

# 02 || INFORMATION CONVENING 2019

## Registration

Please check in to collect your name badge and materials in Fayette on the 2nd FL.

*All attendees MUST wear their name badge through the entirety of Convening. Anyone without a name badge will be refused admission to workshops.*

## Internet

Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available in guest rooms, meeting rooms and the lobby. To access Wi-Fi in the guest rooms, connect to the network Westin\_Conference or Westin\_Guestrooms.

## Social Media Contest

Follow us at @cliniclegal, then tweet about Convening by Friday at noon using #ConvenePIT. Our favorite tweet will win a prize!

## Daily Liturgy

Mass will be celebrated Thursday and Friday from 7-7:45 AM in Cambria on the 2nd FL. Everyone is welcome to attend!

## Dietary Restrictions

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

## Airport and Transportation Options

Taxi and ride-sharing services are available for travel around Pittsburgh. Prices range from \$30-45 for a one-way ride from the airport to downtown, depending on time of day and availability.

SuperShuttle and ExecuCar Black Services are available for \$24 per person. Use the code S56YD to get 10% off one-way and round trip: [group.supershuttle.com/group-page/2019-annual-convening-catholic-legal-immigration-network/](http://group.supershuttle.com/group-page/2019-annual-convening-catholic-legal-immigration-network/)

The Westin offers complimentary shuttle service from 7 AM to 11:30 PM on a first come-first serve basis. Service is provided within a one-mile radius of the hotel.

## 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 feedback by Friday, June 14 and your name will be entered in a drawing to win a free registration for next year's Convening in Las Vegas!

## Materials

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



NCR provides immigration coverage from a Catholic perspective, giving voice to disadvantaged and marginalized people.

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Shining a light on Catholic sisters and their service to immigrant and refugee communities.

GlobalSistersReport.org

# 04 || SPECIAL EVENTS CONVENING 2019

## **Motions to Reopen Granted: How to Achieve this Important Safeguard for Your Clients\***

Wednesday | 8:30 AM–4 PM | Allegheny I (3rd FL)  
Whether the immigration judge denied relief and ordered removal, or the client failed to appear for an immigration court hearing, this day-long training will guide you through the different options available to your clients, explain the statutory and regulatory arguments, and demystify the procedural issues. (P. 10)

## **General Skills Workshops**

Wednesday | 10:30 AM–3:15 PM | Westmoreland (2nd FL)  
Open to all, these skills sessions cover everything from fundraising to client interviews. (P. 11)

## **LawLogix Edge Power User Training\***

Wednesday | 8:30 AM–3:30 PM | Allegheny III (3rd FL)  
This certification covers new techniques on the cutting edge system. Breakfast and lunch provided to those who pre-registered.

## **Capacity Building and Training & Legal Support Office Hours**

Wednesday | 1–4 PM | (2nd FL)  
*(Capacity Building) Butler East • (Training and Legal Support) Butler West*  
Struggling with a case and need expert advice from CLINIC's Attorneys? Have a question for your Field Support Coordinator? Come get your answers in person during our office hours!

## **Catholic Charities USA: Immigrant and Refugee Community of Practice Meeting\***

Wednesday | 2:30–4:30 PM | Pennsylvania (2nd FL)  
CCUSA invites staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities agencies to explore how to maximize impact by focusing individual efforts around common goals.

## **Opening Plenary**

Wednesday | 4:30-6PM  
*Convention Center • Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom*  
Meet CLINIC's new Executive Director and hear engaging perspectives about the state of current U.S. immigration.

\*Additional fee and/or registration required

## **Opening Reception**

Wednesday | 6:30–9:30 PM | Allegheny 1-2-3 (3rd FL)  
Join us for live Latin jazz, great food, plenty of dancing and a chance to unwind!

## **Breakfast in “The Burgh” with RIS!**

Thursday | 8–8:45 AM | Somerset (2nd FL)  
Start your day with CLINIC's Religious Immigration Services team and other immigration practitioners. Breakfast, coffee, and an open discussion on religious worker immigration law practice are included. (P. 12)

## **CLINIC Awards Lunch**

Thursday | 12:45–2:15 PM  
*Convention Center • Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom*  
Enjoy a break from taking notes and join us at the CLINIC Awards Lunch to recognize and congratulate dedicated accredited representatives and attorneys in the immigration field (also open to any program staff or volunteers).

## **CIS Ombudsman Listening Session**

Friday | 8–8:45 AM | Somerset (2nd FL)  
Join the Advocacy team alongside representatives from the Department of Homeland Security CIS Ombudsman Office for an interactive session on the services they offer. Over breakfast, participants will gain tangible tools on how to seek assistance on specific cases and resources for your program.

## **Creating Emergency Plans for Raids and Mass Detentions**

Friday | 1:30–2:30 PM | Somerset (2nd FL)  
After lunch, join us for dessert at this roundtable discussion. CLINIC will provide tools and best practices on how to support families facing the immediate detention of a loved one and respond to ICE actions.

