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# Welcome to Convening 2017



Welcome to CLINIC's 2017 annual Convening in the increasingly diverse city of Atlanta in an increasingly diverse Southeast. We chose this year's theme – "A welcoming America for all" – to emphasize that, even in this moment of heightened anti-immigrant rhetoric and action, we believe that America is strong because of its history of integrating immigrants into the life of our cities and our nation.

With you, we will continue the fight to ensure that this country remains an inclusive and welcoming place for all people, regardless of ethnicity, nationality or religion. In these complex times, CLINIC affiliates have not shied away from responding to cruel and unjust policies. Instead, we are facing these challenges and standing alongside immigrants and refugees to defend their rights and protect their safety.

Thank you for your steadfast and creative efforts to serve these vulnerable people.

As always, this will be a week filled with engaging speakers and countless learning opportunities. We are proud to empower affiliate staff, particularly those of you here in the Southeast where the need is especially great and the resources are limited. We look forward to building relationships and skills here, so you may return home energized and equipped to continue this vital work!

*Jeanne Atkinson*

Jeanne Atkinson, Esq.

Executive Director

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

# INFORMATION

## Registration

All attendees must collect their materials in Chastain C.

## Daily Liturgy

Mass will be celebrated Thursday and Friday in Chastain H-J. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Materials

Materials can be downloaded at [cliniclegal.org/convening/materials](http://cliniclegal.org/convening/materials).

## Lunch on Thursday

Lunch on Thursday is on your own. Restaurant ideas are in the registration room.

## Internet

Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available in guest rooms, meeting rooms and the lobby. To access Wi-Fi in meeting rooms, connect to the network named "Westin Meeting" using "clinic17" as the password. To connect to Wi-Fi in your guestroom, enter your room number and last name, accept the payment and submit. You will not be charged an additional fee.

## Evaluation

We want to hear about your experience at Convening and how we can best assist you. Please complete an evaluation at [cliniclegal.org/convening/eval](http://cliniclegal.org/convening/eval). Submit your evaluation by June 9 and your name will be entered in a drawing to win a free 2018 Convening registration.

## Tweet and win!

Tweet about Convening by the Awards Lunch with #ConveneATL. Our favorite tweet will win a raffle prize!

## Transportation Options

The Atlanta Streetcar runs a loop around central Atlanta. The route map can be found at [streetcar.atlantaga.gov](http://streetcar.atlantaga.gov). Fares are \$1. There is a streetcar stop and a station for MARTA, the Metro system, just outside the hotel. The one-way MARTA fare is \$2.50.

Atlanta Shuttle and Greater Atlanta shuttle are available to return to the airport. Taxi and ride-sharing services are also available, with prices ranging from \$30-\$40 for the 20-minute drive.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION AND WIN A PRIZE!

Tag your posts with #ConveneATL

## Dietary Restrictions

If you indicated a dietary restriction during registration, you will find a ticket in your badge holder. Present this ticket during the awards lunch to receive the correct meal. Vegetarians will not need a ticket.

## Continuing Legal Education Credits

Twelve Georgia Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit hours, including three credit hours of ethics, are available for Convening. An additional five credit hours are approved for *How to Master the Courtroom: Developing Effective Trial Skills and Persuasive Oral Advocacy*, including one hour of ethics and one hour of professionalism. The number of credits awarded to each attendee will be determined based on reported attendance.

All attorney attendees who requested CLE credits must record their attendance on CLINIC's website at [cliniclegal.org/convening/submit](http://cliniclegal.org/convening/submit). Unique codes will be announced at the end of each legal session.

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DAY ONE | WEDNESDAY

# MAY 24

7:30- Noon	<i>Registration</i>	Chastain C
8- Noon	<i>Exhibitors</i>	The Overlook/ Chastain 1-2
8:30- 3:15	<b>HOW TO MASTER THE COURTROOM: DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE TRIAL SKILLS AND PERSUASIVE ORAL ADVOCACY</b>	Augusta Room 1-3
8:45-1	<b>USCIS ATLANTA FIELD OFFICE TOUR</b>	Lobby
8:30-3	<b>LAWLOGIX EDGE POWER USER TRAINING</b>	Chastain F-G
9:30- 3:15	<b>GENERAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS</b>	Chastain I-J
1-6	<i>Registration</i>	Chastain C
1-4	<i>Exhibitors</i>	The Overlook/ Chastain 1-2
1- 3:30	<b>CCUSA IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE MEETING</b>	Chastain D-E
4-5	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b>	Augusta Ballroom
5-6	<b>PLENARY PANEL</b>	Augusta Ballroom
6:30- 8:30	<b>OPENING RECEPTION</b>	Whitehall Ballroom

DAY TWO | THURSDAY  
**MAY 25**

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7-7:30 **MASS** Chastain H-J

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7-8 *Breakfast* The Overlook/  
Chastain 1-2

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7-9 *Registration* Chastain C

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7:30-8:15 **RELIGIOUS IMMIGRATION SERVICES  
ROUNDTABLE WITH BREAKFAST** Ansley 2

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8:15-9:45 **WORKSHOPS**

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9:45-10:25 *Break with exhibitors* The Overlook/  
Chastain 1-2

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10:25-11:55 **WORKSHOPS**

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Noon-2 *Lunch break on your own*

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1-1:50 **CONVERSATION ON CATHOLIC AND  
INTEGRATED COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO  
THE CHANGING IMMIGRATION LANDSCAPE** Chastain I-J

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2-3:30 **WORKSHOPS**

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3:30-4:10 *Break with exhibitors* The Overlook/  
Chastain 1-2

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4:10-5:40 **WORKSHOPS**

DAY THREE | FRIDAY

# MAY 26

7-7:30 **MASS** Chastain H-J

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7-8 *Breakfast* The Overlook/  
Chastain 1-2

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8:15-  
9:45 **WORKSHOPS**

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9:45-  
10:25 *Break with exhibitors* The Overlook/  
Chastain 1-2

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10:25-  
11:55 **WORKSHOPS**

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Noon-  
2 **AWARDS LUNCH** Peachtree  
Ballroom

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2-3:30 **WORKSHOPS**

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3:30-  
4:10 *Break with exhibitors* The Overlook/  
Chastain 1-2

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4:10-  
5:40 **WORKSHOPS**

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## USCIS Atlanta Field Office Tour

WEDNESDAY | 8:45-1 | MEET IN LOBBY

Meet in the lobby at 8:45 a.m. to meet the bus. Pre-registration required.

## LawLogix Edge Power User Training

WEDNESDAY | 8:30-3 | CHASTAIN F-G

The LawLogix Edge immigration case management certification training session covers new ways to get the most out of the Edge system.

## CCUSA Immigrant and Refugee Community of Practice

WEDNESDAY | 1-3:30 | CHASTAIN D-E

CCUSA invites staff and volunteers who work at Catholic Charities agencies to a meeting of the Immigrant and Refugee National Impact Community of Practice.

## Opening Reception

WEDNESDAY | 6:30-8:30 | WHITEHALL BALLROOM

Join us for good food, live music and networking following the plenary speakers.

