules

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Introduction to Motions to Reopen • Criminal or Security Related Bars • Watch Out for Derivatives <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul O'Dwyer, Moderator – Immigration Attorney, The Law Office of Paul O'Dwyer, P.C. • Sophia Genovese – Pro Bono Supervising Attorney, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York • Victoria Nielson – Supervising Attorney, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical Responsibilities Beyond the Initial Drafting of an Application • Ethics and the Expert • Ethics of Referrals <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danny Alicea, Esq., Moderator – Litigation Supervisor, Center for Family Representation & Chair, Immigration and Nationality Law Committee of the NYC Bar Association • Maryann Tharappel, Esq., – Attorney-in-Charge, Immigrant & Refugee Services, Catholic Charities Community Services (CCCS) • Lauren Wyatt, Esq., – Managing Attorney, Catholic Charities Community Services, Archdiocese of New York • Claudia Slovinsky, Esq., – Principal and Founder, Claudia Slovinsky and Associates, PLLC
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Informed Approach • Preparing for the Interview • Preparation for the Interview or Hearing <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Reiser Murphy, Esq. – Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society • Tricia Claxton, Esq. – Senior Staff Attorney, Safe Passage Project • Matthew Boles, Esq. – Direct Services Attorney, Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative of the Southern Poverty Law Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locating an Appropriate Expert • Establishing the Credentials of the Expert • Preparing the Affidavit • When “Live” Testimony Is Required • Using Shared “Affidavits” <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brett Stark, Moderator – Co-Founder & Legal Director, Terra Firma Healthcare and Justice with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York • Dr. Alan Shapiro – Co-Founder & Medical Director, Terra Firma Healthcare and Justice with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York • Hon. Jeffrey S. Chase, Moderator – Immigration Lawyer, Immigration Judge, Retired • Amelia Frank-Vitale, Ph.D., – Postdoctoral Research Associate & Lecturer, Princeton University
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5:30 – 6:20 PM | Plenary Closing: The Need for Pro Bono

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Speakers:

- Alexandra Rizio, Moderator – Managing Attorney for Training and Partnerships, Safe Passage Project
- Commissioner Manuel Castro – NYC Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs (pre-recorded remarks)
- Hon. Amiena Khan, IJ – EOIR (invited)
- Desiree Hernandez – Interim Executive Director, Safe Passage Project
- Camille Mackler – Executive Director, Immigrant Advocates Response Collaborative (Immigrant-ARC)

6:20 – 6:30 PM | Farewell and Thank You

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Saturday, February 26, 2022

8:30 – 8:45 AM | Welcoming Speech

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8:45 – 10:15 AM

Session One: Affirmative Asylum Overview for Afghans

(1.5 hours of CLE credit, General)

Topics include:

- Process
- Special Rules
- Expectations
- Preparation for Questions

Speakers:

- Elizabeth Gibson, Esq., Moderator – Managing Attorney for Capacity Building and Mentorship, National Immigrant Justice Center
- Regina Germain, Esq., – (Appearing in her personal capacity), former author of AILA's Asylum Primer
- Professor Lindsay Harris – Director, University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law Law's Immigration and Human Rights Clinic

- Jennie Guilfoyle, Esq., – Legal Director, VECINA

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10:25 – 11:55 AM

Session Two: Theories of Nexus Based on Various Grounds

(1.5 hours of CLE credit, General)

Topics include:

- Evacuation Alone Does Not Establish a Claim – Proving “Sufficient Nexus”
- Gender and Asylum Protection in the Afghan Context
- Imputed Political Opinion
- Understanding Past Persecution

Speakers:

- Hon. Jeffrey S. Chase, Moderator – Immigration Lawyer, Immigration Judge, Retired
- Jodi Ziesemer, Esq. – Director, Immigrant Protection Unit, NYLAG
- Alicia Triche, Esq. – Sole Proprietor, Triche Immigration Appeals
- Shala Gafay, Esq. – Managing Attorney, Afghan Legal Assistance at Human Rights First

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12:00 – 1:30 PM

Session Three: Barriers and Obstacles

(1.5 hours of CLE credit, General)

Topics include:

- National Security & Other Bars Relating to Afghans
- The Third Safe Country Restrictions

Speakers:

- Professor Faiza Sayed, Moderator – Director, Safe Harbor Clinic at Brooklyn Law School
- Anwen Hughes, Esq. – Director of Legal Strategy, Refugee Programs, Human Rights First
- Erin Simpson – Partner, Landings LLP

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1:40 – 2:40 PM

Session Four: "Breaking News"

(1 hour of CLE credit, General)

This final panel will cover current policy issues and practice tips for those representing Afghans. We will include the status of the Asylum Office process and address a potential Afghan Adjustment of Status Act which would expand eligibility for Afghan nationals

Speakers:

- Camille Mackler, Moderator - Executive Director, Immigrant ARC
- Chris Purdy – Director, Veterans for American Ideals and Outreach at Human Rights First

2:40 – 2:50 PM | Closing Remarks

Delivered by Hon. Amiena Khan, IJ (invited) and Professor Lenni Benson

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