

PRESENTERS:

MERCEDES STROLLO

Legal Aid of East Tennessee

B.A. & M.A. Education, Hofstra University

Ms. Strollo works at Legal Aid of East TN. She is the Hispanic Outreach Coordinator for all regions LAET serves, starting in 2006. Before LAET, she worked at West Valley Middle School as a teacher substitute for one year. When she obtained her NY teaching certificate in 1998, she taught Bilingual Social Studies for one year at Uniondale HS, Uniondale, NY. She also taught Spanish for a year at Deer Park HS, in Deer Park, NY. Before pursuing her teaching career she worked as a supervisor of different office departments for Goldstein and Altschuler, P. C., a mid-sized law firm in NYC for 11 years. She is the board chair of Centro Hispano de East Tennessee (1 term); Catholic Charities board member (2 terms); City of Knoxville Fair Housing Hearing Board member (2 terms); active member of Latino Task Force of CEDnet (since 2006); and member of HOLA Hora Latina (1st year).

YOLANDA VAZQUEZ

Clinical Supervisor and Lecturer

B.S., University of Wisconsin, J.D., Chicago-Kent

Yolanda Vazquez joined Penn Law in 2008, coming from Villanova University Law School where she was a Reuschlein Clinical Teaching Fellow in the Farmworker Legal Aid Clinic. Prior to teaching at Villanova, she was the Director of the Nevada Immigrant Resource Project at the University of Nevada's William S. Boyd School of Law. Following law school, Professor Vazquez practiced in the area of criminal law as a public defender for the Cook County Public Defender's Office in Chicago and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. Professor Vazquez also practiced in the areas of employment and immigration law. Professor Vazquez has extensive experience in the intersectionality of immigration and criminal law. Specifically, Professor Vazquez assisted on as well as submitted an U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief on the groundbreaking case, *Padilla v. Kentucky*. In this case, the Supreme Court held that criminal defense attorneys do have an obligation to inform their clients as to the immigration consequences of a criminal conviction. Her forward thinking on this case and work to garner support on this issue throughout the legal community demonstrates her leadership abilities as an attorney, advocate and scholar. Vazquez's research and scholarship focus on the intersection of immigration and criminal law in the criminal court system and criminal defense attorneys' duty to immigrant clients.

KARLA MCKANDERS

Associate Professor of Law

B.A., Spelman College, J.D., Duke University School of Law

Karla McKanders is an Associate Professor at the University of Tennessee College of Law, where she teaches in the Advocacy Clinic. Prior to joining the faculty at the UT College of Law, Professor McKanders taught as a Clinical Teaching Fellow at Villanova University School of Law. As a Teaching Fellow, she guided students in successfully representing asylum seekers from the Middle East, Africa, and Central America before the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice. After law school, Professor McKanders was a labor and employment attorney at Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC. She also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Damon J. Keith, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. In the Advocacy Clinic Professor McKanders specializes in immigration and asylum representation. Professor McKanders' research explores the interconnection between legal history and current immigration policy. Her recent publications include, *Karla M. McKanders, Sustaining Tiered Personhood: Jim Crow and Anti-Immigrant laws in the Harvard Journal on Racial and Ethnic Justice*. Her current research interests include immigration law, asylum law, and civil rights.

Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions in Tennessee: Analysis of Supreme Court Decision *Padilla v. Kentucky*

This CLE will educate the local bar on how to respond to the Supreme Court case *Padilla v. Kentucky*. Specifically, the requirement that criminal defense attorneys have an obligation to advise their immigrant clients (both documented and undocumented) about the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. The program will give Tennessee attorneys an overview of basic immigration concepts and an introduction on how to evaluate whether a criminal conviction, diversion, or plea will have an adverse affect on their client's immigration status.

**Friday, October 22, 2010
3:15 pm—5:30 pm**

**University of Tennessee College of Law
Room # 132
1505 West Cumberland Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37996**

**This course is approved by the Tennessee
Commission on CLE for a maximum
of 2 general credit hours.**

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PROGRAM GOALS

On March 31, the Supreme Court issued its decision in *Padilla v. Kentucky*, 599 U.S. ___ (2010), holding that the Sixth Amendment requires criminal defense counsel to provide affirmative, competent advice to a non-citizen defendant regarding the immigration consequences of a guilty plea or verdict. It is no longer enough for defense counsel to suggest there may be immigration consequences or to advise their clients to seek immigration advice. While *Padilla* provides for the right to advise—it still leaves open the question of what advise is allowed to get past its Sixth Amendment holding

This CLE program explores the intersection of immigration and criminal law. Its primary purpose is to assist attorneys in fulfilling their obligation under *Padilla* to determine their clients' immigration status and to advise non-citizens of the immigration consequences of pleading guilty or convictions. Practitioners will learn how non-citizens are affected by criminal activity and how to develop strategies for representing non-citizen clients. The CLE will cover fundamental immigration concepts, procedure and terminology for the analysis of immigration consequences of crimes.

PROGRAM

- 3:15 - 3:30 pm Welcome & Introduction**
Mercedes Strollo, Legal Aid of East Tennessee
- 3:30 - 4:15 pm Padilla Update**
Yolanda Vazquez, Univ. Of Penn, Clinical
Lecturer
- 4:15 - 4:45 pm Immigration 101**
Karla McKanders, UT Associate Professor of
Law
- 4:45 - 5:30 pm Criminal Convictions and Tennessee Law
On the Ground Analysis**
Yolanda Vazquez & Karla McKanders

REGISTRATION FORM
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Registration Required

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