



INTENSIVE, PRACTICAL CLE TRAINING SERIES: REPRESENTING IMMIGRANTS IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

*****3.25 CALIFORNIA MCLE CREDIT PER SESSION***
28 CALIFORNIA MCLE CREDITS TOTAL**

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Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project is pleased to announce a CLE series for attorneys interested in learning how to represent clients in Immigration Court removal proceedings. The trainings will cover *substantive law* and *very practical information*, such as:

- Immigration Court procedure and protocol;
- Immigration Court filing requirements;
- Common mistakes on immigration forms;
- Descriptions and role plays of hearing colloquy; and
- How to plan for the different stages of an immigration case.

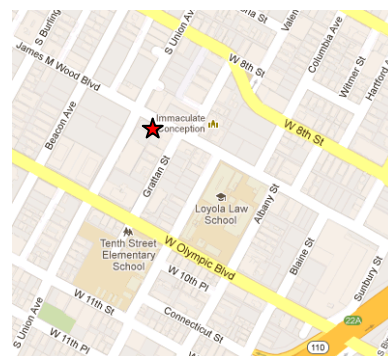
Registration for each session will begin 30 minutes before the scheduled start time.

Light breakfast and refreshments will be served.

Trainings will be held at:
Esperanza Immigrant Right Project
(Catholic Charities of Los Angeles)

The Tidings Building
1530 James M. Wood Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90015

***Free Parking** in the Catholic Church Parking Lot located at the corner of Columbia Ave. and James M. Wood Blvd. (1 ½ blocks east of our building).



2013 CLE Training Schedule

March 8, 2013

8:30 am – 12
noon

Introduction to Representing Immigrants in Removal Proceedings

Presenters:

- Attorney, Shaila Rahman from Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
- Attorney, Tania Karina Vargas from Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

April 12, 2013

8:30 am – 12
noon

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Presenters:

- Attorney, Rea Mae Gacad from Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
- Attorney, Kristen Jackson from Public Counsel Law Center



May 10, 2013

8:30 am - 12
noon

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (including one-parent SIJS)

Presenters:

- Attorney, Martín Gauto from Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
- Attorney, James Cartagena from Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

June 14, 2013

8:30 am – 12
noon

Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions

Presenters:

- Attorney, Caitlin Williams from Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
- Attorney, Shiu-Ming Cheer from National Immigration Law Center



July 12, 2013

8:30 am – 12
noon

Immigration Relief with Criminal Convictions I: Analytical framework of criminal convictions, practice tips for dealing with criminal convictions and individuals in detention.

Presenter:

- Attorney, Caitlin Williams from Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

July 12, 2013

1:30 pm- 5:00 pm

Immigration Relief with Criminal Convictions II: Complex forms of immigration relief for immigrants with criminal convictions and special topics on bond

Presenters:

- Attorney, Caitlin Williams from Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
- Attorney, Michael Kaufman from ACLU/SC



August 9, 2013

8:30 am – 12
noon

Asylum I: Asylum eligibility requirements with special emphasis on gang-based asylum claims

Presenters:

- Attorney, Erika Pinheiro from Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
- Attorney, Talia Inlender from Public Counsel Law Center



August 9, 2013

1:30 pm – 5:00
pm

Asylum II: Advanced topic in Asylum Including bars, credibility and evidentiary standards with special emphasis on gang-based asylum claims

Presenters:

- Attorney, Erika Pinheiro from Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
- Attorney, Talia Inlender from Public Counsel Law Center



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

OFFICE NAME: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CLASSES FOR WHICH YOU WANT TO BE REGISTERED (Mark with "X")

_____	Introduction to Representing Immigrants in Removal Proceedings [3/8/13]
_____	Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) [4/12/13]
_____	Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) [5/10/13]
_____	Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions [6/14/13]
_____	Immigration Relief with Criminal Convictions I [7/12/13 morning session]
_____	Immigration Relief with Criminal Convictions II [7/12/13 afternoon session]
_____	Asylum I [8/9/13 morning]
_____	Asylum II [8/9/13 afternoon]

