

The 2021 Joseph A. Vail Asylum Law Workshop

January 29, 2021

University of Houston Law Center Clinical Programs
4604 Calhoun Rd, Houston, TX 77204
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Location: Zoom

- 9:00 am **Opening Remarks**
Leonard M. Baynes, Dean (Invited)
Geoffrey Hoffman, Clinical Professor and Director, UHLC Immigration Clinic
- 9:05am **First Panel: Assessing the Damage to Asylum and Beyond; Looking Forward to the New Administration-Setting the Stage for Removal Proceedings in the New Era** (1 hr CLE)
Moderator and Speaker: Geoffrey Hoffman, Director, UHLC Immigration Clinic
Magali Suárez Candler, Partner and Founder, Suárez Candler Law, PLLC
Amanda Waterhouse, Attorney, Gonzalez Olivieri LLC
- 10:00 am **Second Panel: Forms of Relief (Humanitarian Relief, Deferred Action, Adjustment, Termination of Proceedings, Other Relief, and Distinguishing Between Asylum, Withholding and CAT relief)** (1 hr CLE)
Moderator: Susham M. Modi, Partner and Founder, The Modi Law Firm, PLLC
Ruby Powers, Partner and Founder, Powers Law Group P.C.
R. Parker Sheffy, Clinical Supervising Attorney, UHLC Immigration Clinic
Josephine Sorgwe, Clinical Supervising Attorney, UHLC Immigration Clinic
- 11:00 am **Third Panel: The Use of Experts in Removal Proceedings including Psychological assessments and Country Conditions** (ETHICS CREDIT) (1 hr CLE)
Moderator: Rosemary Vega, Clinical Lecturer, UHLC Immigration Clinic
Ann Webb, Ph.D., University of Houston School of Social Work
Elizabeth M. Mendoza, Partner and Founder, Elizabeth M. Mendoza, P.C.

Break from 11:50-12 noon

- 12 pm **KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Ira J. Kurzban, Adjunct Professor and Author Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook** (1 hr CLE) “IMMIGRATION LAW AND THE NEW BIDEN ADMINISTRATION”