



**WINNING STRATEGIES REGIONAL:
DEFENDING IMMIGRATION AND DRUG CASES
ON THE BORDER**

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE U.S. COURTS
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Thursday, August 2, 2018

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Maureen Scott Franco, Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas

John Convery, CJA Panel Attorney District Representative, San Antonio, TX

Ubong E. Akpan, Attorney Advisor, Defender Services Office Training Division, Washington, DC

8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

Plenary: Existing in the Shadows: An Immigrant's Journey towards Citizenship

Professor Irene Oritseweyinmi Joe, University of California Davis School of Law, Davis, CA

As a toddler, Professor Joe came to the United States from Nigeria with her parents. Her father was pursuing an engineering degree at the University of Texas on a student visa. Like Professor Joe's family, nearly half of the nation's suspected 11 million unauthorized immigrants arrived in the United States legally with temporary, non-immigrant visas. Professor Joe will share her family's story and their path toward lawful residency.

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions - 1

1. **Immigration – Who’s Going to Save Me from this Hell? Protection-Based Relief for Illegal Entry and Reentry Clients**
(repeats today at 11:15 a.m.)
Claudia Valenzuela, National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL
Under the new administration, the Department of Justice will increase prosecutions of 18 U.S.C. § 1325 (illegal entry) and 18 U.S.C. § 1326 (illegal reentry) cases. This session will focus on the several forms of relief from removal for those charged with illegal entry and reentry. This session will specifically address asylum, withholding of removal, protection under the Convention Against Torture (CAT). Participants will obtain a working knowledge of such relief and the ability to take to preserve their rights.
2. **Drugs – Variances in Drug Case – How to Win!**
(repeats today at 11:15 a.m.)
Kenneth L. Riggins, the Law Office of Kenneth L. Riggins, Indianapolis, IN
More often than not our clients charged in trafficking large quantities of drugs become involved in such conduct out of desperation and with little to no knowledge of the type, quantity or purity of the concealed drugs. This session will focus on variances that we should be routinely seeking on behalf of our clients, and how to fashion a powerfully persuasive argument which emotionally moves the sentencing judge to grant substantial variances in the face of directives to prosecutors to seek the most severe punishment in each and every case.
3. **Immigration – Evidentiary Challenges in Illegal Reentry Cases**
(only time offered)
Chloe S. Dillon, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA
This session will focus on the common --- and sometimes not so common --- evidentiary issues to watch out for in illegal reentry (18 U.S.C. § 1326) cases. From confrontation clause violations to the classification as testimonial or non-testimonial of certain A-file documents, participants will learn what objections to raise and what arguments to make when confronted with the types of evidence commonly presented in illegal reentry cases.

4. **Drugs & Immigration – Guarding Miranda and Waivers Rancheros: Cultural Considerations in the Suppression of Confessions**

(repeats today at 11:15 a.m.)

Francisco Morales, Assistant Federal Defender, Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

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Break

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3. **Immigration – Citizens Among Us: Derivative Citizenship as a Defense**

(repeats today at 3:15 p.m.)

TBD, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA

A client's status as a citizen is a defense to deportation and a defense to an illegal entry or reentry charge. Sounds simple, but many times clients do not know their citizenship status, especially if they were brought to the U.S. as a young child. Perhaps their parent or grandparent was a U.S. citizen, but always lived abroad. This session will explore derivative citizenship and provide tips on challenging deportation and illegal reentry charges based on derivative citizenship.

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12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch

1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Plenary: Racial Profiling in the War on Drugs Meets the Immigration Removal Process: The Case of *Moncrieffe v. Holder*
Dean Kevin R. Johnson, University of California at Davis School of Law, Davis, CA

In *Moncrieffe v. Holder*, the Supreme Court held that the immigration authorities could not remove a long-term lawful permanent resident from the United States based on a single misdemeanor conviction for possession of a small amount of marijuana. In the removal proceedings, Adrian Moncrieffe, a black immigrant from Jamaica, did not challenge his arrest and drug conviction. Consequently, the Supreme Court did not review the facts surrounding, or the lawfulness [or unlawfulness] of the criminal prosecution. Nonetheless, the traffic stop resulting in his arrest, and the interactions with the police, provides a compelling illustration of how the modern criminal justice system works in combination with immigration removal proceedings to disparately impact communities of color in the United States. This session will provide an in-depth view of how people of color find themselves in the crosshairs of both the modern criminal justice and immigration removal systems.