REGISTRATION FEES

- ☐ \$100: For one (1) session
- ☐ \$180: For two (2) sessions
- ☐ \$250: For three (3) sessions
- ☐ \$310: For four (4) sessions
- ☐ \$360: For five (5) sessions
- ☐ \$400: For six (6) sessions
- ☐ \$430: For seven (7) sessions

Non-Profit/Law Student Registration Fees

- \$30: For one (1) session
- \$55: For two (2) sessions
- \$75: For three (3) sessions
- \$90: For four (4) sessions
- \$100: For 5-7 sessions

\$_____ TOTAL

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*****Registrants who commit to a PRO BONO case will be reimbursed ALL registration fees under the terms of the attached PRO BONO REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT.*****

CHECKS

Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project
1530 James M. Wood Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90015
Attn: CLE Registration

CREDIT CARD

NAME ON CREDIT CARD: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXP. DATE: _____ SECURITY CODE: _____

SIGNATURE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT:

X _____

For questions or to register, email or fax us a registration form at:

cleregistration@ccharities.org

Fax: (213) 487-0986 Attn: CLE Registration



PRO BONO REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT



DUTIES OF PRO BONO ATTORNEY:

1. I, _____, agree to provide *pro bono* representation for one (1) case of a person in removal proceedings, that I select from the referrals sent to me by the Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc (Esperanza).
2. I understand that once I accept a case for representation, it will be my responsibility to complete that case. It will not be my responsibility to represent the client on appeal (if an appeal is necessary) unless I independently negotiate a separate retainer agreement with my client for appeal representation.
3. I understand that I must select a case for *pro bono* representation prior to December 31, 2013 in order to qualify for reimbursement of Esperanza's CLE registration fees.
4. Should I not accept a case for *pro bono* representation prior to December 31, 2013, I understand that Esperanza will not reimburse me for the cost of the CLEs that I attend.
5. I understand that in order to receive a *pro bono* case from Esperanza, I must pass Esperanza's attorney clearance process, which includes verifying my identity and good standing with a state bar.
6. I understand that should I fail to pass Esperanza's attorney clearance process, that Esperanza will not reimburse me for the cost of the CLEs that I attend.
7. I understand that *pro bono* representation includes absorbing the costs of case preparation, such as photocopying. On the other hand, I am not responsible for the cost of filing fees associated with any immigration application.

DUTIES OF ESPERANZA:

1. Esperanza agrees to regularly submit referrals for *pro bono* cases to the undersigned attorney.
2. Esperanza agrees to provide mentoring and technical support to the *pro bono* attorney as the case progresses.
3. Esperanza agrees to fully reimburse CLE Registration fees to any attorney who accepts a *pro bono* case under the terms of this agreement.

Attorney Signature

Date

Attorney Bar Number & State Where Issued

Esperanza Representative Signature

Date

Training Date/s Attended

PRESENTERS

Jaime Cartagena, Immigration Attorney at Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

Jaime has been practicing immigration law in the non-profit sector since graduating from Loyola Law School in 2007. As a Loyola Law School Public Interest Fellow, he developed a VAWA/U Visa project for those living with HIV at HIV & AIDS Legal Services Alliance (HALSA). He joined Esperanza in 2009 as an attorney for the Youth Program and continues to focus upon providing immigration services to vulnerable, abused immigrant populations. Since joining Esperanza, he has represented immigrant children in immigration court and numerous state courts. Jaime specializes in Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Visas, U Visas, VAWA, and Asylum cases.

Shiu-Ming Cheer, Immigration Attorney at the National Immigration Law Center (NILC)

Shiu-Ming provides technical and legal assistance to organizations fighting local immigration enforcement measures. She also works with local organizations to advocate with USCIS and ICE regarding DACA and applicants with a criminal record or alleged gang affiliation. Prior to working at NILC, Shiu-Ming was a Soros Fellow and Managing Attorney for the Catholic Legal Immigration Network's LA Detention Project and a children's attorney at the Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project.