# 06 || CLE CREDIT CONVENING 2019

Certain legal workshops on Thursday and Friday have been approved by the Pennsylvania CLE Board for a maximum total of 10.5 CLE credit hours, including 1.5 credit hours of ethics. Workshop presenters will announce the unique code for each CLE-approved legal workshop at the end of the session. Use the last page of this program book to keep track of the codes.

All attorney attendees who want to seek CLE credits must record their attendance on CLINIC's website at [cliniclegal.org/convening/submit](http://cliniclegal.org/convening/submit). The website will be open from Friday, May 31 at 5 PM ET to Friday, June 14 at 5 PM ET. CLINIC will provide attorney attendees with a certificate indicating the number of CLE credit hours for the workshops you attended by June 21.

Attorneys who do not submit attendance codes on the CLINIC website by Friday, June 14 will not receive CLE certificates. If you have any questions about applying for CLE credit, please visit the Convening website: [cliniclegal.org/convening/CLEcredit](http://cliniclegal.org/convening/CLEcredit).

Pennsylvania attorneys seeking CLE credit in Pennsylvania must submit this certificate, along with a completed CLE Credit Request form (will be on website) and a check for \$1.50 per credit hour to the Pennsylvania CLE Board. For additional information, contact the Pennsylvania CLE Board at (800) 497-2253 or [pacle.org](http://pacle.org).

If you are an attorney licensed in a state other than Pennsylvania, please contact your state bar to determine whether this training qualifies for CLE credit.

*To help identify CLE and Ethics Workshops:*

- ▲ CLE Workshops
- ◆ CLE Ethics Workshop

# 07 || TRACK DESCRIPTIONS CONVENING 2019

*To help you choose trainings, we have color coded each workshop with one of five tracks:*

## Humanitarian

Workshops that explore humanitarian-based immigration programs, such as Special Immigrant Juveniles, U Visas or asylum—recommended for legal advocates.

## Building Your Skills

Workshops that help legal practitioners sharpen their interviewing, researching and practice skills—recommended for legal advocates.

## Family

Workshops that focus on family-based immigration—recommended for legal advocates.

## Selected Issues

Workshops that take a look at trending topics in immigration law and program management, along with a deep dive into special cases—recommended for legal advocates.

## Removal

Workshops that discuss how clients can expose themselves to removal and what you can do about it—recommended for legal advocates.

## Community Outreach and Advocacy

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





### Anna Marie Gallagher

CLINIC Executive Director • Introduction

Anna Marie Gallagher became executive director of CLINIC in February 2019. She has practiced immigration and refugee law for more than three decades. Her experience has included teaching law at the University of Deusto in Spain and at Georgetown University Law Center, and co-founding human rights organizations in Europe and Guatemala.

Immediately before joining CLINIC, Gallagher was a shareholder and head of the litigation practice area for Maggio + Kattar. Earlier, she worked as a consultant in Europe to organizations (including Jesuit Refugee Service) with a focus on policy planning and analysis, training and research on refugee and migration issues.



### His Excellency

#### Archbishop Christophe Pierre

Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S. • Keynote

Archbishop Pierre has served in the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See for most of his professional life. The native of Rennes, France, studied in Madagascar, France and Morocco before attending seminary.

Beginning in 1977, his service in the Diplomatic Corps brought him to posts representing the Holy See in New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific Ocean, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Cuba, Brazil and at the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Since 1995 he has served as apostolic nuncio to Haiti and as the papal representative to Uganda and Mexico. He was named to his current post representing the Vatican to the United States in 2016.



### L. Francis Cissna

USCIS Director • Keynote

L. Francis Cissna has been director of USCIS since Oct. 8, 2017. From 2005 to 2017, he served in various capacities at the Department of Homeland Security. Most recently, he was Acting Director and Deputy Director of Immigration and Border Policy in the DHS Office of Policy. While there, he led the DHS Comprehensive Immigration Reform “war room,” which coordinated the efforts of various DHS agencies, working on legislation in collaboration with the White House and Congress.

Cissna also served in the USCIS Office of the Chief Counsel, in the Adjudications Law Division. He previously was in private law practice and spent time as a Foreign Service officer, serving in Haiti and Sweden.



### His Excellency

#### Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

Bishop of Brooklyn • Closing

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio has spent much of his ministry focused on how the Catholic Church can assist refugees and immigrants. He was a priest from New Jersey, working as director of Migration and Refugee Services at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, when he founded CLINIC in 1987 and served as its first president. Bishop DiMarzio is currently a member of CLINIC’s Board of Directors, chairman of the board of the Center for Migration Studies and a member of the board of the Migration Policy Institute.

A priest since his 1970 ordination, Bishop DiMarzio, in addition to his theological studies, holds a master’s in social work from Fordham University and a Ph.D in Social Work Research and Policy from Rutgers University.

