



***Free Legal Webinar Training with National Experts!***

## **REPRESENTING FAMILIES FLEEING PERSECUTION AND SEEKING ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES**

In May 2021, the Department of Justice selected Denver as one of just eleven cities across the U.S. to pilot an expedited docket for newly-arrived asylum-seeking families. With no appointed counsel in immigration proceedings, most families are now forced to navigate these high-stakes, complex and adversarial proceedings entirely on their own.

Individuals are ten times more likely to win asylum protection in the U.S. if they are represented by an attorney. However, the accelerated timeline for cases on the expedited docket coupled with the lack of appointed counsel makes it incredibly challenging for families to find legal representation to win asylum. We desperately need your help to represent families seeking protection from persecution!

**This virtual training is designed for attorneys new to immigration law.** RMIAN will:

- Screen potential pro bono cases
- Pair attorneys with clients
- Provide professional liability insurance to pro bono attorneys
- Provide mentoring by experienced asylum practitioners
- Provide legal resources, samples, and templates

The training is free for attorneys who agree to take a pro bono case through RMIAN. Participants who indicate that they are available to take a pro bono case this spring will be assigned a case during the training program. During and after the training, small groups of participants will meet with their mentors to review questions and receive guidance.

**Part ONE: “Asylum Law 101,” January 20, 2022, 1:00pm – 4:30pm** An overview of asylum law featuring national experts Annie Daher, Center for Gender & Refugee Studies and Hiroshi Motomura, Susan Westerberg Prager Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law, & RMIAN.

**Part TWO: “Asylum Procedure and Practice,” February 3, 2022, 1:00pm – 4:30pm** A practical nuts and bolts asylum practice training featuring local asylum expert Emily Smith, Esq., Jaime Moo-Young, M.D. and Trina Seefeldt, Ph.D. from Denver Health, and RMIAN.

\*\*Approved for 5 CLE credits in Colorado. This training is also open to paralegals or other legal staff assisting attorneys with asylum cases.

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### **QUESTIONS:**

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