

CENTER FOR
Gender & Refugee
STUDIES

Please join the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies – California (CGRS-CA) for two free MCLE trainings in Los Angeles on Friday, April 27, 2018: (1) Writing a Compelling Declaration in Asylum and Related Fear of Return Cases and (2) Writing an Effective Legal Brief for Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and Convention Against Torture Claims. Participants are welcome to attend one or both trainings. **If you plan to attend both, you must register separately for each training.** Details regarding each training and registration information is included below.

Training Location: Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles
1145 Wilshire Blvd., 1st Floor, Community Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Presenters: Christine Lin, Directing Attorney, CGRS-CA
Sayoni Maitra, Staff Attorney, CGRS-CA

Writing a Compelling Declaration in Asylum and Related Fear of Return Cases

This practical skills training will focus on how to write a compelling declaration for cases involving asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture. Attention will be given to the content, structure, and organization of writing a persuasive asylum declaration. Practitioners will learn techniques for effectively interviewing immigrants who have experienced trauma, how to develop a case theory, and how to organize an asylum declaration in a legally relevant manner.

Date/Time: Friday, April 27, 2018, 10:00-11:30 am
MCLE Credit: 1.5 hours General MCLE

RSVP [here](#) by Friday, April 20, 2018.

Writing an Effective Legal Brief for Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and Convention Against Torture Claims

This practical skills training will focus on writing an effective legal brief for claims involving asylum, withholding of removal, and protection under the Convention Against Torture. The focus of the training will be on legal briefs submitted to the asylum office and immigration court. An overview of the appellate process and structure of appellate briefs to the Board of Immigration Appeals and federal courts of appeal will also be discussed.

Date: Friday, April 27, 2018, 11:45 am – 1:00 pm
Location: 1.25 hours General MCLE

RSVP [here](#) by Friday, April 20, 2018.

Special thanks to Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles for hosting these trainings!