# 10 || PREMIUM WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY • 8:30 AM–4 PM

## ▲ **Motions to Reopen Granted: How to Achieve this Important Safeguard for Your Clients\***

8:30 AM–4 PM | Allegheny I (3rd FL)

The Supreme Court has said that motions to reopen are an ‘important safeguard’ intended to ensure a proper and lawful disposition’ of immigration proceedings. A motion to reopen is often the last opportunity at obtaining relief for clients with immigration court orders of removal who are susceptible to Immigration and Customs Enforcement detaining and quickly removing them. Whether the immigration judge denied relief and ordered removal, or the client failed to appear for an immigration court hearing, this day-long training will guide you. It will cover the options available to your clients, explain the statutory and regulatory arguments and demystify the procedural issues. Some of the topics we will cover include:

- Requirements for motions to reopen
- Bars to motions to reopen
- Exceptions to motion to reopen bars
- Motions to rescind *in absentia* removal orders and reopen proceedings
- Strategy for reopening *in absentia* removal orders
- Practical considerations

### Presenters

Lolita Brayman  
Ann Garcia  
Bradley Jenkins  
Katy Lewis

Michelle Mendez  
Rachel Naggar  
Victoria Neilson  
Rebecca Scholtz

Denise Slavin  
Adriana Zambrano

### Breakfast and Lunch

8–8:30 AM Breakfast

11:45 AM–12:45 PM Lunch (Allegheny II)

**This training has been approved by the Pennsylvania CLE Board for a total of 6 CLE credit hours. See page 6 for more information about CLE hours.**

\*Additional fee and/or registration required

# 11 || GENERAL SKILLS

WEDNESDAY • 10:30 AM–2:30PM

**The foundational skills presented in these short 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! | Westmoreland (2nd floor)**

## Using the Internet, Engaging Your Board

10:30 AM–11:15 AM | Andrés Abella • Angelia Amaya • Luis Guerra  
Learn how to use internet-based tools to engage your donors and fundraise in fun, effective ways. Need help with your strategy, donor cultivation or an appeal? Reach out to your board for help! Learn to tap into this invaluable resource to raise money for your nonprofit in more ways than one.

## “How Can You Work There?” Keeping the Faith When the Institution is Under Fire | 11:30 AM–12:15 PM

Sister Sally Duffy • Ann Rodgers • Patricia Zapor

This moderated discussion with the audience will address the challenges of working for an organization that is under public scrutiny – often for matters unrelated to our work. The sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church, for one, may cause many of us, as well as our friends and relatives, to question why we do what we do and where. How do we come to terms with our own questions?

## Get the Most Out of Your CLINIC Affiliate Benefits!

1:30 PM–2:15 PM | CLINIC Staff

CLINIC provides more than just great training for its affiliates. Discover CLINIC’s other services including expert attorney advice, recognition and accreditation application assistance, flow-through funding and other resources. Affiliates will leave this workshop knowing how to get the most out of your membership. Not an affiliate? Learn how to become one!

## Navigating Troubled Waters: How to Safeguard Your Staff and Your Program | 2:30 PM–3:15 PM

Jeanne Atkinson • Ken Montenegro • Michelle Sardone

Organizations throughout the country have seen an increase in aggressive callers and anti-immigrant rhetoric, and non-profit immigration legal programs have been on the frontline. Are you and your staff trained in how to handle problematic critics? Come and learn how to conduct a risk assessment and create office safety protocols, as well as methods and tactics for ensuring a safe working environment.

### Breakfast in “The ‘Burgh” with RIS!

8–8:45 AM | Somerset, 2nd FL

#### CLINIC

Join the Religious Immigration Services team and other immigration practitioners for some good eats, coffee and an open discussion on religious worker immigration law practice. Our staff and your colleagues will discuss practice advice, strategies and experiences.

### ▲ Immigration Violations: The Three-Headed Monster

9–10:30 AM | Allegheny I, 3rd FL

*Martin Gauto • Charles Wheeler*

Clients often have previous entrances and exits into and out of the United States by the time they walk into your office. Some have been stopped by Customs and Border Protection, but it is not always clear what happened during that interaction. What do all these trips and encounters mean? For many clients, they may mean inadmissibility under INA § 212(a)(9) and/or exposure to reinstatement of removal. This workshop, appropriate for practitioners of all levels, will explore the various ways that clients' immigration histories can lead to inadmissibility for a prior removal, unlawful presence, the permanent bar or reinstatement of a prior removal order.

### ▲ Fundamentals of Family-Based Immigration

9–10:30 AM | Allegheny II, 3rd FL

*Kristina Karpinski • Jennifer Riddle*

How can clients obtain permanent residence through a family relationship? This workshop introduces new practitioners to immigrating as an immediate relative and through the family preference system. Presenters will cover the basics of the I-130 petition process, family visa categories, derivatives, how to read and apply the Visa Bulletin and an overview of the Child Status Protection Act.