Rea Mae Gacad, Detention Advocacy Fellow at Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

Rea Mae is the current Georgetown University Law Fellow at Esperanza. In this capacity, she provides "Know Your Rights" presentations and legal assistance to non-citizen adults in detention, as well as represents youth in immigration proceedings and in applications for work authorization through DACA. Rea Mae received her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center and her Bachelor of Arts from Boston College, where she majored in Sociology and minored in Hispanic Studies. During law school, Rea Mae was a student-attorney in the Domestic Violence clinic, where she represented survivors of domestic violence in court to obtain protection orders. She has interned at Washington Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE) in Washington, D.C., and Bay Area Legal Aid in California, aiding immigrant survivors of domestic violence who sought U Visas and VAWA relief. Prior to law school, Rea Mae worked at Political Asylum/ Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project, in Boston, MA, serving asylum-seekers and immigration detainees.

Martin Gauto, Lead Immigration Attorney at Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

Martin supervises the attorneys and paralegals in Esperanza's Youth Program. He also recruits, trains and provides technical assistance to pro bono attorneys. Martin's focus is on representation and advocacy for immigrant children in removal proceedings, with an emphasis on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) and Asylum. Martin and the Youth Project have been at the forefront of SIJS issues in Southern California and their work has expanded the availability of SIJS to minors in numerous counties outside of Los Angeles. He is a frequent speaker at Continuing Legal Education seminars and is an Adjunct Professor at the La Verne College of Law in Ontario, CA.

Talia Inlender, Staff Attorney Immigrants' Rights Project at Public Counsel Law Center

Talia's work focuses on providing and expanding access to legal services for detained immigrants in the Los Angeles area. She is co-counsel in *Franco-Gonzalez v. Napolitano*, a class action lawsuit seeking appointment of counsel for detained immigrants with serious mental disabilities. Talia is a former judicial clerk to the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She was a student director of the Immigration Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law School and is the author of "The Imperfect Legacy of *Gomez v. I.N.S.*: Using Social Perceptions to Adjudicate Social Group Claims," 20 Geo. Immigr. L. J. 681 (Summer 2006) and "Status Quo or Sixth Ground?: Adjudicating Gender Asylum Claims," in *Migrations and Mobilities: Gender, Citizenship, and Borders* (Seyla Benhabib & Judith Resnik eds., 2009). Talia is a graduate of Wesleyan University (B.A. 2001) and Yale Law School (J.D. 2007).

Kristen Jackson, Staff Attorney at Immigrants' Rights Project of Public Counsel Law Center

Kristen represents asylum seekers in affirmative and defensive cases. She also represents abused, abandoned and neglected children eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in the delinquency, dependency, probate and adoption systems – before state courts, the immigration service, immigration courts and federal appellate courts. Kristen provides nationwide trainings and technical assistance on children's immigration issues with a focus on SIJS. She recently co-authored Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Other Immigration Options for Children and Youth with the Immigrant Legal Resource Center. She serves as an Asylum Liaison for the Southern California Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Kristen Jackson co-teaches an Asylum Clinic at UCLA law school. Before joining Public Counsel, Kristen clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She received her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she was a student director of the Advocacy for Parents and Children Clinic and a Notes Editor for The Yale Law Journal.

Michael Kaufman, Staff Attorney at American Civil Liberties Union/ Southern California (ACLU/SC)

Michael is counsel in *Rodriguez v. Hayes*, a long-standing class action suit that challenges the government's authority to detain immigrants for prolonged periods without a bond hearing. He also worked on *Ali v. Clinton*, a federal lawsuit challenging the revocation of Mr. Ali's wife's visa in retaliation for his invocation of his right to counsel during FBI questioning. From 2008 to 2010, he was a Skadden Fellow at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco, where he directed a project to empower and advance the rights of domestic workers in the Bay Area through direct legal services, education, and policy advocacy. Michael clerked for Judge Sidney R. Thomas of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He graduated from Stanford University and earned his J.D. from Stanford Law School, where he graduated with distinction and was a Senior Public Interest Fellow.