## RIS Roundtable Discussion and Breakfast

THURSDAY | 7:30-8:15 | ANSLEY 2

CLINIC's Religious Immigration Services attorneys welcome you to a discussion on religious worker immigration law. Breakfast will be available in Ansley 2.

## Conversation on Catholic and Integrated Community Responses to the Changing Immigration Landscape

THURSDAY | 1-1:50 | CHASTAIN I-J

Jeanne Atkinson of CLINIC and Don Kerwin of Center for Migration Studies in New York will lead a discussion of successes and challenges you have experienced as you work with your community and outside partners to respond to increased enforcement and immigration policy changes.

## Awards Lunch

FRIDAY | NOON-2 | PEACHTREE BALLROOM

CLINIC will celebrate partners and affiliates at our annual awards lunch.

PRE-CONVENING: **PREMIUM WORKSHOP**

# How to Master the Courtroom: Developing Effective Trial Skills and Persuasive Oral Advocacy

**WEDNESDAY | 8:30-3:15 | AUGUSTA ROOM 1-3 | CLE COURSE**

**Michelle Mendez**  
CLINIC

**Bradley Jenkins**  
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**Rebecca Scholtz**  
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Our experts will guide you through the Master Calendar Hearing and Individual Merits Hearings of the immigration court process, offering tips to succeed during both. We will discuss client interviewing techniques, pleadings to the Notice to Appear, court filings, direct examination and closing arguments.

## **AGENDA:**

8:30-9	Basics of the Master Calendar Hearing
9-9:30	Meritorious Contentions and Pleading in Immigration Court
9:30-9:40	Break
9:40-10:10	Preparing for Your Individual Hearing
10:10-10:40	“Bad Facts:” Confidentiality, Candor to the Tribunal, and Zealous Representation
10:40-10:50	Break
10:50-11:50	Motions and Appeals
11:50-1	Lunch (Included for all participants) in Chastain 1-2
1-2	The Merits Hearing: Court Skills
2-2:15	Break
2:15-3:15	Mock Hearing

*This workshop requires additional registration. If you would like to register on-site, visit the registration room in Chastain C. Subject to space availability.*

## PRE-CONVENING: OPEN DOOR WORKSHOPS

# General Skills Development

**WEDNESDAY | 9:30-3:15 | CHASTAIN I-J**

The foundational skills presented in these one-hour sessions are accessible at every level, whether you are an immigration advocate, legal services staff member or a volunteer. Drop in whenever you have time or attend all four!

*9:30-10:30*

### Fundraising Gone Digital

The internet provides a framework to go beyond just sharing information to fully engaging with funders anytime, anywhere. Join this interactive workshop to discuss and share successful strategies to raise your fundraiser profile—and change the world—one tweet at a time.

**Jackie Thomas-Suggs** | CLINIC

**Andrés Abella** | CLINIC

*10:45-11:45*

### Developing a Know Your Rights Presentation

It is important for your clients and the public to know their rights when interacting with law enforcement. Using CLINIC's Know Your Rights materials, this session will cover how to answer tough questions, incorporate role playing and combine family emergency planning in your presentations.

**Michelle Sardone** | CLINIC

**Susan Schreiber** | CLINIC

*1-2*

### Screening for Immigration Benefits

Have you met someone who was eligible for an immigration benefit, but didn't know it? Could applying for a benefit put an applicant at risk of enforcement? Learn about the importance of effective screening. We will share screening best practices and review some common forms of relief.

**Ilissa Mira** | CLINIC

**Kristina Karpinski** | CLINIC

*2:15-3:15*

### Social Media Boot Camp

Outlets like Facebook and Twitter are free, and can be an efficient way to get direct access to clients and raise awareness among supporters. We will review the major outlets; look at step-by-step instructions for how to open and use your accounts; and practice creating content and setting goals.

**LaRia Land** | CLINIC

# PLENARY SESSION

**WEDNESDAY | 4-6 | Augusta Ballroom**

Immigration advocates around the country are needed more than ever to protect and defend our immigrant brothers and sisters from hateful rhetoric, policies and actions.

For our plenary session, keynote speaker Frank Sharry, founder of America's Voice, will put events in perspective and help us consider what is at stake and where advocates for immigrants go from here.

The plenary panel that follows will bring together national partners guided in a discussion by John Carr, founder of Georgetown University's Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life, about strategies to create a positive narrative around immigration. Panelists are Rebecca Carson, Immigration Team Manager, Open Society Foundations; Alejandro Celorio, Head of Hispanic and Migration Affairs, Embassy of Mexico; and D. Taylor, President of UNITE HERE;

# INTRODUCTIONS

## **Jeanne Atkinson**

*Executive Director, CLINIC*



Jeanne Atkinson is the Executive Director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. Her passion for immigration was sparked while interning with Catholic Charities in 1987, during which time she focused on legalization. Atkinson served as the long-time Director of Catholic Charities' Immigration Legal Services program for the Archdiocese of Washington, where she directed their highly active and successful legal services program, as well as the Catholic Charities' Refugee Center. She was a partner in establishing the Family Justice Center in Montgomery County and is a member of the board of directors of Catholics for Family Peace. Atkinson holds a J.D. from American University's Washington College of Law and is a member of the Pennsylvania bar.

## KEYNOTE

## **Frank Sharry**

*Founder and Executive Director, America's Voice*



Frank Sharry is the Founder and Executive Director of America's Voice and America's Voice Education Fund. Sharry served for 17 years as Executive Director of the National Immigration Forum. He is one of the nation's leading spokespersons for immigration reforms. During the 1980s, Sharry served as Executive Director of Centro Presente, a local organization working with Central American refugees in the greater Boston area, and was a co-founder of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Coalition. His career started with work on refugee rescue and resettlement for the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants in Asia and the United States. Sharry is also the 2015 recipient of the National Council of La Raza's Capital Award for Public Service. He is a graduate of Princeton University.



# Plenary Panel

## **John Carr**

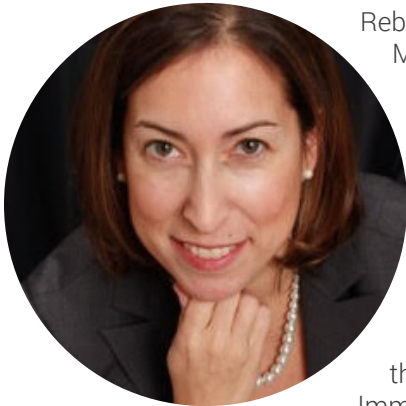
*Director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life, Georgetown University*



John Carr is the Director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University and the Washington correspondent of America magazine. He served for over 20 years as director of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, assisting the bishops in sharing Catholic social teaching and directing their public policy and advocacy efforts. He helped found both the Circle of Protection and the National Religious Partnership for the Environment. He serves on the boards of Bread for the World and the Law School of the University of St. Thomas. Carr also served as Executive Director of the White House Conference on Families for President Carter and as director of the National Committee for Full Employment.

