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Immigration Law

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WEBCAST ONLY

DESCRIPTION

Experienced faculty will provide a half day of immigration law discussion, including introductory and advanced topics. Topics include navigating visa and consular scrutiny, recent F-1 developments, naturalization advocacy, EOIR procedures, habeas corpus, Bond proceedings, removal proceedings, detainee transfer issues and topics for employers and beneficiaries with business immigration matters.

FACULTY
Tanya Fekri – *Fekri Immigration Law, Seattle*
Mari Matsumoto – *Washington Immigration Defense Group, Seattle*
Shara Svendsen – *Law Office of Shara Svendsen, Mill Creek*
Benjamin Cornell – *Ascent Legal, PLLC, Tacoma*
Abtin Bahador – *Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC, Seattle*

SCHEDULE

9:10 a.m. > Webcast Log-In Opens

9:25 a.m. > Welcome and Introductions
- **Jennifer Holderman** – *Washington State Bar Association, Seattle*

9:30 a.m. > Navigating Visa and Consular Scrutiny: Iran as a Case Study and Key F-1 Developments
90 minutes, 1.5 credits L&LP
This session will examine current challenges and practical considerations in visa processing and consular adjudications, using issues affecting Iranian nationals as a case study. The presentation will address heightened vetting, administrative processing, and other consular processing challenges, with an emphasis on issue spotting and counseling clients before and after visa interviews. The session will also cover key developments affecting F-1 students, including visa, travel, and status considerations, and will highlight issues practitioners should consider when advising international students as they navigate the transition from student status to employment.
- **Tanya Fekri** – *Fekri Immigration Law, Seattle*
- **Abtin Bahador** – *Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC, Seattle*

11:00 a.m. > BREAK

11:15 a.m. > EOIR Procedures in Uncertain Times
60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP
This session enhances participants' understanding of Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) procedures, with a particular focus on the unique legal and procedural considerations involved in representing juveniles and children in immigration court. Attendees will gain practical knowledge to navigate court processes more effectively, advocate for child respondents, and address common challenges that arise in juvenile immigration cases.
- **Shara Svendsen** – *Law Office of Shara Svendsen, Mill Creek*

12:15 p.m. > LUNCH on Your Own

1:15 p.m. > Naturalization Advocacy in a Shifting Policy Landscape
60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP
This session provides attendees with up-to-date guidance on naturalization practice, including recent USCIS policy changes, advocacy strategies, and practical considerations that affect naturalization applications. Participants will also gain insight into the use of naturalization disability waivers, enhancing their ability to identify eligibility issues and effectively advocate for clients with disabilities.
- **Mari Matsumoto** – *Washington Immigration Defense Group, Seattle*

2:15 p.m. > Representing Noncitizens Held in ICE Custody
60 minutes, 1.0 credits L&LP
This session equips participants with practical knowledge and advocacy strategies for representing individuals in habeas corpus litigation, bond proceedings, and removal proceedings within the immigration detention system. Attendees will also gain a deeper understanding of detainee transfer issues and their impact on case management, client access, and effective legal representation.
- **Benjamin Cornell** – *Ascent Legal, PLLC, Tacoma*

3:15 p.m. > Adjourn • Complete Online Evaluations

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