

Representing Asylum Seekers

How to help asylum seekers navigate the complex immigration system to win their case

Afghan citizens targeted by the Taliban, women and children fleeing familial violence, political activists, and LGBTQ+ persons escaping draconian laws that punish sexual orientation—there are many reasons for seeking legal protection in the United States. The needs of brave asylum seekers are often highly complex, and they may require a wide range of legal services.

This program provides an orientation to immigration law that is useful for lawyers who are interested in developing an immigration practice and for anyone who wants to effectively represent an asylum seeker in an immigration case. The faculty includes the Director of the Boston Asylum Office, experienced practitioners from the private bar, a doctor specializing in trauma, and knowledgeable attorneys from the private sector and legal services organizations. These experts teach you how to prepare an asylum application under immigration law, how the law defines past persecution, where to file an asylum case, and how to comply with court and administrative procedures. They explain how to work with your client to build the strongest possible case and how to avoid common pitfalls like an adverse credibility finding.

Agenda

- Law and Basis for Seeking Asylum and Theories of the Case
- A Guide to Asylum Practice and Procedure
- Special Populations in Asylum Law
- Interviewing the Client, Client Credibility, and Documenting the Claim
- Insights on Using Medical and Psychological Evaluations
- Procedure After Winning Asylum
- Techniques and Deadlines When Filing an Appeal
- “Ask the Experts” Q&A Session

Faculty

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Thursday, October 27, 2022

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