Erika Pinheiro, Immigration Attorney at Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

Erika is a former Georgetown University Law Fellow at Esperanza. She is a 2010 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, where she earned her JD, and Georgetown Public Policy Institute, where she earned a Master of Public Policy. During law school, Erika participated in human rights fact finding missions to Guatemala and Haiti, where she investigated country conditions for those deported from or barred from immigrating to the United States. Her Masters thesis, a quantitative analysis of the Department of Homeland Security's 287(g) program, explored the relationship between local enforcement of federal immigration laws and crime reduction. She spent a summer working at the International Organization for Migration in Geneva, Switzerland. Erika also advocated on behalf of juveniles through her work at Georgetown's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform and as a fellow at Conectas Human Rights in Sao Paulo, Brazil. While at Georgetown, Erika also completed the Certificate Program for Refugee and Humanitarian Emergencies. Erika is also a 2001 graduate of Wellesley College. Erika's practice focus is asylum, especially gang-based claims from Latin America and the use of gang injunctions and other criminal documents in Immigration Court, though she has experience in Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Visas and U Visas as well.

Shaila Rahman, Immigration Attorney at Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

Shaila Rahman received her J.D. from UCLA School of Law and her B.A. from Loyola University Chicago, where she majored in Political Science. Shaila co-chaired the Detention and Trafficking Center Clinic which provides legal services and presentations to immigrants in detention. Shaila was also selected to participate in the inaugural year of the UCLA International Justice Clinic, for which she traveled to Sarajevo to help work on war crimes prosecutions. Shaila also externed at the Headquarter Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva, Switzerland where she helped formulate, negotiate, and draft UNHCR's position on various refugee protection issues. Shaila worked in Rome, Italy at the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) where she did research and fieldwork to start a microfinance pilot project for female immigrants in Rome. Shaila joined Esperanza in June of 2010 and has extensive experience with Cancellation of Removal for Lawful Permanent Residents and U Visas for immigrants in detention.

Tania K. Vargas, Immigration Attorney at Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

Tania is a staff attorney at the Adult Legal Orientation Program at Esperanza. She provides individuals in immigration detention with “Know Your Rights” presentations as well as assisting individuals represent themselves pro se. She interned at Public Counsel Law Center where she assisted survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking and other serious crimes in obtaining legal status in the United States. She also interned at the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) where she focused on promoting the rights of low income immigrants through litigation, technical assistance and administrative advocacy as well as analyzing the ways in which federal and state anti-immigrant legislation is developing. Tania was a board member of Loyola Law School’s newly formed Immigration Law Society and participated in the Immigrant Justice Practicum where she studied the intersection between immigration enforcement and the constitutional right of noncitizens. Tania visited Tijuana, Mexico and assisted Coalicion Pro-Defensa del Migrante, AC (Coalition for the Defense of Migrants) where she observed and studied the repatriation process and resources available to individuals once they arrive in Mexico and other issues affecting newly deported individuals. Tania earned her Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Political Science from the University of California Los Angeles and obtained her Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles.

Caitlin Williams, Program Director at Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project

Caitlin came to Esperanza in May 2011 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, where she served as the Attorney Advisor to the Immigration Court located on the Mira Loma Detention Facility in Lancaster, CA. Her post required her to advise the Court on legal issues regarding the individuals who were being held in DHS custody pending their immigration proceedings. Prior to her position with EOIR, Caitlin was awarded an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to work for two years with Community Refugee and Immigration Services in Columbus, Ohio where she not only provided direct representation to low-income immigrant communities, but she did community outreach and education and helped create and manage a state-wide Immigration Task Force that brought together stake-holders from across the state of Ohio to network and strategize on issues of import to immigrant communities. Caitlin was awarded her fellowship, in part, because of work she did in Cairo, Egypt where she lived and volunteered for Africa Middle East and Refugee Assistance (AMERA) while studying abroad at the American University in Cairo. At AMERA, Caitlin represented migrants who had fled to Egypt from other parts of Africa in front of the UNHCR who were seeking to be recognized as refugees under international law. Caitlin is a 2007 graduate of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. where she graduated with a J.D., Masters in Arab Studies and Certificate in Refugee and Humanitarian Emergencies. Caitlin has extensive experience with asylum claims, especially from East Africa, and the intersection of criminal and immigration law.