



P2F: Partial to Full Accreditation Initiative Informational Webinar

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Agenda



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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/>



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.



Eligibility FAQs

- Will preference will be given to CLINIC affiliates?
- Can non-CLINIC affiliates with partial accreditation apply for this training?
- Can fully accredited representatives apply for this training?
- Can attorneys apply for this training?



Timeline of Activities

- **August 9:** Deadline to submit the online application
- **August 28:** Receive notification of selection status
- **September 6:** Deadline for participant to provide confirmation of participation in the program
- **September 13:** Deadline to complete the registration process which includes a registration payment (\$545 for Affiliates or \$650 for Non-Affiliates) and submission of the Agreement signed by participant and participant's supervisor



Timeline of Activities

•September 20:

- 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.



Timeline of Activities

- **September through December: Webinars addressing the following topics:**
 - Anatomy of a Removal Hearing
 - Asylum Overview
 - Case Assessment
 - EOIR Practice Rules
 - Evidence in Immigration Court
 - Ethics
 - Legal writing webinar
- Reading materials, including case file based on an asylum claim that will be used during court skills training and for case assessment exercise
- **All webinars must be complete by January 10; case assessment by January 17.**



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 4-6 (arrive on February 3):** in-person training in Walnut Creek, California!

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



Timeline of Activities

- **February 3, 2025:** post immigration court observations to the course website
- **March 3, 2025:** deadline to complete short writing assignment.



Court Skills Training

- Case Assessment
- Direct Examination
- Objections
- Preparing Clients for Cross-Examination
- Re-Direct Examination
- Closing Argument
- “What Would You Do?” Skit and Discussion



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 the recorded webinar on "Applying for Full Accreditation"



Preparing the Full Accreditation Application

- **After the Court Skills Training (February – August):**
 - Continue with your immigration court experience
 - Prepare application using R & A toolkit
 - Consult with CLINIC on preparing full accreditation application
 - Provide final draft to CLINIC for feedback
- **August 29, 2025:**
 - Deadline to submit full accreditation application to Office of Legal Access Programs, notify CLINIC of filing date and provide a copy



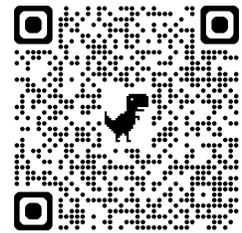
Post-Training Timeline

- **Within a month of receiving full accreditation from OLAP (even if the date falls after August 29, 2025):**
 - 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.

Resources

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



<https://www.cliniclegal.org/training/partial-full-accreditation-initiative>

