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Free Immigration Practice Training in Aurora, Colorado
Model Hearing Program: March 12, 2010, 11am to 3:30pm

This free seminar will provide hands-on immigration court training to a small group of pro bono representatives (no more than 20) emphasizing practice, procedure, and advocacy skills, in order to improve the level and quality of representation before the Aurora Immigration Court. This training is designed for attorneys with little or no immigration law experience. All participants are expected to accept a pro bono case from RMIAN in the coming year.

Through simulated hearings, participants will have an opportunity to serve in the role of respondent's counsel, ICE Trial Attorney and respondent witness. Sample case scenarios will be provided in advance of the training. Attorneys must clear the ICE security check to enter the detention facility.

Presenters:

Honorable John W. Davis, Executive Office of Immigration Review, Aurora Immigration Court

Honorable James P. Vandello, EOIR, Aurora Immigration Court

Michelle Smith, Esq., Office of Chief Counsel, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Brad Hendrick, Esq., Caplan and Earnest, LLC

Emily White, Esq., Joseph Law Firm, PC

Mekela Goehring, Esq., Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network

Andrea Gomez Oxman, Esq., Detention Attorney, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network

Program:

11:00am to 12:30pm: Substantive Overview of Removal Proceedings & Cancellation of Removal
Presenters: Brad Hendrick, Emily White, Andrea Gomez, Mekela Goehring
Location: Joseph Law Firm

12203 E. Second Ave. Aurora, CO 80011

1:00pm to 2:30pm: Introduction to the EOIR, Preparation for Merits Hearings, Presentation of Cases, Additional Comments and Practice Pointers

Presenters: Honorable Immigration Judges James P. Vandello and John W. Davis, and Michelle Smith, Office of Chief Counsel, ICE

Location: Aurora Immigration Court, GEO/ICE Detention Center

11901 East 30th Avenue, Aurora, CO 80010

2:30pm to 3:30pm: Model Hearing Led by Judge John W. Davis at Aurora Immigration Court

Presenters: Participants will be voluntarily recruited to play the roles of Respondent's counsel, ICE Trial Counsel, and Respondent Witness.

RSVP your attendance to Mekela Goehring at mgoehring@rmian.org or (303) 433-2812, ext. 103

Approved for 5 General CLE Credits and 0.6 Ethics Credits