### ▲ Hot Topics in Immigration Law

9–10:30 AM | Allegheny III, 3rd FL

*Reena Arya • Susan Schreiber*

Things are constantly changing in the immigration world—this workshop is your chance to catch up on what you may have missed! What is the

latest on implementation of the new Notice to Appear guidance? What are the new updates to asylum procedures and removal proceedings? How are U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Department of State assessing public charge inadmissibility? Can your client still qualify for a fee waiver? What are the latest decisions from the Board of Immigration Appeals and how do they affect your client? This workshop, appropriate for all levels, will review the headline news of the year and how these developments may impact your clients and your practice.

### ◆ Nuts and Bolts of Case Management and Developing Policies and Procedures

9–10:30 AM | Westmoreland, 2nd FL

*Silvana Arista-Olms • Nathaly Perez*

Do you ever wonder if your case management system is working as effectively as it could? Want to learn about what organizations are doing to maximize their time, while ensuring quality immigration services? We will explore topics related to case supervision, case management, and developing and implementing policies and procedures. CLINIC presenters will discuss case management best practices.

### ▲ Won't You Be My (Permanent) Neighbor? Permanent Residency for Religious Workers

9–10:30 AM | Pennsylvania, 2nd FL

*Graciela Mateo • Miguel Naranjo • Minyoung Ohm*

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood—unless you are trying to file a permanent residence case for a religious worker! Join Mister Miguel Naranjo and his neighbors, the RIS staff, as they take you on a tour through U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' neighborhood. Learn how to climb Mt. I-360 (petition). Be witness to the majesty of I-485 (application) Falls. Also, do battle with the treacherous monsters in RFE land, where the need for new evidence can seem endless. Join us for this and so much more.

### ▲ 237(a)(1)(H) to the Rescue: Relief for Certain Deportable Permanent Residents

11 AM–12:30 PM | Allegheny I, 3rd FL

*Sarah Bronstein • Susan Schreiber*

What can you do when you find out that your client was married when she immigrated in the F2B category? What if she was mistakenly granted

status as a derivative beneficiary when she had aged out of eligibility, or she immigrated through a sham marriage? If there is a defect in your client's underlying residency, your client is subject to removal unless a 237(a)(1) (H) waiver can come to the rescue. Join this workshop for experienced advocates to learn about what kinds of defects this waiver can remedy and what the applicant needs to show for her waiver to be approved.

### ▲ **Immigrating Through Marriage: Conditional Residency**

◆ 11 AM–12:30 PM | Allegheny II, 3rd FL

*Kristina Karpinski • Charles Wheeler*

Many clients immigrating through marriage are granted conditional residence and must take additional steps to remove the conditions on their status. In this workshop, appropriate for practitioners of all levels, presenters will discuss how and when to file the I-751 joint petition or waiver, and the circumstances in which late filings will be excused. The session will also cover denials, termination of conditional residence status and a review of denials in removal proceedings.

### ▲ **Demystifying Moral Turpitude**

◆ 11 AM–12:30 PM | Allegheny III, 3rd FL

*Bradley Jenkins • Rachel Naggar*

Even the Board of Immigration Appeals says that “moral turpitude is a nebulous concept.” This workshop will give practitioners an introduction to the elements of Crimes Involving Moral Turpitude, including tools for determining when a client's conviction constitutes a CIMT. We will also discuss when and how a CIMT impacts a client's case. This workshop is open to practitioners of all levels.

### ▲ **Religious Worker Blues**

◆ 11 AM–12:30 PM | Pennsylvania, 2nd FL

*Nicole Bonjean • Minyoung Ohm • Megan Turngren*

Feeling down in the “pitts” over religious worker visa problems? Fear no more! Join the RIS team as they croon their way through major topics in the religious immigration world, such as:

- More memos, more problems!
- Won't you come for a site visit?
- Hello, is anyone home? USCIS processing delays
- Don't you want me? When premium processing says no

### ▲ **Building Strategies for Case Resolution**

◆ 11 AM–12:30 PM | Westmoreland, 2nd FL

*Karen Sullivan • Courtney Winship • Conn Schrader*

Join representatives of USCIS, the National Visa Center, and CLINIC's advocacy team to learn about updates on case processing tools and procedures. In this session, we will share tips for preparing cases, discuss how to counsel clients on timing and expectations, and discuss how to tackle problem cases. This session will also cover case advocacy resources available to CLINIC affiliates.

### ▲ **We Are Fa-mi-ly! Establishing Parent-Child Relationships for Immigration and Citizenship Purposes**

◆ 2:30–4 PM | Allegheny I, 3rd FL

*Jennifer Riddle • Charles Wheeler*

When does someone qualify to immigrate as a “parent” or “child” under INA § 101(b)? Who counts as a “child” under INA § 101(c) for purposes of acquiring or deriving U.S. citizenship from a parent? This workshop takes a deep dive into the law around parent-child relationships and the evidence needed to establish these relationships in different situations. Experienced practitioners are welcome to explore the nuances of establishing this key relationship for biological, adoptive and stepchildren, including the legitimation of children born out of wedlock and the use of DNA testing. Presenters will also touch on when a child is a derivative and basics of the Child Status Protection Act.