## **Rebecca Carson**

*Immigration Team Manager, Open Society Foundations*



Rebecca Carson serves as Immigration Team Manager for Open Society Foundations/U.S. Programs (OSF), and previously co-directed OSF's Emma Lazarus 2 initiative focused on optimizing the deferred action programs initiated by the Obama Administration. Prior to OSF, she was principal at Star Immigration Strategies, a firm providing immigration law, policy and advocacy expertise in the Chicago area. From 2008-2011 she served as Chief of Staff and Chief of the Office of Citizenship for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. Prior to joining USCIS, she managed several national and statewide campaigns, and worked for Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Washington, in her U.S. Capital office. Carson is a licensed attorney in Illinois.

# Plenary Panel

## **Alejandro Celorio Alcántara**

*Head of Section, Hispanic and Migration Affairs,  
Embassy of Mexico*



Alejandro Celorio Alcántara is posted at the Embassy of Mexico in Washington, D.C., as Head of the Hispanic and Migration Affairs Section, where he works with the 50 consular offices of Mexico in the U.S. in promoting integration initiatives and in the deployment of consular protection and assistance actions. As Consul of Protection and Legal Affairs for the Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento, he was in charge of several consular programs offering direct assistance to Mexican nationals. He graduated from the Universidad La Salle with a law degree and received an M.A. in Sociology of Law in the Basque Country of Spain, as well as two Master of Laws degrees, one at the University of San Francisco Law School and the other at the University of Houston Law Center.

## **D. Taylor**

*President, UNITE HERE!*



D. Taylor is the President of UNITE HERE. He has been a leader in the American labor movement for 36 years. During his tenure in Las Vegas, the union's local, the Culinary Workers Union, grew from 18,000 members in 1987 to over 55,000 in 2013. Taylor worked as an organizer during some of the union's most challenging moments including the six-year, four-month, 10-day strike at the Frontier Casino. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer in 2002 and in 2004, he was appointed as the Gaming Division director of UNITE HERE. He led casino workers across the country to victories and expanded the union's organizing in states like Mississippi, Florida, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Taylor is a member of CLINIC's Board of Directors. He is a graduate of Georgetown University.

# TRACKS

## F | Fundamentals of Immigration Law

Trainings designed to give new practitioners a strong foundation in immigration law – recommended for those who are just getting started.

Participants who attend all eight sessions in the fundamentals track will complete CLINIC's *Introduction to Immigration Law Practice: A Course for New Practitioners*. This fulfills the Department of Justice's formal overview training requirement, the first step towards partial accreditation. To receive your certificate you must record workshop attendance on CLINIC's website at [cliniclegal.org/convening/submit](http://cliniclegal.org/convening/submit). Unique workshop codes will be announced at the end of each session in this track. We encourage experienced practitioners to explore other tracks, so that new practitioners can focus on the basics.

## A | Advanced Immigration Law

Trainings that delve deep into complex immigration law topics – recommended for experienced practitioners.

## G | General Immigration Law

Trainings that provide an understanding of hot topics in immigration law – recommended for new and experienced practitioners alike.

## O | Community Outreach and Advocacy

Trainings that explore advocacy strategies to protect and defend immigrants – recommended for legal and non-legal advocates.

## P | Program Management

Trainings that address program best practices to best serve immigrant communities – recommended for nonprofit staff.

# THURSDAY

## F | What Every New Legal Worker Needs to Know

**Martin Gauto**  
CLINIC

**Jen Riddle**  
CLINIC

**8:15-9:45 | AUGUSTA A-D | CLE COURSE**

This workshop reinforces introductory concepts, such as who is an immigrant, who is a non-immigrant, who is undocumented and who is a citizen or national. The session will cover fundamentals of conducting legal research and techniques for successful client interviews.

## A | Marriage and Conditional Residency

**Kristina Karpinski**  
CLINIC

**Charles Wheeler**  
CLINIC

**8:15-9:45 | AUGUSTA E-H | CLE COURSE**

Marriage-based immigration law is a subspecialty that requires particular knowledge of several concepts. The trainers cover how marriage is defined for immigration purposes, how *bona fide* marriages are documented, how conditional residency is terminated and how fiancé(e)s immigrate and adjust status. Learn how to identify and address the most common problems that arise for this client group.

## G | All About DUIs

**Bradley Jenkins**  
CLINIC

**Susan Schreiber**  
CLINIC

**8:15-9:45 | AUGUSTA 1-3 | CLE COURSE**

Imagine you have a client in your office who just disclosed a DUI conviction from last year. Is there any reason to be concerned about: health-based inadmissibility? Crime-based inadmissibility? Lack of good moral character? Adverse discretionary factors? Exposure to enforcement? Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes. If this surprises you, join us for a presentation addressing the potential immigration law consequences of having one or more DUI offenses.

# THURSDAY

## G | "It's YUGE!" The New Administration's Impact on Religious Worker Immigration Law

**Kate Adams**  
CLINIC

**Miguel Naranjo**  
CLINIC

**Minyoung Ohm**  
CLINIC

**Chris Ross**  
CLINIC

**8:15-9:45 | CHASTAIN F-G | CLE COURSE**

Though not directly targeting international religious workers in the U.S., the new administration's policies on immigration affect religious worker immigration law. This workshop discusses various issues, from the executive orders to I-129 and I-360 petitions for religious workers. Panelists will offer best practices for dealing with USCIS requests for evidence, site visits, the non-minister sunset and the *Visa Bulletin* quota.

## O | Building Your Army, Strengthening the Community

**Leya Speasmaker**  
CLINIC

**The Rev. David Fraccaro**  
FAITHACTION  
INTERNATIONAL  
HOUSE

**Carey Serafin**  
NEW AMERICAN  
PATHWAYS

**8:15-9:45 | CHASTAIN D-E**

Positive relationships between newcomers and members of the receiving community help neighborhoods stand up against discriminatory practices, protect those influenced by unwelcoming rhetoric, and provide examples to children of how inclusive environments benefit everyone. Panelists will discuss how to develop integration initiatives, merge integration as a program goal into existing documents, offer new services on a budget and measure results.

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# THURSDAY

## F | Introduction to Family-Based Immigration: Immediate Relatives and the Preference System

**Ilissa Mira**  
CLINIC

**Jen Riddle**  
CLINIC

**10:25-11:55 | AUGUSTA A-D | CLE COURSE**

How can clients gain permanent residence through a family relationship? This workshop will explore immigrating as immediate relatives and through the family preference system, including the requisite relationship for visa petition approval and the process for filing an I-130 petition. We will also learn how to understand the Department of State's *Visa Bulletin*.

## A | Can this Residency Be Saved?

**Sarah Bronstein**  
CLINIC

**Susan Schreiber**  
CLINIC

**10:25-11:55 | AUGUSTA 1-3 | CLE COURSE**

At some point every advocate encounters a lawful permanent resident client who was not actually eligible for LPR status. Perhaps your client immigrated as the unmarried son or daughter of an LPR, but got married before she entered the U.S. on an immigrant visa. Or he immigrated as the spouse of an LPR when his divorce from his prior marriage had not been finalized. Is there anything you can do to protect your client's LPR status? Presenters will explore the options, focusing on waivers under INA § 237(a)(1)(H).