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions – 3

1. **Immigration – “Trujillo Motions” Sweeping the Country --- Choosing Between Complying with the Bail Reform Act and Detention for Removal**

(only time offered)

Joan Politeo, Visiting Attorney Advisor, Defender Services Office, Training Division, Washington, DC

Jared Westbroek, Assistant Federal Defender, Federal Defenders Of The Middle District Of Georgia, Inc., Macon, GA

Defense counsel in several districts have won their client’s release defeating the prosecutor’s arguments that our noncitizen clients are inherent flight risks because of their status as immigrants and the existence of ICE detainers. This session will dispel the myths that have blocked our clients’ path to bond which have circumvented the Bail Reform Act and reviews the case law which mandates release of the accused under the least restrictive conditions.

2. **Immigration – Immigration and SORNA**

(only time offered)

TBD, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender

This session provides an update on recent developments in the Supreme Court and its decisions affecting federal criminal practice, as

well as issues currently under consideration. Always enlightening and entertaining, this session's content is tailored to the needs and interests of paralegals and investigators.

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4. **Immigration – Winning the Extradition Battle**

(repeats tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.)

Callie Steele, Senior Litigator, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Central District of California

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Counsel for a Mexican national, who faced extradition based upon the testimony of two witnesses who were tortured by Mexican authorities, will present practical tips from this hard-fought case from initial appointment through to successful *en banc* review, before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. This session will also provide a compelling look at common evidentiary issues and effective litigation strategies on how to overcome the government's probable cause arguments when practitioners confront this specialized area of federal criminal law.

4:15-4:30 p.m.

Break

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Plenary: Culture Clash: Cultural Issues in Criminal Defense

Rene Valladares, Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Las Vegas, NV

This presentation will explore how cultural factors can have a significant impact on defending a criminal case. This topic is of great importance given the high number of defendants from other cultures in the criminal justice system. The presentation will discuss how culture can serve as an important part of the theory of defense of the case, for instance, how culture can permeate an insanity or duress defense. The discussion will present practical

ideas on how lawyers can tackle cultural issues when working a criminal case.

5:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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Friday, August 3, 2018**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.****Registration & Continental Breakfast****8:30– 9:30 a.m.****Plenary: Immigration – Law Enforcement Visas for Cooperating Witnesses**

Mary E. Kramer, Attorney, the Law Offices of Mary E. Kramer, P.A., Miami, FL

As criminal defense lawyers, we all know that law enforcement agencies and prosecutors depend in large part on informants and witnesses to build a case. At the same time, cooperation may lead to consequences in the form of retribution in the native country upon deportation. If a foreign-born national is a witness, an informant or has cooperated with law enforcement, their immigration status will be a key consideration in plea negotiations and sentencing stages. At the same time, negotiations may be complicated if the informant or witness is implicated in criminal activity that eventually subjects that person to removal proceedings. After covering the background and basics of “S”, “T” and “U” status, this session will delve deeper into strategies for negotiating “S”, “T” or “U” status, the timing of negotiations for status adjustment, and negotiating the government’s commitment to aid in protecting the witness-defendant from deportation to the home country. This presentation will also cover critical practice tips that will ensure that your foreign-born client is thoroughly informed about the immigration consequences and available forms of protective relief that stem from cooperation with law enforcement agencies and prosecutors.

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**Plenary: Busted at the Border: Duress and Blind Mule Defenses in Border Crossing Cases**

Walter I. Goncalves Jr., Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Tucson, AZ

Duress and blind mule claims are often the only means to defend a drug case. For illegal entry and reentry cases, aside from a claim of U.S. citizenship, duress may be the only viable defense. Although mostly seen along the border, duress and blind mule defenses also apply to domestic contraband cases. The defenses are important to understand and master due to the prevalence of drug and immigration cases in border districts. This session will focus on duress jury instructions, experts, imperfect duress at sentencing and more. This session will also provide useful pointers for preparing and presenting a blind mule defense at trial.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.**Break**

