



Partial to Full Accreditation Initiative (P2F)

Informational Webinar

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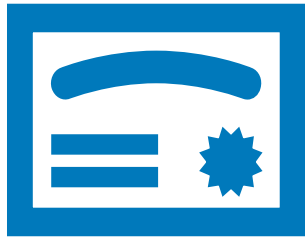


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Agenda



Overview
of Partial
to Full
Initiative



Eligibility
criteria



Timeline
of
activities



Resources



Q&A

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 working at a DOJ recognized organization;
- 2) plans to seek full accreditation at the conclusion of this training;
- 3) will provide removal defense upon obtaining full accreditation status; and
- 4) your program supports you in this endeavor.

Eligibility FAQs

- Will preference be given to CLINIC Affiliates? **Yes**
- Can non-CLINIC Affiliates with partial accreditation apply for this training? **Yes (*with caveat*)**
- Can fully accredited representatives apply for this training? **No (*with caveat*)**
- Can attorneys apply for this training? **No**

Timeline of Activities

August 8: Deadline to submit the online application

August 22: Receive notification of selection status

August 29: Deadline for participant to provide confirmation of participation in the program

September 5: Deadline to complete the registration process which includes a registration payment (\$650 for Affiliates or \$750 for Non-Affiliates) and submission of the Agreement signed by participant and participant's supervisor

Timeline of Activities

September 12

- ✓ Participant and their program director/supervisor attends the orientation webinar (2p.m. ET) 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

- ✓ Watch webinars on the following topics by **December 19**:
 - ▬ 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

Timeline of Activities

September through December

- ✓ Continue to review case file in preparation for in-person court skills training
- ✓ Submit complete case assessment by **October 31**

January 26: Submit written reflections of immigration court observations

Timeline of Activities

February 3-5 (arrive on February 2): in-person training at Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas Market Center, Dallas, TX!

- 2.5 days of instruction
- Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required!

March 2: Submit legal writing assignment

August 28: File your full accreditation application to Recognition & Accreditation Program

Court Skills Training

What will you learn?

- 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:

- ✓ Watch the recorded webinar on "Applying for Full Accreditation"
- ✓ 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)

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 28, 2026:

- ✓ Deadline to submit full accreditation application to the Recognition and Accreditation Program
- ✓ 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 28, 2026):

- ✓ 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.

What does the registration fee include?

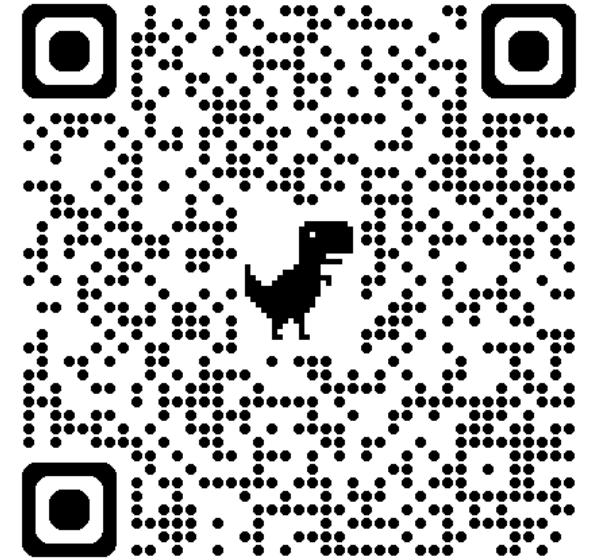
- All recorded trainings
- All training materials and resources on the P2F e-learning site
- Office hours for training materials covered
- Consultation and review of full accreditation application
- Cost to attend the in person court skills training in Dallas, Texas
 - Lunch provided during training times
 - Travel to/from training site, hotel room, other meals, and associated costs **are not included!**
 - Participant responsible for making travel, hotel, and meal arrangements not covered in the registration fee

Resources

Partial to Full Accreditation Initiative

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

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



Next Steps

- Review the P2F webpage if you need more information and to access the application
- If interested, fill out the application by Aug. 8
- Wait for notification of selection. Notification will be sent out by Aug. 22
- If selected, review Agreement form and pay registration by Sept. 5
- Observe all other requirements and deadlines noted in the “Project Timeline and Summary of Steps”.

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QUESTIONS



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