

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights

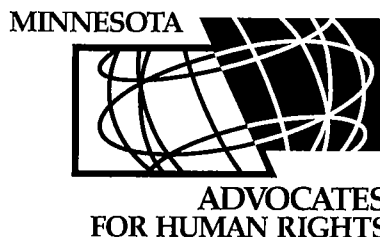
20TH ANNIVERSARY ASYLUM CONFERENCE

Protecting the Unprotected:
Rights and Representation

June 2-3, 2005

Dorsey & Whitney
50 South Sixth Street
15th Floor
Minneapolis, Minnesota

13 CLE credits to be requested.



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Protecting the Unprotected: Rights and Representation

Thursday, June 2

8:30-9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00-10:00 a.m.
Women's Rights & Protections: Applying Global Standards to Local Situations
Cheryl Thomas, *Presenter*

10:00-11:00 a.m.
Expedited Removal in the United States
Mark Hetfield, *Presenter*

11:00-11:15 a.m. Break

11:15-12:15 p.m.
Refugee Rights & Protections
Andrew Painter, *Presenter*

12:15-1:15 p.m. Lunch
Lunch is on your own.

1:15-2:45 p.m.
International Religious Freedom Issues & Religious Persecution Asylum Claims
Mark Hetfield, *Presenter*

2:45-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00-4:30 p.m.
Rights of Indigenous Peoples: International Human Rights Advocacy and Domestic Application
Julie Fischel, *Presenter*

Friday, June 3 - Morning

8:30-9:15 a.m.
Refugee Protections and the UNHCR's Role in Asylum
Andrew Painter, *Presenter*

9:15-10:15 a.m.
Working with Victims of Torture
Patricia Shannon, *Presenter*

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Immigration Court Practice: Trial Tactics for the Pro Bono Asylum Attorney
Judge Joseph Dierkes, *Presenter (on videotape)*
Terry Louie, *Presenter*
Steven C. Thal, *Moderator*

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch
Lunch is on your own.

Friday, June 3 - Afternoon

Track I: The Basics

1:00-2:30 p.m.
The ABC's of Asylum Law
Virgil Wiebe, *Presenter*

2:30-2:45 p.m. Break

2:45-3:45 p.m.
Preparing the Case: Red Flags for the Asylum Attorney
Karen F. Ellingson, *Presenter*

3:45-4:30 p.m.
Practice Before the Asylum Office
Richard Hess, *Presenter*

Track II: Advanced Litigation Topics

1:00-2:30 p.m.
Law Updates: Legislation, Federal Courts & the BIA
Lory D. Rosenberg, *Presenter*

2:30-2:45 p.m. Break

2:45-4:30 p.m.
Asylum Litigation Strategies: Preparing to Win
Lory D. Rosenberg, *Panelist*
Ben Casper, *Panelist*
Sally Silk, *Panelist*
Michael Davis, *Moderator*

4:30-5:30 Reception Sponsored by Dorsey & Whitney, LLP

For twenty years *Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights* has presented the Asylum Conference to recruit and train volunteer asylum attorneys and update immigration law practitioners on current developments in asylum law. To celebrate its twentieth anniversary, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights is offering a two-day conference that will provide practitioners with both a theoretical foundation of international human rights protections as well as practical information for representing asylum seekers in the U.S. The first day participants will learn about international legal frameworks regarding rights and protections of women, religious freedom, refugees, and indigenous peoples. The second day participants will learn the essentials of asylum law—from filing the asylum application to preparing for the hearing. This year's conference also offers an advanced asylum track on litigation strategies for the seasoned immigration practitioner.

Through a trained pro bono panel of over 300 lawyers from all areas of practice, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights represents hundreds of asylum seekers annually. The Asylum Conference has gained a reputation for excellence, presenting local and national experts in the area of asylum law and practice. This year experts in the field of international human rights law will join asylum experts to offer the latest information on these issues.

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builds on our community's unique spirit of social justice to work locally, nationally and internationally in the human rights movement. We investigate and work to overcome human rights violations; represent recent immigrants and refugees who are human rights victims; train and assist groups that protect human rights; and work through education and advocacy to engage the public, policy makers and children in dialogue about human rights, tolerance and international cooperation.

JUNE 7 UPCOMING EVENT:

**Human Rights Awards
Dinner: Celebrating 20
Years of Advocacy on
Behalf of Refugees &
Immigrants**
The Depot, Minneapolis

For ticket information please visit the website at www.mnadvocates.org or call 612.341.3302.

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights would like to thank the Asylum Conference faculty for generously sharing their time and expertise:

Ben Casper, Immigration Attorney, Law Office of Ben Casper
Judge Joseph Dierkes, Executive Office for Immigration Review
Michael H. Davis, Immigration Attorney, Michael H. Davis Law Office
Karen F. Ellingson, Immigration Attorney, Law Office of Karen Ellingson
Julie Fischel, Attorney, Director of the Land Recognition Program, Western Shoshone Defense Project
Richard Hess, Chicago Asylum Office, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service
Mark Hetfield, Immigration Counsel, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom
Terry Louie, Assistant Chief Counsel, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Andrew Painter, Senior Protection Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Lory D. Rosenberg, National Legal Aid & Defender Association, former member of the Board of Immigration Appeals
Patricia Shannon, Clinical Psychologist, Center for Victims of Torture
Sally Silk, Attorney, Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, LLP
Steven C. Thal, Immigration Attorney, Law Office of Steven C. Thal
Cheryl Thomas, Attorney, Women's Program Director, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights
Virgil Wiebe, Professor of Law, University of Saint Thomas Law School

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