

CLINIC'S 2007 TRAINING SCHEDULE SUMMARY

CLINIC provides high-quality immigration trainings throughout the year to the staff of its member agencies. Our trainings are also available to staff of community-based nonprofit organizations. For these organizations, as part of the registration process, we request a copy of the IRS letter designating the agency as an IRS (501(c)(3)) nonprofit entity. Our trainings are also open to private attorneys and staff.

CLINIC is planning a full training schedule on immigration-related topics for 2007. We continue to offer some of last year's most successful trainings and this year we will add new components to our Program Management training, now known as our Legalization-Preparedness trainings. The following is a short summary of the trainings. Check the 2007 Training Schedule at our website: www.cliniclegal.org for the list of contact persons to call for registration information and for changes/additions, as well as the listing of our new registration fees.

1. SURVEY OF IMMIGRATION LAW - This basic, two-day training provides an overview of immigration law and is designed for new practitioners. The subjects covered will include family-based immigration law and procedures, grounds of inadmissibility and deportability, overview of removal proceedings, defenses to removal, naturalization, and BIA recognition and accreditation procedures.

2. FAMILY-BASED IMMIGRATION LAW TRAINING - This two-day training offers practitioners at all levels of experience in-depth substantive law, practice tips, and hands-on practical experience in family-based immigration. Topics will include overview of family immigration, eligibility for adjustment of status, consular processing, grounds of inadmissibility, waivers of inadmissibility, and the affidavit of support requirements.

3. LEGALIZATION-PREPAREDNESS TRAININGS - These trainings focus on the need to prepare now for the coming legalization. They will feature a presentation on the effective use of web-based demography tools to identify immigrant populations for services, as well as lessons learned from the last legalization. The conference will include much of CLINIC's highly praised Immigration Program Management Curriculum including: the elements of management to ensure program viability, strategic planning with a focus on starting a program, managing financial performance and costs, setting and collecting fees, case management standards, using technology, promoting staff development, and developing resources.

4. THE IMPACT OF CRIMES AND OVERVIEW OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS - This two-day training will review crime-based inadmissibility and deportability issues, the significance of having a crime classified as an aggravated felony, crime bars to good moral character, and an overview of available immigration remedies. Participants will also discuss practice points for representing an immigrant with a criminal record. In addition, the training will review how people are placed in removal proceedings, the rights of aliens stopped and/or detained by ICE, and what happens after court proceedings commence.

5. COURT ADVOCACY SKILLS - In this three-day training, participants will go through all the stages of case preparation and court advocacy. The training covers case analysis and formulating a theory of the case, bond hearings and master calendar hearings, evidence issues, opening and closing statements, and direct and cross-exam. As part of the training, students will observe and critique mock hearings and participate in a mock hearing as a client advocate, witness or ICE trial attorney.

6. IMMIGRATION RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE AND CRIMES
(Referred to as "VAWA TRAINING" in training schedule chart)-

This training will cover the self-petitioning process and cancellation of removal under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), including review of the eligibility requirements, new legislative changes and guidance in gathering supporting documentation. The training will also review other potential remedies for abused immigrants, including gender-based asylum, special immigrant juvenile status, and the T and U visas for victims of trafficking and certain designated crimes.

7. NATURALIZATION/CITIZENSHIP - This training is designed for practitioners who want to improve their skills at naturalization law. It will cover the new legislative changes on derived naturalization, acquired

citizenship, the effect of criminal convictions, establishing good moral character, abandonment of permanent residency, appeals of denials, and federal court actions.

8. ASYLEE/REFUGEE ISSUES - This one-day training will review immigration issues affecting refugees and asylees, including procedures for gaining status; applications for derivative beneficiaries; employment and travel issues; the "material support" ground of inadmissibility; termination of status; and adjustment of status and waivers.

9. BARS AND WAIVERS - This training will cover the most common grounds of inadmissibility: health, crimes, fraud, prior deportation, and unlawful presence. It will then offer guidance on completing waiver applications and gathering the necessary supporting documentation to satisfy the statutory requirements.

10. RELIGIOUS IMMIGRATION TRAINING - These trainings are presented by CLINIC's Division of Religious Immigration Services (DRIS) and are directed to staff of Catholic Charities programs with 501(c)(3) status. They offer the following topics: basic concepts of immigration law, applicable laws and regulations, R-1 nonimmigrant visas, special immigrant visas for religious workers, and practice pointers. Contact CLINIC's Division of Religious Immigration Services (DRIS) at 202/756-5549 for more information on religious immigration trainings.

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