## G | Ethical Consideration of Legal Work

**Martin Gauto**  
CLINIC

**Eliza Klein**  
THE GIL LAW  
GROUP

**10:25-11:55 | AUGUSTA E-H | CLE COURSE**

The presenters will highlight important ethical considerations in immigration law practice, such as the duties of diligence and confidentiality and candor towards the tribunal. Join this panel to explore these topics and others through analysis of hypotheticals and common case scenarios.

# THURSDAY

## O | Answering Fear with Faith and Facts

**Lisa Parisio**  
CLINIC

**Donald M. Kerwin**  
CENTER FOR  
MIGRATION  
STUDIES

**Frances  
McBrayer**  
CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES  
ATLANTA

**James Witte**  
CENTER  
FOR SOCIAL  
SCIENCE AND  
INSTITUTE FOR  
IMMIGRATION  
RESEARCH

**10:25-11:55 | CHASTAIN D-E | CLE COURSE**

Some communities have developed policies that acknowledge and embrace the contributions of immigrants. Others encourage fear with federal, state and local initiatives based upon inaccuracies and stereotypes. Learn to combat anti-immigrant initiatives and policy proposals. This panel discussion will show you how to use facts, faith teachings and community values to counter rhetoric that dehumanizes and objectifies immigrants and refugees.

## P | Going Farther, Together: How to Optimize Program Efficiency

**Shaila Rahman**  
CLINIC

**Sara Bobbitt**  
SACRAMENTO  
FOOD BANK

**Ray Garrido**  
KITSAP  
IMMIGRANT  
ASSISTANCE  
CENTER

**Deedee Gullo**  
CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES OF  
ORANGE COUNTY

**10:25-11:55 | CHASTAIN F-G**

Making smart staffing decisions and nurturing employees' growth are the best investments any organization can make. This interactive session outlines best practices for hiring permanent and volunteer staff members; maintaining and improving staff morale; preventing turnover; using volunteers to increase capacity; and much more. Participants will be encouraged to share examples and brainstorm new ideas in small groups.

# THURSDAY

## F | Applying for Residency: Adjustment of Status and Consular Processing and Meeting the Affidavit of Support Requirements

**Kristina Karpinski**  
CLINIC

**Charles Wheeler**  
CLINIC

**2-3:30 | AUGUSTA A-D | CLE COURSE**

This workshop will cover the two pathways to Lawful Permanent Residence: Adjustment of Status and Consular Processing. We will review the requirements for adjustment under INA § 245(a) and (i); the process for obtaining an immigrant visa at a U.S. consulate abroad; and affidavit of support requirements and filing procedures for family-based cases.

## A | U Nonimmigrant Status: Adjustment and Travel

**Sarah Bronstein**  
CLINIC

**Susan Schreiber**  
CLINIC

**2-3:30 | AUGUSTA 1-3 | CLE COURSE**

This workshop will address issues related to both U status holders who want to adjust status, and those on the waiting list for U status who want to travel abroad, or enter the U.S. to join family members here. What travel options exist for those on the waiting list and how can you pursue permission to travel?

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## O | Fighting 'Alternative Facts' in the News with Real Facts

**Patricia Zapor**  
CLINIC

**Mary Anne  
Castranio**  
GEORGIA  
BULLETIN

**Jaye Watson**  
EMORY  
UNIVERSITY/  
WXIA-TV

**2-3:30 | CHASTAIN D-E**

Amid the new realities of immigration policy, how can you take advantage of heightened interest to keep the facts straight and put the positive story of immigrants out in front? The session will be a dialogue with current and former news media about how to build a relationship with reporters that leads to helpful news coverage.

## G | Figuring out the FOIA Request Process

**Reena Arya**  
CLINIC

**Ilissa Mira**  
CLINIC

**Eunice Cho**  
SOUTHERN  
POVERTY LAW  
CENTER

**2-3:30 | AUGUSTA E-H | CLE COURSE**

Great case preparation starts with thorough client research. This workshop provides an overview of how to use Freedom of Information Act requests to understand your clients' immigration history. The presenters will discuss the procedures for submitting FOIA requests to different agencies, how to challenge inadequate responses through appeals and litigation, and offer tips on interpreting responses and records.

## P | Overcoming Challenges at Your Program

**Jack Holmgren**  
CLINIC

**Sabrina Terry**  
NATIONAL  
COUNCIL OF LA  
RAZA

**2-3:30 | CHASTAIN F-G**

Is it challenging to provide services covering a huge geographic area? How about working with clients who cannot afford USCIS application fees, but don't qualify for a fee waiver? Come and learn about new strategies and tools to overcome these challenges and more.

# THURSDAY

## F | Overview of Humanitarian Relief

**Sarah Bronstein**  
CLINIC

**Martin Gauto**  
CLINIC

**Rebecca Scholtz**  
CLINIC

**4:10-5:40 | AUGUSTA A-D | CLE COURSE**

The presenters will provide an overview of a variety of forms of humanitarian relief and benefits including asylum, Temporary Protected Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, T and U non-immigrant status, the Violence Against Women Act and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

## A | All About 245(i) Adjustment of Status

**Kristina Karpinski**  
CLINIC

**Susan Schreiber**  
CLINIC

**4:10-5:40 | AUGUSTA E-H | CLE COURSE**

On April 30, 2001, the doors closed on filing petitions that would create eligibility for adjustment of status under INA § 245(i). Now, 16 years later, 245(i) is still a lifeboat for those who entered without inspection or overstayed. Who qualifies for a seat in the lifeboat and why are the rules so complicated? This workshop will review who qualifies for grandfathered status, who is an after-acquired derivative and what benefits does that provide, who is subject to the 245(i) physical presence requirement and other issues related to 245(i) adjustment applications.

## G | Keeping Up With Immigration Policies in the Trump Era

**Reena Arya**  
CLINIC

**Jill Marie Bussey**  
CLINIC

**Michelle Mendez**  
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**4:10-5:40 | AUGUSTA 1-3 | CLE COURSE**

The Trump administration has implemented or proposed numerous changes in the way immigration laws are enforced. Come to an open discussion on what changes have taken place or will take place soon, and how your agency can respond.

# THURSDAY

## P | Understanding the New Rule for Recognition and Accreditation

**Laura Burdick**  
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### 4:10-5:40 | CHASTAIN F-G

The Executive Office for Immigration Review recently changed the rules for agency recognition and staff accreditation, effective Jan. 18, 2017. Changes include new eligibility requirements for: agency recognition and staff accreditation; agency renewal of recognition; and reporting, recordkeeping and posting. Join us for a presentation and listening session on how the changes affect your program. We will provide an overview of the changes; tips to help you renew recognition and accreditation under the new rule; and data points for the new recordkeeping requirement. Learn how you can grow your legal services under the new R&A program.

