

**THE 2017 JOSEPH A. VAIL ASYLUM LAW WORKSHOP
WITH A FOCUS ON FAMILIES AND CHILDREN**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
Friday, September 29, 2017
Location: TBA

University of Houston Law Center
4604 Calhoun Rd, Houston, TX 77204

MORNING: ASYLUM BASICS AND OTHER ISSUES AFFECTING FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- 8:30 am **Check-in**
- 9:00 am **Opening Remarks**
Leonard M. Baynes, Dean, University of Houston Law Center
- 9:05 am **Overview: Asylum-related Relief, New Priorities and Immigration Issues Post-Harvey** 30 min. CLE
Geoffrey A. Hoffman, Director, UHLC Immigration Clinic
- 9:40 am **Trafficking, Crime Victim Visas and Related Relief**, 40 min. CLE
Josephine Sorgwe, Clinical Supervising Attorney, UHLC Immigration Clinic
- 10:20 am **Special Immigrant Juveniles**, 15 min. CLE
Janet Beck, Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor, Clinical Supervising Fellow, UHLC Immigration Clinic
- 10:35 am **Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) Issues**, 30 min. CLE - *includes 15 minutes of Ethics*
Anne Chandler, Director - Houston Office, Tahirih Justice Center
- 11:05 am **Psychological Trauma as it Relates to Families and Children in Asylum Cases**, 1 hour
Rosalie Hyde, LCSW, Therapist
- 12:05 **Lunch**

AFTERNOON: RIGHT TO COUNSEL, ETHICS, AND IMMIGRATION COURT ASYLUM ISSUES

- 12:45 pm **Right to Counsel and Asylum**, 30 min. CLE
Brian Schaeffer, Social Responsibility Director, Immigration Legal Services, YMCA International Services
- 1:15 pm **How to Avoid Pitfalls in the Preparation of the I-589 and Affidavit; Preparation for Affirmative asylum interview**, 45 min. CLE - *includes 15 minutes of Ethics*
Wafa Abdin, Vice President, Catholic Charities Cabrini Center, Houston, Texas
- 2:00 pm **Break**
- 2:15 pm **How to Get Up to Speed on Asylum Issues: Research, CIS Asylum Adjudicators Manual, EOIR Practice Manual, AIC Practice Advisories**, 30 min. CLE
Jill Campbell, Immigration Attorney, BakerRipley, Community Developers
Kristin Zipple-Shedd, Clinical Adjunct Professor, Asylum and Human Trafficking Clinic South Texas College of Law Houston

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- 2:45 pm **Preparing for the Hearing on the Merits - Direct, Cross, Objections, Pre-trial motion practice**
45 min. CLE - *includes 15 minutes of Ethics*
Rosemary Vega, Clinical Supervising Attorney
Susham Modi, Partner, The Modi Law Firm
- 3:30 pm **Mock Hearing, 30 min. CLE**
Janet B. Beck, Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor, UHLC Immigration Clinic
Rosemary Vega, Clinical Supervising Attorney, UHLC Immigration Clinic
Honorable Judge Rose presiding
- 4:00 pm **Practical Tips from the Bench, 1 hour CLE - includes 15 minutes of Ethics**
Honorable Judge Rose (speaking in personal capacity only)
Honorable Judge Zimmer (speaking in personal capacity only)
Questions and Answers
Presenters and Moderator: Geoffrey Hoffman
- 5:00 pm **End of Day - Adjournment**

The University of Houston Law Center is an accredited sponsor, approved by the State Bar of Texas, Committee on MCLE. An application for accreditation of this activity has been submitted to the MCLE Committee of the State Bar of Texas and is pending: 5.75 hours CLE, including 1-hour ethics.

The 2017 Joseph A. Vail Asylum Law Workshop, With Focus on Families and Children is hosted by the **Immigration Clinic at the University of Houston Law Center**, in collaboration with

