



Free Asylum Skills “Boot Camp”

Includes Specialized California MCLE Credits

The Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, California and San Joaquin College of Law New American Legal Clinic invite you to a free full-day in-person asylum skills “boot camp” MCLE training. This training assumes prior knowledge of the substantive legal elements for asylum, withholding of removal, and Convention Against Torture protection. It is geared towards advocates seeking to strengthen essential skills in representing clients in these claims. This training will consist of five one-hour MCLE sessions on the following topics:

- **Trauma-Informed Declaration Writing (1 Elimination of Bias MCLE)**
Learn strategies for trauma-informed interviewing, framing a client’s narrative, and drafting a compelling asylum declaration.
- **Country Conditions Research & Evidence (1 General MCLE)**
Discuss why country conditions evidence is important in fear-of-return claims and review how to conduct country conditions research.
- **Working with Experts (1 General MCLE)**
Understand the role of experts in fear-of-return claims and best practices for collaboration.
- **The Power of a Brief & Closing Argument (1 General MCLE)**
Hone persuasive written and oral advocacy skills.
- **Ethical Considerations in Filing for Asylum (1 Legal Ethics MCLE)**
Identify factors to consider when assessing a case and distinguish between a meritorious and frivolous claim.

Friday, November 4, 2022
8:30 am – 3:30 pm (lunch provided)

Location:
San Joaquin College of Law
901 5th Street
Clovis, CA 93612

5 CA MCLE Credits

- 3 General
- 1 Elimination of Bias
- 1 Legal Ethics

Presenters:
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by October 28, 2022.

This training is in-person only; no recording or call-in option will be available.

Additional Questions:
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