

Agenda



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Live Webinar

Immigration Law Forum 2021

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9:00 – 10:00 am

Immigration Law at the Supreme Court 2020-2021:
Shadow Docket, Merits Docket, Oh My!
Andrew Rankin, Law Office of Andrew Rankin
Lily Axelrod, Soskind Susser PC

Immigration law is a frequent topic at the U.S. Supreme Court, and the 2020-2021 Term has been no exception. We will dive into immigration litigation at our Nation's highest Court, focusing on both the Justices' shadow docket, which includes, but is not limited to, applications for stays and injunctive relief, and their merits docket, which refers to cases that are granted oral argument.

10:00 – 11:00 am
Dual

Immigration Consequences of Criminal Conviction
Karla McKanders, Vanderbilt University
Mary Kathryn Holcombe, Federal Public Defender's Office

Deporting "criminal aliens" has become the highest priority in American immigration enforcement. Today, most deportations are achieved through the "crimmigration" system, a term that describes the convergence of the criminal justice and immigration enforcement systems. This panel will provide an overview of determining the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and place present day crimmigration issues in Tennessee in conversation with the racial justice issues. The goal is to address how the Tennessee Bar can be aware and assist in representing individuals placed in the prison to deportation pipeline.

11:00 am – 11:30 pm **Break**

11:30 – 12:30 pm **1st 100 Days under President Biden – Where are we Headed in Immigration Law?**

Bruce Buchanan, Sebelist Buchanan Law PLLC

Steve Simerlein, Immigration Law of Steven Simerlein, P.C.

In this presentation, we will discuss the most developments in immigration law in the first 100 days of the Biden Administration. These developments include: Removal of Public Charge; TPS for Venezuela and Myanmar; Congressional bills - U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021, American Dream and Promise Act, and Farmworker Modernization Act; Changes in federal regulations and policy related to H-1Bs and Labor Certification; Revocation of many Trump Executive Orders; Enforcement Priorities; and some changes in asylum.

12:30 – 1:30 pm
Dual

Attorney Well-Being

Lindsey O'Connell, Freeman Recovery Center

Kevin Balkwill, Tennessee Alliance of Legal Services

Attorneys, as humans, are subject to mental or physical impairment resulting from disease, disorder, trauma, and age which may impair their ability to practice law. This discussion will set forth the various reasons for which referrals to TLAP are made by Disciplinary Counsel and the various outcomes available at both the investigative and litigation stages.