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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 with partial accreditation
- Can non-CLINIC affiliates with partial accreditation apply for this training?
- Can fully accredited reps apply for this training?
- Attorneys are not eligible for this training

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Timeline of Activities

- **August 1:** Deadline to submit online application
- **August 18:** Receive notification of selection status
- **By August 25:** Participant provide confirmation of participation in the program
- **By September 1:**
 - Complete the registration process which includes a registration payment of \$395 and submission of the Agreement signed by participant and participant's supervisor

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Timeline of Activities

- **September 12:**
 - Attend orientation webinar (2pm ET) 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 December:**
 - 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
 - Reading materials, including case file that will be used during court skills training and for case assessment exercise
 - **All webinars must be complete by January 5; case assessment by January 12.**

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Timeline of Activities

- **September through December:** Continue to review case file in preparation for in-person court skills training
 - **January:** Case assessment due and all webinars completed
 - **February 6-8:** in-person training in Atlanta Georgia!
- ** Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required. **

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Timeline of Activities: Assignments

- **February 5, 2024:** post immigration court observations to the course website
- **March 1, 2024:** deadline to complete short writing assignment

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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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Preparing the Full Accreditation Application

- **Before Court Skills Training:**
 - Develop a plan for obtaining immigration court experience
 - Attend and document your observations of master calendar and/or individual hearings
 - Further develop your legal research, writing and advocacy skills by working with your mentor on removal cases (e.g. draft documents for immigration court, observe consultations and hearing preparations)
 - Watch recorded webinar on "Applying for Full Accreditation"

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Preparing the Full Accreditation Application

- **After the Court Skills Training (February – August):**
 - Continue with your immigration court experience
 - Prepare application using R & A toolkit and step-by-step guide and samples
 - Consult with CLINIC on preparing full accreditation application
 - Provide final draft to CLINIC for feedback
- **By August 31, 2024:**
 - Submit full accreditation application to Office of Legal Access Programs, notify CLINIC 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 August 31, 2024):**
 - 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

Partial to Full Accreditation Initiative

- Recording to today's webinar
- Application to participate
- Sample Agreement
- Sample Project Timeline and Summary of Steps
- Action plan for full accreditation
- DOJ R & A toolkit and step-by-step guide link

<https://www.cliniclegal.org/issues/defending-vulnerable-populations/partial-full-accreditation-initiative-2023>

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Questions?

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