### ▲ **All About Travel**

◆ 2:30–4 PM | Allegheny II, 3rd FL

*Sarah Bronstein • Kristina Karpinski • Peggy Gleason*

What legal issues may arise when your client travels abroad? When may a lawful permanent resident's absence be construed as abandonment of residency? What if your asylee or refugee client travels back to his or her home country? When will a lawful permanent resident be considered an applicant for admission after a trip abroad and what are the legal implications? In this workshop, geared toward practitioners at all levels of experience, the presenters will review legal issues and complications related to client travel abroad.

### ▲ **Case Assessment: Getting it Right from the Start**

2:30–4 PM | Allegheny III, 3rd FL

*Martin Gauto • Susan Schreiber*

You may be surprised to learn that case assessment is something you do every day. It is the process of identifying the legal requirements for a particular benefit, then gathering the corresponding facts and evidence to meet those requirements. Case assessment also helps practitioners identify case weaknesses and plan a strategy to address them. Now, more than ever, it's imperative to do a case assessment at the onset of representation to make sure you have considered all of the issues, not only through the eyes of the client advocate, but also as the case may be seen by the adjudicator. In this workshop, appropriate for all practitioners, we will walk through a series of case assessments to review the steps and see how this process can strengthen your advocacy skills.

### ▲ **Practical Consequences of the Humanitarian Crisis at the Border**

2:30–4 PM | Westmoreland, 2nd FL | *Luis Guerra*

*Tania Guerrero • Sister Ruth Harkins • Marguerite Harmon*

Do you know about your client's journey to the United States? For an advocate, knowledge is power—power that can translate to a broader view of potential legal options. Conditions and processes vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, making it challenging to counsel clients on next steps. Join us for a discussion of what happens at ports of entry such as El Paso, Nogales and San Isidro. Experts will share their experiences and observations from the field regarding representing unaccompanied children, asylum applicants and other vulnerable populations.

### ▲ **Maximizing Staff Potential**

2:30–4 PM | Pennsylvania, 2nd FL

*Laura Burdick • Leya Speasmaker*

Learn to be the best supervisor you can be. Join CLINIC's Capacity Building staff for a conversation about key staffing issues such as hiring, onboarding and training new staff. We will also discuss supervision techniques, professional development, staff retention and responding to staff turnover.

### ▲ **Seeking Asylum in a Post-A-B-World**

4:30–6 PM | Allegheny I, 3rd FL

*Victoria Neilson • Sheila Vélez Martínez*

Last summer then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a decision, *Matter of A-B-*, which sought to restrict asylum eligibility for those fleeing domestic violence or gang violence. Since then, the attorney general has also certified *Matter of L-E-A-* for review, which may affect asylum claims based on family membership. Geared toward practitioners with asylum experience, this workshop will address strategies to use in presenting asylum cases in an increasingly challenging environment. It will also discuss federal litigation challenging these changes to asylum law.

### ▲ **All About Naturalization**

4:30–6 PM | Allegheny II, 3rd FL

*Rachel Naggar • Jennifer Riddle • Sandra Sandoval*

This workshop will provide new practitioners with an overview of the eligibility requirements for naturalization. Presenters will discuss the continuous residence and physical presence requirements, the statutory and regulatory bars to demonstrating good moral character, and the English and civics requirements and exemptions. The workshop will also include screening tips for naturalization eligibility and deportability.

### ▲ **What You Need to Know About Public Charge**

4:30–6 PM | Allegheny III, 3rd FL

*Charles Wheeler*

The public charge ground of inadmissibility could become a significant barrier for low-income clients, depending on the language in the final regulation and the agency's implementation of these changes. But in any event, the focus is going to shift to the intending immigrant and the need to evidence positive factors with respect to age, health, job skills, education, income and resources. Some consulates have already started applying this tougher scrutiny. Come learn what practitioners are experiencing and how to prepare your clients for this new or likely standard. This workshop is appropriate for practitioners of all levels.



**Exploring the Intersection of Activism and Faith**

4:30–6 PM | Westmoreland, 2nd FL

*Rev. Susan Brouillette • Laura Peralta-Schulte • Patricia Zapor*  
Activism motivated by faith has been at the helm of countless social movements, from civil rights to labor and climate change. In this panel, we will hear from organizers whose religious principles have driven them to lead protests, marches and nationwide advocacy efforts in defense of immigrant rights. They rally around a belief that crosses all theological lines: the protection of human dignity, regardless of nationality, race or creed.

**Top 10 Issues in Immigration Program Management**

4:30–6 PM | Pennsylvania, 2nd FL

*Silvana Arista-Olms • Laura Burdick • Nathaly Perez*  
• Leya Speasmaker

Immigration program managers share similar challenges, but often don't have the opportunity to discuss them with their peers. In this workshop, you will hear from CLINIC staff on the top 10 issues facing immigration programs, including funding challenges, ethical issues, staffing and supervision. Hypothetical scenarios will be used to guide an open discussion.