## O | Media Bootcamp

**Michelle Fordice**  
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**Patricia Zapor**  
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### 4:10-5:40 | CHASTAIN D-E

Time for a little bit of media training. Learn how to take your clients' stories and turn them into something that improves the public dialogue. We'll include some practice in beneficial and potentially harmful "framing" with different terminology.



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# In defense of vulnerable immigrants: New effort to train more legal reps joins BIA Pro Bono Project

Omar came to the United States from his homeland, Senegal, in 1991. By 2008, however, he had gotten into trouble with the law and the Department of Homeland Security had begun trying to deport him.

The basis for this were Omar's two convictions: for delivery of a controlled substance and reckless endangerment. He feared returning to his country because of his perceived affiliation to a separatist movement that was engaged in a civil war with the Senegalese government.

He applied for asylum, withholding of removal and protection under the Convention Against Torture. The immigration judge turned him down. That's when the BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project agreed to take his case, with Steven Goldblatt and his students at the Georgetown University Law Center representing him before the BIA.

Thanks to the work by Goldblatt and his team, the immigration judge determined that Omar's crimes did not warrant deportation.

Omar's is just one of many cases that could have had a different outcome if it had not been for the intervention of the attorneys who generously collaborate with the BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project.

More than 500,000 immigrants have pending immigration court proceedings. Most of them must represent themselves because they can't afford legal representation. For 15 years, CLINIC has matched detained immigrants with pro bono counsel to defend their cases before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

"The need for professional legal representation of immigrants has never been greater," said Bradley Jenkins, manager of the BIA Pro Bono Project. Under the Trump administration, "we find ourselves facing increased anti-immigrant sentiment in the form of rhetoric that dehumanizes immigrants, executive orders to ramp up detention and removal, the expansion of expedited removal, and an amplified sense of fear and anxiety in the immigrant community vulnerable to deportation and family separation."

That is why, building on the foundation of the BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project, CLINIC launched the Defending Vulnerable Populations Project, to increase the number of fully accredited representatives and attorneys who are qualified to represent immigrants in

immigration court proceedings.

“Immigration attorneys are starting to realize that they must become real litigators as ICE trial attorneys are seemingly instructed to fight in every case,” explained project manager Michelle Mendez. “They realize that now is not the time to admit allegations and concede the charges of removability, as immigration attorneys have traditionally done.”

To do this, CLINIC has created new partnerships and a training series designed to improve immigration court skills for fully accredited DOJ representatives, attorneys working at nonprofits and pro bono attorneys.

at Baltimore Washington International Airport and helps connect people flying into nearby airports who do not yet have a representative to local services.

Mendez put the project in perspective, adding, “It is the responsibility of the legal community to protect immigrants living in the United States who do not have a voice. They are an integral part of our families, communities, schools and universities. We are committed to defending their rights because this is what justice and fairness dictates and because, if their rights are safe, all of our rights are safe.”

For more information, visit [cliniclegal.org/defending-vulnerable-populations](http://cliniclegal.org/defending-vulnerable-populations).



“It is the responsibility of the legal community to protect immigrants living in the United States who do not have a voice.”

*MICHELLE MENDEZ*

CLINIC also has created a separate series to prepare DOJ partially accredited representatives to become fully accredited through intensive training, application assistance and in-depth representation mentorship.

Other activities in which the project has been involved recently include the partnership between CLINIC and Airport Lawyer, an app that alerts volunteer attorneys about immigrants or refugees arriving in the U.S. CLINIC receives the alerts from people arriving

# FRIDAY

## F | Overview of Inadmissibility and Deportability Concepts and Introduction to Removal Proceedings

**Sarah Bronstein**  
CLINIC

**Ilissa Mira**  
CLINIC

**8:15-9:45 | AUGUSTA A-D | CLE COURSE**

This is an overview of the concepts of inadmissibility and deportability, including when they apply, to whom and what it means to be inadmissible or deportable. There will be a brief discussion of the grounds themselves and what circumstances or conduct trigger them. The presenters will also discuss what removal proceedings are, how they work and how a person might be placed in removal proceedings.

## A | Representing Central American Asylum Seekers

**Reena Arya**  
CLINIC

**Bradley Jenkins**  
CLINIC

**Michelle Mendez**  
CLINIC

**8:15-9:45 | AUGUSTA 1-3 | CLE COURSE**

Asylum claims from Central America have a reputation for being difficult to prove, but the dynamics of violence in the Northern Triangle often qualifies victims for asylum. Learn about issues that arise in Central American asylum cases, including common social groups, strategies for when a client faces extortion or recruitment by gangs and proving country conditions.

## G | Health-Based Inadmissibility

**Kristina Karpinski**  
CLINIC

**Jen Riddle**  
CLINIC

**8:15-9:45 | AUGUSTA E-H | CLE COURSE**

Come get answers to questions about the medical examination and health-based inadmissibility like: how are health-based inadmissibility grounds determined and who makes the decision? What guidelines must be followed by civil surgeons and panel physicians when conducting exams? How are determinations made on the drug abuser or addict and mental or physical disorder grounds? Can any of the grounds be waived?

# FRIDAY

## ○ | The Power of Local: Working with Cities and Towns on Integrating Immigrants

**Leya Speasmaker**  
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**Christy Williams**  
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**8:15-9:45 | CHASTAIN D-E**

Local governments offer resources that can support your organization's efforts to help immigrants. Join us as we hear from local government representatives and members of the CLINIC network who have successfully received government support to advance their organizations' goals.

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# FRIDAY

## P | Turning Data into Compelling Stories

**Jeff Chenoweth**  
CLINIC

**8:15-9:45 | CHASTAIN F-G**

Practice turning client data into stories that show how your legal services improve people's lives. Participants will practice storytelling that centers on the importance of your work as service providers. We will discuss how to tell compelling program and client success stories for a variety of platforms, including grant proposals.

## G | Winning with Provisional Waivers

**Susan Schreiber**  
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**Charles Wheeler**  
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**10:25-11:55 | AUGUSTA 1-3 | CLE COURSE**

We will discuss strategy on winning I-601A waivers for your clients, including identifying possible extreme hardship factors, gathering supporting documentation, and satisfying the positive discretionary standards. We will also share experiences on drafting convincing declarations and packaging the application with an effective cover letter and index of exhibits.

## F | Overview of Selected Grounds of Inadmissibility

**Kristina Karpinski**  
CLINIC

**Ilissa Mira**  
CLINIC

**10:25-11:55 | AUGUSTA A-D | CLE COURSE**

This workshop will provide an overview of common grounds of inadmissibility, including those related to health; crimes; immigration violations; smuggling; fraud and misrepresentation; and false claims to citizenship.

# FRIDAY

## P | Innovations in Intervention: Strategies for Effective Case Resolution

**Michael Santomauro**  
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**Janna M. Evans**  
USCIS

**Stephanie Fast**  
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SERVICES  
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**Matt McNeil**  
OFFICE OF VISA  
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**10:25-11:55 | AUGUSTA E-H**

What happens to your case after you file it? Have you called to check on your case, but have not heard back? Come learn what to do when your client's case becomes delayed, hear about CLINIC's updated tools and resources to help get your problem cases back on track and understand case advocacy options from experts in interacting with government agencies.

