

# CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO



The Attorney of the Day Program presents

## Representing Asylum Applicants from Nicaragua

**Wednesday  
November 29, 2023**

MCLE Registration: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Program: 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

### Speakers

#### **Adam Golob**

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Interdisciplinary Studies,  
and Ethnic/Regional Studies, Gulf Coast State College

#### **Victoria Argumedo**

Partner, Argumedo Garzon Law Group

### Moderator

#### **Monica Oca Howell**

The Justice & Diversity Center

This webinar will commence with a discussion on how to effectively work with country conditions experts in Nicaraguan asylum cases, with a focus on providing the information that they need to draft a declaration or report in support of your client's case. The first half of the training will also cover how to thoroughly prepare witnesses to establish their expertise in Nicaraguan history and common questions that arise during cross-examination. Following the review of working with country conditions experts, the training will review the concept of past persecution in Nicaraguan asylum cases, and provide context to the actions of groups such as La Juventud Sandinista and local law enforcement. The panelists will also provide tips on how to effectively use expert testimony, psychological evaluations, and country conditions reports to present strong asylum claims, regardless of a lack of evidence documenting an asylum applicant's past persecution.

### Topics

- Tips on how to work with country conditions experts on Nicaraguan asylum cases
- Establishing credibility for expert witnesses and preparing them to field questions from the Immigration Judge and DHS attorneys
- How to demonstrate that harm inflicted on Nicaraguan asylum applicants amounts to past persecution
- How to effectively present an asylum claim when faced with challenges such as the Third Country Resettlement Bar and a lack of evidence documenting an asylum applicant's past persecution

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