

**SELECTED ISSUES IN FAMILY IMMIGRATION LAW
NOVEMBER 18-19, 2009
EL PASO, TEXAS**

AGENDA

DAY 1, NOVEMBER 18

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration, Coffee
- 9:00 – 10:00 Immigrating on a Family-Based Petition
Immediate relatives, preference system, conversion and retention of
priority dates
Group exercises on Visa Bulletin
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 Immigrating through a Parent/Child Relationship
Children born out of wedlock, stepchildren, adopted children, Hague
Convention rules, derivatives
- 11:15 – 11:30 Break
- 11:30 – 12:30 Immigrating as a Child Over 21: Child Status Protection Act
Preserving immediate relative, F-2A, and derivative status for children
who turn 21; latest update on retaining priority dates for children who age
out.
- 12:30 – 1:45 Lunch
- 1:45 – 2:45 Immigrating through Marriage
Marriage in proceedings, Adam Walsh Act, conditional residency, K-1
and K-3 petitions, common law marriages, sham marriages and INA '204(c)
- 2:45 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 – 4:00 Immigrating after Death of the Petitioner
Humanitarian reinstatement, widow(er) petitions, litigation preserving
spousal petitions, and USCIS deferred action program
- 4:00 – 4:15 Break
- 4:15 – 5:00 Case Problem Integrating First Day's Topics

DAY 2, NOVEMBER 19

- 8:30 – 10:00 Immigrating through Adjustment of Status
Eligibility under 245(a), (c), and (i); adjustment eligibility for arriving aliens, fiancé(e)s, and visa waiver entrants; adjustment in proceedings; reopening and jurisdiction issues; group exercises
- 10:00 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 11:15 Immigrating through Consular Processing
Role of NVC after approval of I-130; notifying the NVC if change in status of petition or parties; choice of consulate; completing the forms; preparing for the interview; consular processing of derivatives after principal has adjusted (I-824); dealing with requests for more documentation, refusals, and denials; waiver filing; waiver appeals to AAO
- 11:15 – 11:30 Break
- 11:30 – 12:15 Group Exercise: Review of One-Stop I-130 and I-485
- 12:15 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 – 3:00 Q and A with Governmental Officials
Laura Dogu, Deputy Consul General
Rose Mary Atkinson, USCIS, U.S. Consul, Cd. Juarez, Mexico
- 3:00 – 3:15 Break
- 3:15 – 4:15 Waiver Practice Session
- 4:15 – 4:30 Break
- 4:30 – 5:00 Jeopardy Game Show Integrating Second Day's Topics