

**Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights'** Sixteenth Annual Asylum training seminar—recognized as one of the finest asylum training programs in the country—brings together representatives from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), the Executive Office for Immigration Review, academia, and the immigration bar to cover basic and advanced asylum law and procedures. **This year, Juan P. Osuna from the Board of Immigration Appeals will be a speaker.** A representative from the Immigration and Naturalization Service's Office of General Counsel has also been invited. The conference will address cutting-edge issues in asylum law, including updates on the new social group regulations. Track 1 will cover the basics of applying for asylum, including tips on completing an asylum application and preparing the client for the asylum officer interview. Track 2 will feature sessions on appellate procedure and recent BIA asylum decisions. New this year is a special training for paralegals. Conference participants will also have the opportunity to observe a mock INS asylum interview and a mock Immigration Court asylum hearing. The Asylum Conference provides a complete training in handling asylum claims, and serves as a recruiting and training tool for those interested in handling asylum cases.

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights' **Refugee & Asylum Project** provides legal representation to more than 900 indigent individuals and families annually with the help of 350 volunteers. The Project's clients have fled persecution and are in danger of detention, torture and death if forced to return home. A *pro bono* attorney is often the difference between life and death for our clients.

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