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### CIS Ombudsman Listening Session

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*Allison Posner • Karen Sullivan*

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### ▲ Beyond the Interview: Getting the Facts

9–10:30 AM | Allegheny I, 3rd FL

*Reena Arya • Sarah Bronstein • Ann Garcia*

You've interviewed your client and she has disclosed an arrest by local law enforcement and a stop at the border. What should you do next? Whether you're new to the practice of immigration law or need a refresher, this workshop will be valuable to you in determining how and where to get the facts you need in order to counsel your client on immigration options. Topics will include FOIA requests, how to obtain FBI RAP sheets and criminal records, as well as how to analyze the results of these requests.

### ◆ What To Do When You Make a Mistake: Ethical and Practical Implications

9–10:30 AM | Westmoreland, 2nd FL

*Martin Gauto • Susan Schreiber*

Have you ever had a client's case denied based on a mistake you made? Perhaps you forgot to include a piece of required evidence or overlooked screening for a ground of inadmissibility or simply misunderstood the applicable legal requirements. Mistakes happen, but ALL mistakes need to be acknowledged and assessed so that appropriate remedial measures are taken. We will review the different ethical obligations triggered when a mistake is made and examine the potential steps a practitioner may need to take. Those may include informing supervisors and the client, refunding fees, withdrawing from the case and advising the client to seek new counsel, and acknowledging ineffective assistance of counsel where appropriate. This workshop is appropriate for all practitioners.

### ▲ Tackling Acquisition and Derivation of Citizenship

9–10:30 AM | Allegheny II, 3rd FL

*Kristina Karpinski • Charles Wheeler*

Has your foreign-born client been a U.S. citizen since the day she was born? Can your client apply for a certificate of citizenship or U.S. passport following the naturalization of his parent or parents? This workshop, appropriate for new practitioners, will cover the requirements for acquiring U.S. citizenship at birth abroad and deriving citizenship from a U.S. citizen parent after birth. It will also review the requirements for children born in wedlock and out of wedlock, residence requirements for U.S. citizen parents, and the legal and physical custody requirements for derivation.

### ▲ The Risks of Filing for Immigration Benefits with USCIS

9–10:30 AM | Allegheny III, 3rd FL

*Victoria Neilson • Rebecca Scholtz*

The 2018 USCIS Notice to Appear Guidance has dramatically increased the risk of immigration enforcement for many immigrants affirmatively filing for benefits with USCIS. This workshop, which is appropriate for practitioners of all levels, will discuss how the policy is being implemented to help you gauge whether filing with USCIS may result in your client being placed in removal proceedings. It will cover strategies for conducting a pre-filing case assessment (including screening for relief in removal proceedings and exposure to detention), counseling clients about the risks and benefits of filing for immigration benefits with USCIS, and incorporating the 2018 NTA guidance into case planning for already-filed cases.

### ◆ Sharing the Journey into the Future

9–10:30 AM | Pennsylvania, 2nd FL

*Frank Mulcahy • Michelle Sardone*

As Pope Francis' two-year call to Share the Journey ends, it is time to reflect on lessons learned. As ever, our goal is to create a culture of encounter based in Catholic social teaching on migration. Come and hear about the Catholic Church's efforts and what programs people have successfully implemented in their communities.

# 24 || FRIDAY WORKSHOPS CONVENING 2019

## ▲ Dealing with Denials

11 AM–12:30 PM | Allegheny I, 3rd FL  
*Kristina Karpinski • Susan Schreiber*

You just received a denial of your client's application for adjustment of status and the clock is ticking. What remedies are available to challenge the denial and how can you pursue them? Is there an appeal you can file, or a motion to reopen or reconsider? If you can do both, which is the best option? And how do you draft a legal argument that your client's case was wrongly denied? This workshop, which is appropriate for practitioners of all levels, will review the various options available to challenge application and petition denials, and discuss strategic and procedural aspects to consider when deciding on a plan of action.

## ▲ The ABCs of Asylum Law

11 AM–12:30 PM | Allegheny II, 3rd FL  
*Reena Arya • Lolita Brayman*

As more migrants arrive at our borders seeking asylum, immigration legal practitioners must be prepared to help them through the legal system. Practitioners new to the asylum process are encouraged to join us for a discussion on the basics of asylum law, including concepts of past persecution and well-founded fear, the five protected grounds and how to establish a nexus to these grounds, humanitarian asylum and bars to asylum. We will also discuss the differences between affirmative and defensive asylum procedures. This panel will also address whether asylum may be an option for individuals with DACA or TPS and consider the common challenges to succeeding with these claims, such as the one-year filing deadline.

## ▲ Stop Pulling Your Hair Out: How to Handle USCIS Procedural Issues

11 AM–12:30 PM | Allegheny III, 3rd FL  
*Sarah Bronstein • Peggy Gleason • Jennifer Riddle*

Have you become increasingly frustrated with USCIS case processing delays, decreasing avenues for inquiry, and a shift towards enforcement? This workshop will review recent organizational changes within USCIS as well as policy changes on issuing Notices to Appear and Requests for Evidence and proposed changes in fee waiver criteria. Finally, we will review adjudication delays in various application types. Practitioners with

experience dealing with USCIS are welcome to join us as we discuss recent procedural challenges, as well as strategies for shepherding tricky cases through to approval.