## O | Storytelling for Effective Advocacy

**Jill Marie Bussey**  
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**Lisa Parisio**  
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**The Rev. David Fraccaro**  
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ALABAMA

**10:25-11:55 | CHASTAIN D-E | CLE COURSE**

In these days of fake news, separating fact from fiction can be challenging. Immigrant advocates often use data and statistics to make their case, but storytelling allows people to better understand and connect with the issues immigrants face. This panel discusses the impact of storytelling and how to build a culture of storytelling.

# FRIDAY

## F | Overview of U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization

**Kristina Karpinski**  
CLINIC

**Jen Riddle**  
CLINIC

### 2-3:30 | AUGUSTA A-D | CLE COURSE

The session will discuss the requirements for acquiring U.S. citizenship at birth abroad and deriving citizenship from a parent after birth. It will also review the requirements for naturalization, including good moral character, continuous residence, physical presence, English language and civics requirements and exemptions, and the loyalty oath.

## A | Taxes and Affidavit of Support

**Charles Wheeler**  
CLINIC

**Clayton Cartwright**  
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**Samuel Rock**  
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AND CARTER

### 2-3:30 | AUGUSTA E-H | CLE COURSE

Tax law intersects with immigration law in a number of ways. Come hear tips from two tax experts on how to complete the affidavit of support and how to advise your client on common tax filing issues.

## G | Removal Without A Day In Court: Expedited Removals, Reinstatement, Stipulations and In Absentia Orders

**Sarah Bronstein**  
CLINIC

**Susan Schreiber**  
CLINIC

### 2-3:30 | AUGUSTA 1-3 | CLE COURSE

Can someone have a removal order or be subject to being removed without having a chance to appear in immigration court? If you think the answer is no, think again. Some removal orders do not involve an immigration court proceeding. In other cases, an immigration judge can issue a removal order for a person who was not present in court. We will review different types of removal orders and their impact on your clients.

# FRIDAY

## O | State and Local Responses to Executive Orders

**Christy Williams**  
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**Kevin Mauer**  
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### 2-3:30 | CHASTAIN D-E | CLE COURSE

Is there a proposal in your state legislature or city council that would hurt the immigrant community? Do you want to weigh in, but are unsure how? This panel provides an overview of how CLINIC works with local partners to respond to changes in immigration policies. Speakers will offer suggestions on building the network needed to rapidly respond to the changing environment.

## P | Using Technology to Maximize Efficiency and Impact in Case Management

**Nathaly Perez**  
CLINIC

### 2-3:30 | CHASTAIN F-G

Your legal services program is integral to your community. Let's take it from good to great! This workshop introduces case management and the best technology tools CLINIC affiliates are using to provide quality immigration services. You will also learn ways to increase staff and volunteers' engagement with low-cost, high-impact technology tools to increase services. This highly interactive workshop features practical best practices, tested by CLINIC staff and affiliates, which will help you improve your program's efficiency and effectiveness.

# FRIDAY

## F | Introduction to Ethics Issues and Overview of Agency Recognition & Accreditation

**Sarah Bronstein**  
CLINIC

**Martin Gauto**  
CLINIC

**Shaila Rahman**  
CLINIC

**4:10-5:40 | AUGUSTA A-D | CLE COURSE**

Learn the rules of ethics and how they apply to accredited representatives. We will raise common ethical issues through case examples and hypothetical situations and discuss the requirements for recognition and accreditation, including recent changes.

## O | Community Partnerships

**Paola Marquez**  
CLINIC

**Nathalie Dietrich**  
MAXWELL  
STREET LEGAL  
CLINIC

**Aliyah Donsky**  
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**Matthew Young**  
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**4:10-5:40 | CHASTAIN F-G**

This workshop will provide suggestions on where to find partners and offer strategies for establishing and nurturing relationships to increase your program's impact. Panelists will discuss their experiences in forming partnerships with law enforcement, private businesses and faith communities. We will provide examples of the benefits of partnerships and discuss the obstacles along the way.

## G | Ask the Experts

**Susan Schreiber**  
CLINIC

**Charles Wheeler**  
CLINIC

**4:10-5:40 | AUGUSTA 1-3 | CLE COURSE**

Bring your brain teasers, your immigration perplexities, or just your basic questions. The collective wisdom in the room should be enough to tackle the hardest problems. Join our most senior attorneys as they apply their combined 70 years of experience to your cases.

# FRIDAY

## P | Recognition & Accreditation Inter-Agency Panel

**Jill Marie Bussey**  
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**Michael Santomauro**  
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**Denise Frazier**  
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### 4:10-5:40 | Chastain D-E | CLE COURSE

Join officials from the Executive Office for Immigration Review and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to discuss updates and implementation of the new Recognition & Accreditation program.

## A | Bond and Detention

**Bradley Jenkins**  
CLINIC

**Michelle Mendez**  
CLINIC

**Rebecca Scholtz**  
CLINIC

### 4:10-5:40 | AUGUSTA E-H | CLE COURSE

Only 14 percent of detained immigrants are able to obtain counsel for removal proceedings, compared to 66 percent of immigrants on the non-detained docket. Securing a client's release from detention can make or break a case. Come learn bond basics: When does an immigration judge have jurisdiction? What factors are considered at a bond hearing? What is ICE arguing to keep the bond set high? How can clients pay? What non-monetary alternatives to detention exist?

# Lily Gutierrez beneficiary typifies longtime agency employees in tough roles

This year, the Lily Gutierrez Memorial Fund awarded 20 scholarships to CLINIC affiliate agencies across the country, including Luz Ostrognai with Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

These awards are given annually in honor of the late Lily Gutierrez, a former CLINIC staffer and board member who dedicated her life to serving newcomers.

Exemplifying Lily's dedication, Ostrognai has worked for Catholic Charities for 17 years. She is a DOJ partially accredited representative and the organization's immigration services supervisor. She manages the program with only one part-time employee.

"I wouldn't be able to do what I do without CLINIC," she said, highlighting the network's quality assistance and commitment to its affiliates.

Nathaly Perez, a CLINIC field support coordinator, praised Ostrognai as "someone who has been instrumental in providing excellent immigration service to the Fort Wayne- South Bend Diocese."

Ostrognai said she is particularly excited to join us in Atlanta this



*Top: Luz Ostrognai  
Bottom: Lily Gutierrez*



year because of the networking opportunities with attorneys and advocates.

"While undoubtedly webinars and teleconferences are helpful, for people like me who are not lawyers, it's great to get hands-on demonstrations or to be able to ask the best immigration lawyers questions that are specific to our clients' struggles," said Ostrognai.

The Lily Gutierrez Scholarship is made possible by our generous donors. A gift of \$390 provides the opportunity for a dedicated immigration legal services provider to attend Convening.

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# PRO BONO AWARD 2017

Each year, CLINIC presents a participating attorney or law firm with the Pro Bono Award for their outstanding commitment to CLINIC's Board of Immigration Appeals Pro Bono Appeals Project clients and their cases.

