

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS LAW & POLICY CONFERENCE

*Conceiving a New World Order:
Labor Rights as Human Rights*

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ASYLUM CONFERENCE

*Basic and Advanced Training for
Pro Bono Attorneys*

June 1-2, 2006

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

12 CLE credits to be requested



2006 Human Rights Law & Policy and Asylum Conference

Thursday, June 1

8:15-9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00-9:30 a.m.

International Labor Law: An Overview

Sarah Paoletti, *Presenter*

9:30-11:00 a.m.

Labor Protection Mechanisms: An International Perspective

Professor David Weissbrodt,
Rebecca Smith, *Presenters*

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

11:15-11:45 a.m.

Using Fact-finding and Reporting to Protect Against Workplace Sexual Harassment and Discrimination

Robin Phillips, *Presenter*

11:45-12:45 p.m. Lunch

Labor Rights Violations in Colombia: An Asylee's Perspective

Gerardo Cajamarca, *Presenter*
Pre-registration required.

12:45-2:00 p.m.

Using U.S. Courts to Address Human Rights Violations in the U.S. and Abroad

Justin Cummins, Dan Kovalik,
Presenters

2:00-2:15 p.m. Break

2:15-4:15 p.m.

The Challenges of Labor Rights Advocacy in the U.S.: A Dialogue with Practitioners

Panelists: Claudia Flores, Matt
Gladue, Milo Mumgaard,
Rebecca Smith, Jennifer Stohl
Powell

Moderators: Brendan Cummins,
Justin Cummins

Friday, June 2 - Morning

8:15-9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00-10:30 a.m.

The ABC's of Asylum Law

Virgil Wiebe, *Presenter*

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Preparing the Case: Red Flags for the Asylum Attorney

Karen F. Ellingson, *Presenter*

11:15-11:30 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Membership in a Social Group - Gender

Deborah Anker, *Presenter*

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

Lunch is on your own.

Friday, June 2 - Afternoon

Track I: The Basics

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Practice Before the Asylum Office

Greg Guckenberger, *Presenter*

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Working with Torture Victims & Clients Who Have Mental Health Issues

Dr. Patricia Shannon, *Presenter*

3:00-3:15 p.m. Break

3:15-5:00 p.m.

Immigration Court Practice Panels:

- 1) Proving an Asylum Claim in Court
- 2) Client Credibility and Document Fraud

Panelists: Immigration Judges Joseph Dierkes and Kristin
Olmanson, Assistant Chief Counsels Kevin Lashus and Dan
Pornschoegl, Attorney Anne Lockner

Moderator: Dinesh Shinoy

Track II: Advanced Litigation Topics

1:00-1:45 p.m.

Law Updates: Legislation, Federal Courts & the BIA

Benjamin Casper, *Presenter*

1:45-3:00 p.m.

Litigation Strategies: Emerging Issues in Asylum Practice

Panelists: Maria Baldini-
Potermin, John Keller, Nancy
Peterson

Moderator: Benjamin Casper

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights is offering a two-day conference that will provide practitioners with a theoretical and practical foundation of international human rights protections and mechanisms as well as practical information for representing asylum seekers in the U.S. The first day participants will learn about international legal frameworks regarding labor rights as they relate to international human rights standards. The second day participants will learn the essentials of asylum law - from filing the asylum application to preparing for the hearing. The conference offers an advanced asylum track on litigation strategies for the seasoned immigration practitioner.

Through a trained pro bono panel of over 300 lawyers, 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 of asylum law and practice.

MINNESOTA ADVOCATES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

- **Builds** on our community's unique spirit of social justice to work locally, nationally and internationally in the human rights movement.
- **Investigates** and works to overcome human rights violations.
- **Represents** recent immigrants and refugees who are victims of human rights abuses.
- **Trains** and assists groups that protect human rights.
- **Works** through education and advocacy to engage the public, policy makers and children in dialogue about human rights, tolerance and international cooperation.

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UPCOMING EVENT ON JUNE 14

Human Rights Awards Dinner
*Working at the Intersections:
Women, Immigration and Human Rights*
The Depot, Minneapolis

For ticket information please visit our website at
www.mnadvocates.org
or call Andrew Williams at 612.341.3302 ext. 110

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

Deborah Anker, Director, Harvard Law School Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program
Maria Baldini-Potermin, Immigration Attorney, Scott D. Pollock & Associates, P.C.
Gerardo Cajamarca, United Steelworkers Union
Ben Casper, Immigration Attorney, Law Office of Ben Casper
Brendan Cummins, Attorney at Law, Miller-O'Brien, P.L.L.P.
Justin Cummins, Attorney at Law, Miller-O'Brien, P.L.L.P.
Judge Joseph Dierkes, Executive Office for Immigration Review
Claudia Flores, Staff Attorney, Women's Rights Project, American Civil Liberties Union
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John Keller, Executive Director, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
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Robin Phillips, Executive Director, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights
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Patricia Shannon, Clinical Psychologist, Center for Victims of Torture
Dinesh Shinoy, Immigration Attorney, Ingber & Aronson, P.A.
Rebecca Smith, Coordinator, Immigrant Worker Justice Project, National Employment Law Project
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Virgil Wiebe, Professor of Law, University of Saint Thomas Law School

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