



PADILLA & IMMIGRATION

PROGRAM CHAIRS: JUSTIN TULLIUS AND LUIS MEDINA

This course is approved for 6.5 hours of MCLE (390 minutes)

AGENDA

Thursday, June 5, 2025

8:00am		Registration Open: Breakfast and Coffee Hour
8:25am		Welcome and Introductions - Shannon Evans, CJAI Programs Director and Program Chairs, Justin Tullius and Luis Medina, Bexar County Managed Assigned Counsel Office and Bexar County Public Defenders Office
8:30am	90 mins	<p>SESSION 1: Immigration Defense Landscape in 2025</p> <p><i>Speaker: Javier Maldonado, Law Office of Javier N. Maldonado, P.C., San Antonio, TX</i> <i>Speaker: Steve O'Conner, O'Connor & Associates, Bryan, TX</i> <i>Speaker: Kathrine Russell, DMCA, San Antonio, TX</i> <i>Moderator: Luis Medina, Bexar Co. Public Defender's Office</i></p> <p>What's changed in the immigration enforcement climate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded expedited removal proceedings for recent arrivals Alien Enemies Act - deportations and challenges § 1459 prosecutions of entrants not reporting to an officer Threats to immigration practitioners <p>What's changed in immigration protections and defenses for noncitizens?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview removal proceedings are and of relief options Asylum and relief changes Termination of Parole/TPS Key case law developments <p>What's changed in how ICE detains noncitizens?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detention practices updates Mandatory detention and the Laken Riley Act ICE enforcement when the noncitizen is a victim <p>Criminal lawyers working together with immigration lawyers: two example areas:</p> <p>Working together on bonds to get clients released</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When your client should post their bond before the criminal case is resolved: current ICE and Immigration Judge practices How criminal defense counsel can help an immigration lawyer win a bond in Immigration Court <p>Working together on controlled substances challenges to keep clients eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigration consequences of delivery of controlled substance Working with the State to make case documents clear: 0-2 oz and <30g of marihuana Keeping some controlled substance defendants eligible for immigration options under Alejos-Perez: Texas penalty groups, cocaine, and working with the charging documents
10:00am	15min	Break
10:15am	75 mins	<p>SESSION 2: Fighting on Multiple Fronts: State, Federal, and Immigration</p> <p><i>Speaker: Speaker: Daniel McFadden, Managing Attorney, ACLU of Massachusetts</i> <i>Speaker: Roland Garcia, Assistant Federal Public Defender, San Antonio, TX</i> <i>Speaker: Doug Keller, Legal Director, Lone Star Defenders Office, Austin, TX</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untying the ICE Catch-22 in county jails Criminal bonds and ICE holds Strategies for getting back to criminal court after an ICE transfer Collaboration between criminal and immigration lawyers on habeas projects Understanding illegal entry cases and the current trends in prosecutions Interaction between state, federal, and immigration enforcement





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11:30am		Lunch (Provided)
12:00pm	90 mins	SESSION 3: Building Defense Infrastructure <i>Speaker: Priscilla Olivarez, Policy and Strategy Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)</i> <i>Speaker: Kort Lee, Senior Program Associate, Vera Institute of Justice</i> <i>Speaker: Judge Melanie Lira, Bexar County Court 7</i> <i>Moderator: Justin Tullius, Padilla Advisor, Bexar County Managed Assigned Counsel (MAC)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local government funding for immigration defense and indigent criminal defense collaboration• Padilla resources around Texas• Padilla compliance dockets• ICE enforcement updates
1:30pm	15 mins	BREAK
1:45pm	75 mins	SESSION 4: Post-Conviction Relief: Reverse-Engineering a Good Plea <i>Speaker: Roberto Jimenez, Attorney, Demott, McChesney, Curtright & Armendariz, San Antonio, TX</i> <i>Speaker: Matt Howard, Director, Conviction Integrity, Bexar County District Attorney, San Antonio, TX</i> <i>Speaker: Lauren Zamora, Conviction Integrity, Bexar Co. District Attorney, San Antonio, TX</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal authority and case law requirements for Padilla advice• Diagnosing eligibility to undo a plea• Best practices for documenting Padilla advice• Case study discussions
3:00pm	10 mins	BREAK
3:10pm	60 mins	SESSION 5: Client-Centered Advocacy: Building Holistic Support <i>Speaker: Aglae Eufrazio, Assistant Public Defender, Dallas County Public Defender's Office</i> <i>Speaker: Elisa Jelley, Attorney, American Gateways, San Antonio, TX</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Client advocacy with a holistic approach• Building teams with lawyers and social support• Mental health and case study integration
4:10pm		Adjourn!

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