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Concurrent Sessions - 4

1. **Drugs and Immigration – Categorical Analysis: A Step-By-Step Approach to Victory**
(repeats today at 2:25 p.m.)
Kara Hartzler, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA
Joseph Camden, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Richmond, VA
Now that the Supreme Court has unequivocally addressed how the “categorical analysis” must be applied through its decisions in *Moncrieffe v. Holder*, 133 S.Ct. 1678 (2013), *Descamps v. United States*, 133 S.Ct. 2276 (2013), and *Sessions v. Dimaya*, effectively overruling decades of past precedent to the benefit of our clients, it is crucial that we as defense lawyers become experts in applying the analysis. Our clients’ lives depend upon our ability to identify and challenge a conviction as a non-qualifying prior which may result in significant sentencing enhancements and in decades more prison time. This presentation will provide a step-by-step guide on how to use the categorical approach to protect our clients from recidivist sentencing enhancements such as career offender and Armed Career Criminal. If our client is not a citizen, this presentation will address how we follow the steps to challenge our client’s removability from the United States.
2. **Drugs & Immigration -- So You Think You Can Dance: Mastering the Criminal History Rules**
(repeats today at 2:25 p.m.)
Ebise Bayisa, Senior Training Attorney, U.S. Sentencing Commission, Washington, DC
The criminal history rules play a significant role in determining the guideline-recommended sentence for your client. This session, using scenarios focused on immigration and drug offenses, provides an opportunity to both test and improve your ability to navigate these rules to help obtain the lowest possible sentence for your client.
3. **Immigration – Immigration Relief, Adjustments and Waivers**
(repeats today at 2:25 p.m.)
Javier N. Maldonado, Attorney, the Law Offices of Javier N. Maldonado, San Antonio, TX
Aside from protection based relief, such as asylum, withholding of removal, and Convention Against Torture, there are many other forms of immigration relief which will prevent your client from being removed. This session will provide an overview of adjustment of status, cancellation of removal, deferred action, and other forms of relief a client facing removal for criminal grounds may be able to

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11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Plenary: Brainstorming Creative Challenges to Directives of “Zero Tolerance” and More

Moderator: Kara Hartzler, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc., San Diego, CA

Annie Lai, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, Co-Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic, University of California, School of Law, Irvine, CA

Claudia Valenzuela, National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL

Dan Kesselbrenner, Executive Director, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Boston, MA

Considering the new “Zero Tolerance” policy the Department of Justice has issued, practical attacks on increased prosecutions of 18 U.S.C. § 1325 (illegal entry) and 18 U.S.C. § 1326 (illegal reentry) and other immigration offenses may not be enough. Foreign-born clients face many other legal challenges including denaturalization, immigration relief waivers in plea agreements, as well as non-legal but devastating separation from family members. This session will address these nuanced issues and provide creative ways to attack criminal charges and removal.

2:15 – 2:25 p.m. Break

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obtain. In addition, this session will cover waivers of certain grounds of inadmissibility.

4. **Drugs -- Drug Chemistry for the Defense**

(only time offered)

Heather L. Harris, Assistant Professor of Forensic Science, Arcadia University & Forensic Chemistry Consultant, HLH Consulting, Philadelphia, PA

Defense attorneys generally do not have science backgrounds. The challenge of how to aggressively litigate against a conclusory laboratory analysis in a drug case is, therefore, daunting for most. This session will provide an overview of the laboratory analysis of controlled substances, to advance understanding and evaluation of various techniques routinely used in drug cases. From there, participants will be provided practice points to build a successful litigation strategy when faced with this evidence.

3:25 – 3:40 p.m.

Break

3:40 – 4:40 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions – 6

1. **Drugs -- Time for a Divorce: Uncoupling Drug Offenses from Violent Offenses in Federal Sentencing Law, Policy and Practice**

(repeats tomorrow at 9:45 a.m.)

Lucius T. Outlaw III, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Baltimore, MD

There is a growing sentiment that the United States imprisons far too many people for far too long, especially for non-violent drug offenses. This sentiment is leading to unique collaborations between the political left and right aimed at reducing “mass incarceration” caused by the war on drugs and its affiliated policies. As the pendulum slowly swings (and sometimes stalls all together) towards a more compassionate and reasoned understanding of drug crimes and away from the dominant “tough on crime” stance, one issue which has been lost in the reform discussion is how throughout federal sentencing law and practice, drug offenses are pervasively linked to violent offenses so that sentences are lengthened. This presentation will discuss decoupling violent conduct from non-violent drug conduct for sentencing purposes. The career offender guidelines will provide a framework for this session to dispel the myth of equating drug offenses with violent offenses.

