

THE INTERSECTION OF IMMIGRATION AND FAMILY LAW

Friday, April 14, 2023

At South Texas College of Law Houston with ZOOM option

6 MCLE, 1.25 Ethics



A Collaboration of The Family Law Section, Hispanic Issues Section, and Immigration & Nationality Law Section

8:30 Welcome

8:45 **The Intersection of Family & Immigration**

Anne Kennedy

Definitions (spouse, child) in various immigration and family applications

Immigration status & divorce/custody issues

The Visa Bulletin and changes in the family

Dual representation concerns

9:30 **I-751 Waivers & VAWA/U Visas**

Javier Rivera

Impact of divorce and separation on conditional residence

Discrepancies in immigration and divorce proceedings

DV, U, and VAWA screening issues in divorce

Victims' confidentiality

10:15 Break

10:30 **Public Charge & Family Matters Affecting Citizenship & Removability**

Aimee Maldonado

I-864 sponsor obligations

I-864 enforceability in divorce proceedings

Public charge trends

Conflicts of interest

Family matters impacting deportability and naturalization

11:15 **International Adoption / Custody**

James Evans

Differences in adopted children: IR2, IH3, IR3, IH4, IR4

Hague Convention adoptions

Orphan (non-Hague) adoptions

Other adoptions

Child Citizenship Act

Alternatives to adoption for lawful status

12:00 box lunch provided to in-person attendees

12:45 **LGBTQ, Surrogacy and Other Modern Families**

Ana Maria Schwartz & Deborah Lawson

Gestational agreements and how to validate them

Establishing paternity via a gestational agreement

Changing Name & Gender marker identifiers on legal documents

Establishing a valid common law marriage

1:30 **View From the Bench**

Justice Kim Baughman and Justice Germaine Tanner

Practical tips and valuable insight for success in the courtroom.

2:15 Break

2:30 **Special Juvenile Immigration Status**

Alma Benavides & Lauren Leal

Eligibility and screening

Current trends

SIJ findings in custody/divorce proceedings

Impact on UAC status of

custody/guardianship/adoption proceedings

Dual representation or representation of child only

3:15 **Family Preparedness**

Caitlin Fish

Informal arrangements for care

Powers of attorney, Guardianship, & child welfare proceedings

Important documents and emergency contacts

Investigating immigration options

'Know Your Rights' resources and safe spaces policies

Giving general advice or creating client relationship