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Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights' Seventeenth Annual Asylum training seminar— recognized as one of the finest in the country— brings together representatives from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Executive Office for Immigration Review, and the immigration bar to cover basic and advanced asylum law and procedure, as well as highlight recent changes in asylum law and regulations. This year, Dan Kesselbrenner from the National Immigration Project at the National Lawyers Guild and Nadine Wettstein, Director of the Legal Action Center at the American Immigration Law Foundation will present advanced litigation strategies and discuss detention issues. The conference will address cutting-edge issues in asylum law, with a focus on advanced litigation topics. Track 1 will cover the basics of applying for asylum, including tips on completing an asylum application and preparing the client for an asylum interview. Track 2 will feature updates on appellate practice and trends in litigation for experienced volunteer attorneys and immigration practitioners.

In light of the past year's events, one of the various afternoon breakout sessions will be devoted to post-September 11 criminal and immigration matters. Conference participants will also have the opportunity to observe a mock asylum hearing before an immigration judge.

The Asylum Conference provides comprehensive training in handling asylum claims for volunteers, students and immigration practitioners.

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights' **Refugee and Asylum Project** provides legal representation to more than 900 indigent individuals and families annually with the help of over 350 volunteers. The Project's clients have fled persecution and are in danger of detention, torture and death if forced to return home. Over 90% of the project's clients have been granted asylum. A *pro bono* attorney is often the difference between life and death for our clients.

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**Nadine Wettstein** is the Director of the Legal Action Center of the American Immigration Law Foundation (sister organization of American Immigration Lawyers Association). AILF's LAC conducts impact litigation, mentors and assists immigration lawyers with their cases, prepares amicus briefs, coordinates immigrants' rights work, and lectures at seminars across the country. Nadine Wettstein has litigated cases at the Board of Immigration Appeals and in various federal courts and the U.S. Supreme Court, including as lead counsel in *INS v. Aguirre-Aguirre*, 119 S.Ct. 1439 (1999) (regarding eligibility for withholding of deportation and "serious non-political crimes"). She has written for various publications, including the Immigration Law and Procedure treatise, by Gordon, Mailman and Yale-Loehr (chapters on judicial review and habeas corpus), Interpreter Releases and Bender's Immigration Bulletin. She was the 1997 recipient of AILA's Sam

**Dan Kesselbrenner** is the executive director of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild and the co-author of *Immigration Law and Crimes* (West Publishing) and numerous articles on immigration law. In 1991, he received the American Immigration Lawyers Association Jack Wasserman award for excellence in litigation for his work as a member of the legal team in *American Baptist Churches v. Thornburgh*. In 2000, he received the National Immigration Project's Carol King Award. He serves on the Board of Directors of the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and is a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

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TRACK 1  
ASYLUM BASICS

- 7:45-8:00 Registration and Coffee
- 8:00-8:15 Welcome and Overview
- 8:15-8:30 International Refugee Law
- 8:30-9:15 Preparing an Asylum Case: Law and Procedure
- 9:15-10:15 Preparing an Asylum Case: An Advocate's Perspective
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:30 Mock Asylum Interview
- 11:30-1:00 Lunch: Why take a case?
- 1:00-1:15 Taking a case: Introduction to *probono.net*
- 1:15-2:15 Breakout Session 1  
 ▪ *Refugee Resettlement and Asylee Services*  
 ▪ *Trafficking: New Immigration Provisions*  
 ▪ *Know Your Rights: Post-Sept. 11 Immigration and Criminal Matters*
- 2:15-3:15 Breakout Session 2  
 ▪ *Representing Detained Asylum Seekers*  
 ▪ *Post-Asylum Legal Issues*  
 ▪ *Beyond Legal Advocacy: Working with your clients' social service providers*  
 ▪ *Country Condition Updates and Research*
- 3:15-3:30 Break
- 3:30-4:30 Mock Removal Hearing and Q&A with judges

TRACK 2  
ADVANCED PROCEDURE

- 7:45-8:00 Registration and Coffee
- 8:00-8:15 Welcome and Overview
- 8:15-10:15 Advanced Federal Litigation Topics: Habeas Corpus, Mandamus, Petitions for Review
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-11:30 Appellate Practice Updates: Current Litigation
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REGISTRATION

- I will attend but cannot take a *pro bono* case \$250
- I will attend and have a *pro bono* case \$125
- I will attend and will take a *pro bono* case \$125
- I will attend and am a staff member at a non-profit organization \$50
- I will attend and am currently a paralegal or law student \$25
- I will not attend but am ordering conference materials \$25
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