

19TH ANNUAL ASYLUM CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2004 · 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Dorsey & Whitney L.L.P., 50 South Sixth Street, 15th Floor, Minneapolis, MN

SINCE 1986, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights has presented the Annual Asylum Conference to recruit and train volunteer asylum attorneys and update immigration law practitioners on current developments in asylum law. 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. Attorneys handling an asylum case pro bono, immigration lawyers and paralegals, and refugee service providers will learn the fundamentals of asylum law and procedure, together with the latest information about gender-based asylum claims, the Department of Homeland Security, and current asylum case law.

Join us for the 2004 Asylum Conference, as we focus on the evolving area of gender-based asylum law to teach the fundamentals of asylum practice. Learn the essentials of asylum law - from filing the asylum application to preparing for the hearing.

Fee: \$150, \$25 materials only · **Register By:** June 1, 2004 · **CLE:** credit to be applied for.

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Lunch will be available for purchase the day of the Conference.

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PROGRAM

- 8 – 8:30 a.m. Registration**
- 8:30 – 9 a.m. The New Alphabet Soup: Navigating Today's Immigration Agencies**
Loan Huynh, Immigration Attorney, *Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.*
- 9 – 10:30 a.m. Asylum Law Basics for Complex Cases: Advocating in Gender-Based Asylum Claims and Beyond**
Stephen Knight, Coordinating Attorney, Center for Gender & Refugee Studies at the University of California, *Hastings College of the Law*
Audrey Carr, Immigration Attorney, *Michael H. Davis Law Office*
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Preparing the Case: Red Flags for the Asylum Attorney**
Karen Ellingson, Immigration Attorney & Adjunct Professor of Law, *University of Minnesota Law School Immigration Clinic*
- 11:45 – 12:30 p.m. Practice Before the Asylum Office**
Gregory Guckenberger, Supervisory Asylum Officer, Chicago Asylum Office, *U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services*
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break & Viewing of Chasing Freedom**
How can one person make a difference in a human rights crisis? How can you? Find out with Active Voice's educational campaign for Court T.V.'s *Chasing Freedom*, an original drama based on the true story of one persecuted Afghan woman's plea for asylum and freedom in the United States.
- 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. The Next Steps: Work Permits, Family Unification, and Permanent Residence for the Asylee**
Elizabeth Streefland, Immigration Attorney, *Streefland Law Firm*
- 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. Appeals Updates: Recent Asylum Decisions from the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Eighth Circuit**
Mark Frey, Immigration Attorney, *Frey Law Office*
Riddhi Jani, Immigration Attorney, *Blackwell Ighanugo, P.A.*
- 3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Break**
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Immigration Court Practice: Trial Tactics for the Pro Bono Asylum Attorney**
Kristin Olmanson, U.S. Immigration Judge, *Executive Office for Immigration Review*
Terry Louie, Assistant Chief Counsel, *U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement*
Mark Lee, Pro Bono Asylum Attorney, *Maslon, Edelman, Borman & Brand*
Moderator: Steven Thal, Immigration Attorney, *Law Office of Steven C. Thal*



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June 16: Human Rights Awards Dinner
The Depot, Downtown Minneapolis
Tickets \$150

June 18: Human Rights Law & Policy
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis
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For ticket or registration information please visit Minnesota Advocates website at www.mnadvocates.org or call 612.341.3302.

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