2. **Immigration – Release Me! – Practical tips from *Zadvydas v. Davis***
(repeats tomorrow at 9:45 a.m.)

David L. Menniger, Deputy Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal

Public Defender, Los Angeles, CA

Recently, we have seen a greater number of practitioners succeed in obtaining release of clients detained in immigration custody upon the filing of “Zadvydas Petitions.” This session will provide a thorough review of the Supreme Court’s holding in *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001) and will provide practice tips to participants on how to present compelling arguments to show that the government cannot establish, after the requisite six months, that “removal [will occur] in the foreseeable future” or other “special circumstances.”

3. **Immigration – Strategies for Defending Noncitizens: Understanding Immigration Consequences of Convictions**
(only time offered)

Ubong E. Akpan, Attorney Advisor, Defender Services Office Training Division, Washington, D.C.

Knowing whether your client’s conviction will be a crime involving moral turpitude versus an aggravated felony may make the difference between remaining in the U.S. with their family and being deported. This session will address recent Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal decisions on criminal convictions under the Immigration and Nationality Act and educate attorneys on the deportable and inadmissible crimes, such as aggravated felonies, crimes involving moral turpitude, domestic offenses, drug offenses, and firearms. This session will also provide practical tips for plea negotiations.

4. **Drugs – Fundamentals of Toxicology and Field Tests**
(only time offered)

Heather L. Harris, Assistant Professor of Forensic Science, Arcadia University & Forensic Chemistry Consultant, HLH Consulting, Philadelphia, PA

Chemistry, toxicology, pharmacology, oh my! This session will cover the basic distinctions between various scientific disciplines used to analyze controlled substances, biological fluids and potential drug interactions. This session will cover the fundamentals of how the common types of laboratory and field tests work, including their strengths and limitations and how to spot analysis gone wrong. In addition, this session will cover non-laboratory testing conducted by police officers in controlled substance and DUI cases. These field tests include solid drug color test kits, breathalyzers, oral fluid screens and field sobriety performance tests.

4:40 – 4:50 p.m.

Break

4:50 – 5:50 p.m.

Plenary: Immigration - Understanding Sanctuary Cities

Annie Lai, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, Co-Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic, University of California, School of Law, Irvine, CA
Within days of the new administration taking over, Executive Order 13768: “Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States” was signed and provided “that jurisdictions [which] fail to comply with applicable Federal law do not receive Federal funds, except as mandated by law.” These jurisdictions, commonly referred to as “sanctuary cities,” have battled in the courts arguing that the order treads on state and local autonomy. This session will address sanctuary cities and their impact on the criminal defense of noncitizen clients.

5:50 p.m.

Adjourn for the day

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Saturday, August 4, 2018

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Plenary: Greatest Hits in Defense of Our Noncitizen Clients*Claudia Valenzuela, National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL*

The National Immigrant Justice Center provides immigration advice to defenders and CJA panel attorneys across the nation and has answered common questions that occur in federal criminal cases. This session will provide an overview of the top questions defense attorneys have and provide practical tips in defending noncitizens, including providing defenses to fraud and denaturalization cases.

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Break

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Concurrent Session - 7**1. Drugs & Immigration - Defending Juveniles in Immigration and Drug Cases**

(only time offered)

Tamara Mulembo, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Tucson, Arizona

This session will address the unique problems juvenile defendants face when charged with immigration and drug offenses.

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Joseph Camden, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Richmond, VA
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Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Plenary: Ethical Dilemmas in the Representation of Noncitizens

Pamela Metzger, Director of the Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center and Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX

Following the Supreme Court’s decisions in *Padilla* and *Lee*, competency in immigration law has now become essential for federal criminal defense attorneys. In addition to providing clear, unequivocal advice about whether the conviction will lead to deportation, there are other ethical challenges criminal defense attorneys and immigration practitioners face. This ethics session will address issues related to conflicts of interest, confidentiality, and the scope of representation.

12:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Ubong E. Akpan, Attorney Advisor, Defender Services Office Training Division, Washington DC