

Agenda



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Live Virtual Webinar

Immigration Forum 2020

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In the TBA Immigration Law Section's annual fall forum, our speakers will be covering a number of timely topics including numerous asylum changes and proposed asylum changes; review of recent Supreme Court decisions involving immigration issues; work of the Gang of 35 at EOIR and BIA's recent decision barring amicus filings; and representation of clients during COVID-19.

9:00 – 10:00 am

Third-Country Transit Ban for Asylum

Andrew J. Rankin, Memphis Immigration Court, AILA
Midsouth Chapter

Arléne Amarante, Duncan School of Law

Are you new to asylum law and want to know the current trends and issues? Are you experienced in asylum law and want to ensure your understanding is current? If so, this is the panel for you. The presenters will highlight, analyze, and answer questions on the hottest and most current topics of asylum law. Said issues include, but are not limited to, Asylum Cooperative Agreements and Federal Register publications by DHS and DOJ.

10:00 – 11:00 am

EOIR - Gang of 35/Denial of Amicus

Judge Charles Pazar, retired Immigration Judge; adjunct professor, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, University of Memphis

Michelle Mendez, Catholic Immigration Network, Inc.

The Roundtable of Retired Immigration Judges and BIA Members (sometimes called "the Gang of 35") has filed amicus briefs in no less than 37 cases before the BIA, the Circuit Courts, and the Supreme Court. These cases involve a variety of topics, including post-Pereira litigation, definition of Particular Social Group, and

bond issue. Each amicus brief stresses the experience and expertise of the judges and former Board members. In this program, I will talk about a number of Roundtable successes, some failures to convince the appellate courts, and ask for any cases the attendees might know about which could benefit from Roundtable participation.

11:00 – 11:15 am  **Break**

11:15 am– 12:15 pm **Supreme Court Review, including DACA**
Karla McKanders, Vanderbilt University
Lily Axelrod, Siskind Susser PC
William Gill, Lincoln Memorial University
Over the past few years, the US Supreme Court has heard a number of critically important immigration cases. The cases have ranged in challenges to new restrictions on asylum seekers' rights to seek judicial redress, compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals to denial of the right to a bond hearing in detention. This panel will review and discuss recent immigration law decisions and current cases before the Supreme Court.

12:15 – 1:15 pm **Representation of Clients During COVID-19**
Katja Hedding, Katja Hedding Law
Chay Sengkhounmany, Legal Aid of Middle Tennessee & the Cumberland
Practicing during a time of regulatory and policy changes is stressful enough. Add a pandemic to the mix and representing client takes on a new level of anxiety. Join this session for updates on immigration policy as related to COVID-19 and tips and suggestions on how to represent clients in during a pandemic.