



PRO BONO PROGRAM

Representing Asylum Seekers – Basic Training

Friday, March 7, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

D.C. Bar Conference Center

1101 K Street NW, First Floor, Washington DC 20005-4210

**Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m.*

PRESENTED BY: Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition, Human Rights First and Whitman-Walker Health, with Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services, Tahirih Justice Center, and the D.C. Bar International Law Section and Litigation Section.

Asylum is available to people fleeing persecution in their home countries due to their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. This training session is intended to prepare pro bono attorneys to represent indigent clients in asylum cases at the affirmative stage and to represent detained individuals. Topics include U.S. asylum law, working with victims of trauma, preparing the I-589 application form, documenting asylum cases, credible and reasonable fear interviews, and other legal issues. Practice before the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Asylum Office will also be discussed. The faculty will include experienced immigration practitioners as well as staff from the Arlington USCIS Asylum Office.

PLEASE NOTE: Training participants are strongly encouraged to accept a pro bono referral from one of the sponsoring organizations. This training is appropriate for attorneys, paralegals and law students. Attorneys who agree to take a pro bono case in the future must be admitted to practice in a U.S. jurisdiction and have their own malpractice insurance. Pro bono training sessions are not MCLE accredited.

Registration: Online at www.dcbbar.org/probono

\$25 for attorneys; \$15 for Paralegals; Free for Legal Services Provider employees.

- All cancellation and refund requests for pro bono trainings conducted by the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program must be received in writing seven (7) days before the training session date.
- If you require an accommodation, please contact the Pro Bono Program at 202-737-4700, ext. 3293.
- Breakfast/lunch will NOT be served. Refreshments will be provided by the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program. Please feel welcome to bring a breakfast/lunch or snack with you.

Questions about the Training Program? Contact Shannon Redd, staff attorney and training manager at sredd@dcbbar.org.