We are extremely grateful to recognize the National Immigrant Justice Center for its commitment to providing pro bono representation to immigrants in removal proceedings, and for its constant support of CLINIC's project. CLINIC manages the largest pro bono appeals project in the United States and it greatly depends on partners like NIJC to help meet the needs of this population.



In 2016 alone, NIJC took eight cases through the BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project. In one case, NIJC persuaded the BIA that an immigration judge had been so hostile to an asylum applicant that the case had to be assigned to a different judge. In another case, NIJC attorney Hena Mansori presented the first oral argument to the BIA in the project's history. The dedication of attorney Chuck Roth successfully prompted the BIA to dismiss an

appeal brought by the Department of Homeland Security. This resulted in the release from detention of a Mexican immigrant who was reunited with his U.S. citizen family. Furthermore, NIJC and CLINIC are appearing as co-amici curiae before the Board of Immigration Appeals to provide the board with a framework to correctly interpret the scope of the "material support" bar to asylum.

"NIJC has been a constant partner in the BIA Pro Bono Project's work. We are grateful to work with them."

*BRADLEY JENKINS*

Bradley Jenkins, BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project Attorney, remarked: "NIJC has been a constant partner in the BIA Pro Bono Project's work. We are grateful to work with them." Thank you again to NIJC for your commitment to defending immigrants and continued support of CLINIC. The BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project would not be possible without the contributions of volunteers such as you!

# Are you an attorney who wants to be more involved?

## Get advanced training

Whether you have been practicing for years or are just starting, CLINIC offers options for attorneys to expand their knowledge of immigration law and better assist the immigrant community. Here are some upcoming topics:

Immigration-Related Employment Discrimination | June 14

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The BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project matches vulnerable immigrants with pro bono counsel to defend their cases before the Board of Immigration Appeals. For more information contact Bradley Jenkins at [bjenkins@cliniclegal.org](mailto:bjenkins@cliniclegal.org).

### Conduct research with our advocacy team

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# The CLINIC network's southern hospitality

A Guatemalan woman shackled with an electronic ankle monitor fears for herself and her 12-year-old son as she faces deportation. A Mexican man knows he is a United States citizen, but can't prove it. An undocumented woman has her passport taken away by an employer. Honduran police tell a young woman that if she only sold drugs for her pimp, she wouldn't get hurt. She flees.

Like immigrants across the country, these men and women share common traits. They are all brave. They are all trying to stay legally in the United States. Yet they face a unique challenge—they live in the Southeast.

The region is home to an estimated 1.83 million undocumented immigrants, but only 158 immigration legal services providers; one for every 11,582 undocumented immigrants. Hardly an average case load.

The CLINIC network has taken up the challenge of building a stronger community of expert service providers in this underserved region.

In 2015, we established the CLINIC Fellows program to fund 12 additional full-time immigration legal representatives in eight southeastern states. A new staff member expands a program's outreach and legal service provision. The program served more than 17,000 people in its first year.

"If you read the newspapers,

especially the Latino ones here in Georgia, they hold nothing but sensationalist headlines," said Susana Caterina Quiroga, CLINIC Fellow at Catholic Charities Atlanta. "Many people become afraid of going to court...I have the opportunity to offer the correct information."

CLINIC has also partnered with Professor Tom K. Wong of the University of California, San Diego, to determine the percentage of unauthorized immigrants in the U.S. who are potentially eligible for a permanent immigration benefit. Sixteen CLINIC affiliates in seven southern states held workshops to screen more than 3,000 immigrants, looking for people who might be eligible for benefits. Many of the people screened were found to be eligible for a benefit. Some even learned they were already citizens.

CLINIC is training lawyers in cities including Atlanta, where the asylum grant rate is only 2 percent, to be more prepared for dealing with removal proceedings. Led by our expert staff and partners, our Centers of Excellence established in these cities teach private attorneys how to practice before immigration courts.

Southern hospitality is summed up in the saying, "There are no strangers, just friends we haven't met yet." Our network will ensure immigrants in the South are welcomed not as strangers, but as friends.

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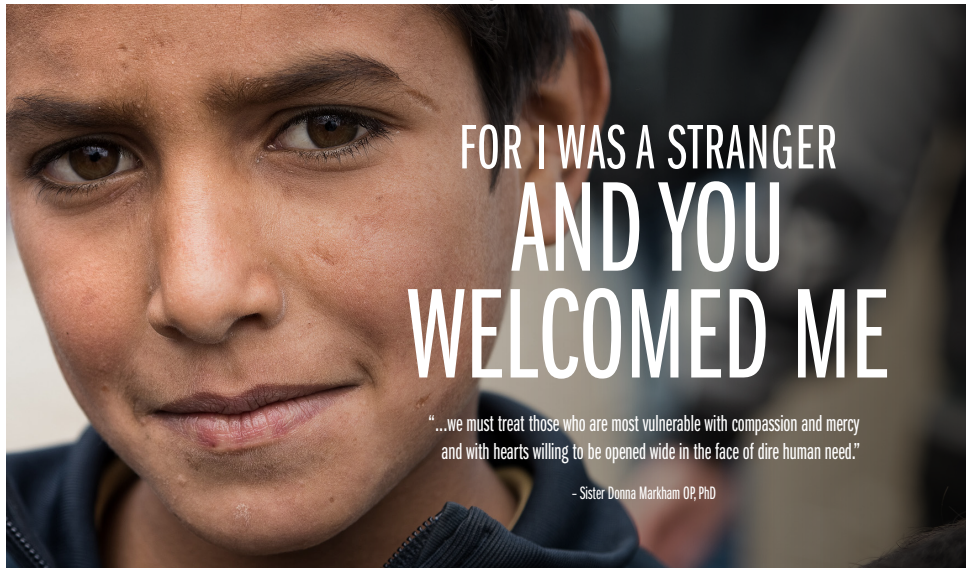
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# RESOURCES



**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**  
 A Guide to Your Rights When Interacting  
 with Law Enforcement

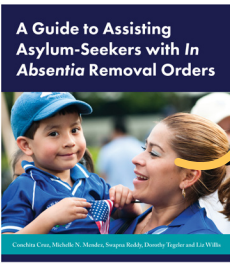
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All your *In Absentia* questions answered!

Does your faith community pass our quiz?

## How welcoming is your faith community towards immigrants and refugees?

Please complete the survey by choosing yes or no for each question. Each "yes" answer is worth one point. Use the rubric below to review your results.