## ▲ Non-Court Removal Orders

11 AM–12:30 PM | Westmoreland, 2nd FL  
*Bradley Jenkins • Michelle Mendez*

You call the EOIR hotline and no information appears on your client—but this does not mean that your client does not have an order of removal! This workshop will walk you through how to determine if your client has a non-court removal order, different types of non-court orders of removal, and relief possibilities for clients with a non-court order of removal. Panelists will also review whether the client is at risk of facing the permanent bar. Together, they will help practitioners of all levels navigate non-court removal orders and show them how to best advocate for these vulnerable clients.

## ▲ Power to the States: How State & Local Officials are Defending Their Communities from Federal Government Overreach

11 AM–12:30 PM | Pennsylvania, 2nd FL  
*Ingrid Delgado • Christy Williams*

In an increasingly hostile climate toward immigrants, state and local governments are key players in resisting federal efforts to weaken trust and inclusivity in their communities. Officials are using their state powers to challenge federal government activities that threaten public safety and the overall well-being of their communities by implementing welcoming policies and initiating legislation. Speakers will discuss how advocates and local officials are working together to reject anti-immigrant sentiments and defend the rights and dignity of vulnerable residents.

## ▲ Life after U Status: Challenges Ahead

2:45–4:15 PM | Allegheny I, 3rd FL  
*Sarah Bronstein • Susan Schreiber*

In this workshop, the presenters will look at issues that arise after U status is granted. Those issues will include post-approval inadmissibility grounds, revocation of U status, prior removal orders, adjustment of status and discretion. The presenters will also discuss issues related to derivatives

such as the loss of relationship and the I-929 process. This workshop targets experienced practitioners in that it assumes knowledge of the eligibility requirements for U Status.

### ▲ **Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Avoiding Pitfalls in Light of Changing Government Practices**

2:45–4:15 PM | Allegheny II, 3rd FL

*Martin Gauto • Rebecca Scholtz*

Over the last several years, the federal government has implemented various policies and practices that make it difficult for SIJS-eligible children to access this important protection successfully. This workshop, geared toward practitioners with SIJS experience, will discuss recent trends in USCIS adjudication of SIJS petitions as well as current federal court litigation related to SIJS. It will also cover strategies for navigating removal proceedings for clients who are seeking SIJS, particularly in light of attorney general decisions that make it challenging for children to pursue relief with USCIS while in removal proceedings. Presenters will also discuss the visa backlog's impact on vulnerable youth clients who have approved SIJS petitions but are awaiting visa availability.

### ▲ **Understanding Admissions into the United States**

2:45–4:15 PM | Allegheny III, 3rd FL

*Reena Arya • Charles Wheeler*

Do you know an admission when you see one? What kinds of things constitute an admission? Was your client admitted into the United States if she told the officer at the border that she was a U.S. citizen? What if she was a silent passenger in a car that a border officer waived through after speaking with the driver? What about a returning Legal Permanent Resident who could potentially be subject to the public charge inadmissibility ground? Presenters will review the current status of the law on the definition of admission in these and other contexts. This workshop is open to practitioners at all levels.

### ▲ **Non-LPR Cancellation: Preparing and Presenting the Case**

2:45–4:15 PM | Westmoreland, 2nd FL

*Ann Garcia • Michelle Mendez*

ICE has served your client with a Notice to Appear and filed it with the

immigration court. Has your undocumented client lived in the United States for over 10 years? Does this client have a spouse, child(ren) or parent(s) who are lawful permanent residents or U.S. citizens? Would this relative experience exceptional and extremely unusual hardship if your client were removed? Does this client have a criminal record? This workshop, appropriate for all levels, will review the requirements of non-LPR Cancellation of Removal, an important form of defensive relief for clients in removal proceedings, and discuss the common obstacles to proving eligibility.

### ▲ **Policy and Advocacy Briefing: Year Three under the Trump Administration**

2:45–4:15 PM | Pennsylvania, 2nd FL

*Melissa Hastings • Donald Kerwin • Sirine Shebaya*

This panel will explore current events in immigration law and policy, illuminating the administration's core goals and strategies in reducing immigration and immigrant integration. Topics will include DACA/TPS, the administration's regulatory agenda, denaturalization efforts, family separation and more. Attendees will walk away with a better understanding of key topics and a sharper eye to spot patterns that lead to a stronger collective voice of opposition.

**Full list of speakers at [cliniclegal.org](http://cliniclegal.org)**



### Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston

CLINIC is thrilled to present the 2019 Advocacy Leadership Award to Refugee and Immigration Services, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston for their exemplary advocacy work on Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure.

CLINIC's Advocacy Leadership Award recognizes a CLINIC affiliate who has demonstrated bold, strategic, and visionary leadership in advocacy to promote and defend the rights and dignity of immigrants.

