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**Partial to Full
Accreditation (P2F)
Initiative:
Informational Webinar**

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Agenda

- Overview of Partial to Full (P2F) Accreditation Initiative
- Eligibility criteria
- Timeline of activities
- Resources
- Q&A

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Partial to Full Accreditation Initiative

- **Goal:** Expand removal defense representation capacity through the R&A program
- **Approach:** Provide robust removal defense training, including court skills, and full accreditation application support to partially accredited representatives
- **Platform:** E-Learning Course Site and Zoom
– <https://elearning-cliniclegal.org/>

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Eligibility Criteria

- You are
 - 1) a partially accredited representative;
 - 2) who works at a DOJ recognized organization;
 - 3) plans to seek full accreditation at the conclusion of this training;
 - 4) will provide removal defense upon obtaining full accreditation status; and
 - 5) your program supports you in this endeavor.

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Eligibility Criteria

- Preference will be given to CLINIC affiliates
- Fully accredited representatives working at a DOJ recognized organization are eligible to apply for this opportunity provided you plan to provide removal defense at the conclusion of this training. However, because space is limited, CLINIC will prioritize applications from partially accredited representatives who meet the above criteria.
- Attorneys are not eligible for this training.

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Timeline of Activities

- **July 18:** Deadline to submit online application
- **August 8:** Receive notification of selection status
- **By August 25:**
 - Submit completed MOU signed by partial accredited rep, Project Coordinator, and Authorized Representative of participating organization
 - Pay \$325 registration fee
 - Establish an in-house/local mentorship arrangement with attorney or fully accredited rep and begin obtaining hands-on experience through shadowing

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Timeline of Activities

- **September 14:**
 - Attend orientation webinar during which CLINIC staff will discuss expectations, review the schedule, and answer questions
 - Start planning to observe a master calendar or individual hearing in immigration court and submit reflections in writing.

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Timeline of Activities

- **September through November:**
 - Webinars addressing the following topics:
 - Anatomy of a Removal Hearing
 - EOIR Practice Rules, Ethics
 - Program Considerations for Providing Removal Defense (Part I and Part II)
 - Evidence in Immigration Court
 - Non-LPR Cancellation of Removal
 - Case Assessment
 - Legal writing assignment
 - Reading materials, including case file that will be used during court skills training and for case assessment exercise
 - Posting of court observations

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Timeline of Activities

- **September through November:** Continue to review case file in preparation for in-person court skills training
- **November:** Case assessment and legal writing assignment due
- **December 5-9:** attend online court skills training, 12:30-5PM ET.

** Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required. **

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Court Skills Training

- Case Assessment
- Direct Examination
- Refreshing Recollection
- Objections
- Preparing Client for Cross Examination
- Re-Direct Examination
- Closing Argument
- "What Would You Do?" Skit and Discussion

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Post-Training Timeline

- **January through June:**
 - Consult with CLINIC's FSC on preparing application for full accreditation
 - Prepare application using R & A toolkit and step-by-step guide and samples
 - Provide final draft to FSC for feedback
- **By June 30, 2023:**
 - Submit full accreditation application to Office of Legal Access Programs, notify FSC of filing date and provide a copy

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Post-Training Timeline

- **Within a month of receiving full accreditation from OLAP (even if the date falls after June 30, 2023):**

- Submit a final report to CLINIC that explains how this in-depth training and full accreditation status impacted you professionally and your organization’s capacity to serve your local immigrant communities. Alternatively, if you do not obtain full accreditation status your report should explain why you were unable to complete this requirement.

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Resources

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- Recording to today's webinar
- Application to participate
- Sample MOU and timeline of activities
- FSC Chart
- Action plan for full accreditation
- DOJ R & A toolkit and step-by-step guide link
<https://cliniclegal.org/issues/defending-vulnerable-populations/partial-to-full-accredited-representative-initiative>

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Questions?

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