- Do we provide immigration or a benefits case community?  YES  NO
- Do we connect our immigrant members with local immigration legal services?  YES  NO
- Do we advocate for immigrants within our community or the local and state government level?  YES  NO
- Do we include immigrant integration in our mission statement?  YES  NO
- Do we connect our immigrant members with local social services?  YES  NO
- Do we support public education events given by local immigration legal and digital treatment services with our resources? (Such as webinars, available facilities, professional services, etc.)  YES  NO
- Are immigrants represented among our staff and volunteers?  YES  NO
- Do we ask the immigrant community how they would like us to provide them with additional assistance or support?  YES  NO
- Do we offer services in languages other than English?  YES  NO
- Do we assist our digital immigrant members to register to vote?  YES  NO
- Do we offer ESL, language exchange, or citizenship classes for our immigrant members?  YES  NO
- Do we foster friendships between members and the receiving community through our programming and public events?  YES  NO

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<b>2 points</b> Poor	<b>3 points</b> Fair	<b>4 points</b> Good	<b>5 points</b> Excellent
There are some work to do, but this is a good start.	There is a good start, but there are still some work to do.	There is a good start, but there are still some work to do.	There is a good start, but there are still some work to do.



It might be hot, but that doesn't mean you CAN'T think about Christmas...

## Las Posadas Navideñas

Una guía para celebrar el viaje de la Sagrada Familia



## Distribute guidance in Spanish for people in deportation proceedings



El proceso en la corte de inmigración

### Ayuda a todos sus asistentes en la corte

En su momento de la audiencia en la corte de inmigración, el juez le explicará los procedimientos que debe seguir y cómo preparar su caso. El juez también le explicará cómo preparar su caso y cómo preparar su caso. El juez también le explicará cómo preparar su caso y cómo preparar su caso.

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### Stay Up to Date on Your State's Political Process

Civic engagement helps ensure the voices of people are heard. It's a way to help build a better community and to ensure responsible government. We have resources for you to get started.

#### What do I find a bill in my state?

- Sign up for our newsletter to receive state legislative updates.
- Use our online tool to search for bills in your state.
- Contact your state legislator to learn more about their work.
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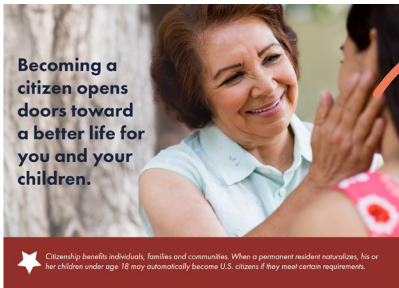
#### What to do when I find the bill?

Read the bill to understand what it does. Contact your state legislator to learn more about their work. Attend public hearings and community meetings.

#### What can I do to support or oppose proposed legislation?

- Write your legislator to express your support or opposition.
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Help your supporters become advocates!



Becoming a citizen opens doors toward a better life for you and your children.

Citizenship benefits individuals, families and communities. When a permanent resident naturalizes, he or her children under age 18 may automatically become U.S. citizens if they meet certain requirements.

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# EXHIBITORS

This year's exhibitors include:

- Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA)
- Catholic Health Association
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.
- CLINIC's Religious Immigration Services team
- LawLogix
- Mary's Pence
- Mexican Consulates in the United States
- NETWORK Lobby
- UNITE HERE!
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Welcoming America, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

Visit our exhibit tables in the Overlook and outside Chastain 1-2. Don't forget to fill out your exhibitor card to win a prize! The winner will be announced at the Awards Lunch on Friday.

Wednesday: 8-Noon, 1-4  
Thursday: 8-6  
Friday: 8-Noon, 2-4

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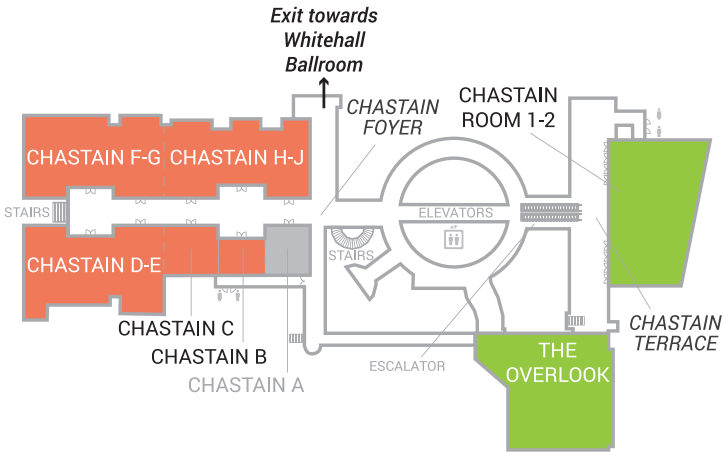
# HOTEL MAP

## Getting to the Welcome Reception

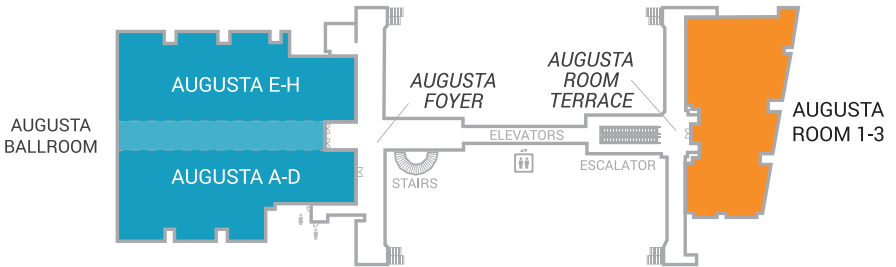
If you are coming from the plenary in the Augusta Ballroom on the seventh floor, go down one floor. From the Westin sixth floor (Chastain meeting room level) go through the double doors next to Chastain J. Walk down a few steps and straight down the hall and then turn left, which is the entrance into the Whitehall Ballroom.

If you have difficulty with stairs, please let one of our staff members know. We will provide you with alternative directions.

### Sixth Floor

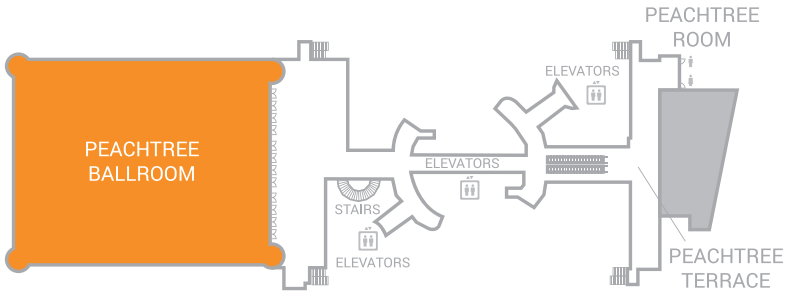


### Seventh Floor

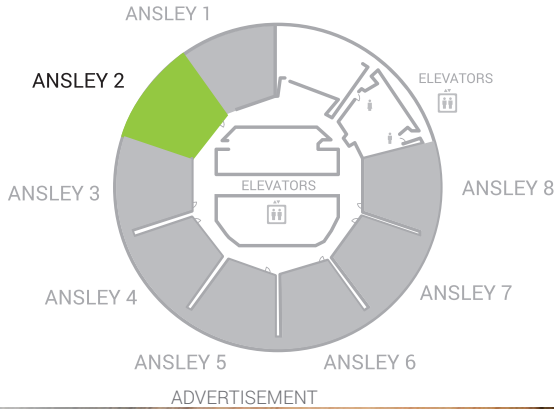




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