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston Refugee and Immigration Services division serves over 16,000 foreign born regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, orientation or status each year through Community Interpreter, Immigration Legal, Refugee Resettlement and Unaccompanied Migrant Children services. Their services are delivered by a multilingual and multicultural team of professionals who are dedicated to ensuring all persons who seek our support are treated with compassion, dignity and respect.



### Alston & Bird

This year, CLINIC has selected Alston & Bird LLP to receive its annual Pro Bono award. The majority of CLINIC's pro bono referrals involve pro se immigrants who have appeals before the BIA. Most of the cases involve detained immigrants who are either asylum-seekers or long-term permanent residents of the United States. Much is at stake in their claims, as many face removal to countries where their lives may be in danger and others risk permanent separation from family members residing in the United States. This population, and the hours and resources required to represent it,

overwhelms non-profit organizations. CLINIC, which has the largest pro bono appeals project in the United States, greatly depends on the support of firms such as Alston & Bird to help meet the needs.

In the past five years, Alston & Bird has represented 32 pro bono clients through the BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project. These cases have set precedents for asylum seekers, gained protection for refugees, and kept 32 families together. As just one example, Michael Ward was able to win a rare grant of cancellation of removal for an HIV-positive single father of five. CLINIC is grateful for Alston & Bird's steadfast commitment to CLINIC's pro bono program.

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# LILY GUTIERREZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



## Featured Scholar

Carla Gomez is one of this year's recipients of the Lily Gutierrez Memorial Scholarship. She knew she had to join the Catholic Multicultural Center of Madison, Wisconsin — where she's been since August 2018 — as soon as she read the job description.

Gomez's parents moved from Mexico in the 1980s to Los Angeles, where she was born. In 2008, her parents went back to Mexico for a consular interview to apply for residency. Their application was denied, and they were barred for 10 years from returning to the United States.

*"I was 16 years old when my parents were kept from coming back," Gomez said. "My life changed forever."*

Sharing that personal connection with her clients has made her job enjoyable. It has kept her going during a particularly difficult time for people in her community, where Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids and other enforcement actions have spread panic and uncertainty, even among immigrants with legal status for decades. Gomez believes her work has taught her about the complexities of the immigration system, while providing a new appreciation for the legal profession.

The Lily Gutierrez Memorial Scholarship will support Gomez's goal to apply for partial DOJ accreditation, take on a caseload and support her agency's fully accredited staff representing clients in immigration court. Nonetheless, her family remains her main motivation to achieve these goals. "Every time I hand out a green card or a work permit, I feel like I'm helping my parents," she said.

Lily Gutierrez Memorial Scholarships are sustained by donations to CLINIC. Your generous gift to this scholarship fund makes possible for dedicated immigration legal service providers, such as Carla Gomez, to attend our annual Convening.

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# 34 || 5 THINGS TO DO CONVENING 2019



## Andy Warhol Museum

Tells Andy Warhol's story, exploring his legacy on seven floors and the underground. This is the largest collection of Warhol art and archives in the world! (\$20)



## Cathedral of Learning

Second-tallest educational building in the world, its 42 stories house classrooms (including the internationally renowned Nationality Classrooms) academic and administrative offices, libraries, computer labs, a theater, a print shop, and a food court. (\$4)



## Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

A green oasis in the middle of Pittsburgh's vibrant Oakland neighborhood, it has provided a world-class garden experience to its visitors since 1893. (\$18)



## The Frick Gallery

Experience the culture and refinement of the Gilded Age. Tour the home of the Frick family, see magnificent exhibitions, take part in educational programs/concerts, enjoy fine dining and take a casual stroll through 5.5 acres of gardens! (Free)



## Duquesne Incline

Step back in time on a century-old cable car and see the best views of downtown Pittsburgh while riding one of the few remaining inclines in the country. (\$5)

Make sure to ask about student, senior and group discounts! Special tours may have added fees.

# 35 || EXHIBIT HALL CONVENING 2019

## This Year's Exhibitors

In addition to government and CLINIC-related exhibits, the following will join us:

- #BeGolden: Catholic Diocese of Dallas
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center
- LawLogix by Hyland
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
- Missionary of Divine Mercy
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy
- NETWORK Lobby
- Thread of Hope Guatemalan Fair Trade

Visit them in the Allegheny Foyer (3rd floor). Fill out your exhibitor card for a chance to win a new Kurzban's! The winner will be announced Friday at noon.

- **Wednesday** | Noon–4:30 PM
- **Thursday** | 8 AM–12:30 PM | 2:30–5 PM
- **Friday** | 8 AM–4:30 PM

### Jesus was a refugee.

*Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. (Matt. 2:13-14)*

**The people of CLINIC are the angels who aid Jesus along his path to safety.**

*"When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matt. 25:38-40)*

*With gratitude and prayers for your work, strength and dedication,*



— **Bishop David A. Zubik**,  
with the clergy, religious and faithful  
of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh

