



NLADA & The Defending Immigrants Partnership* Present the 4th Annual
**National Training on the Immigration
Consequences of State Criminal Convictions**

*September 25th & 26th, 2008 * The Westin National Harbor, National Harbor, MD*

“IF I ACCEPT THIS DEAL, WILL I BE DEPORTED?”

Every criminal defense lawyer must be ready to respond to this question when posed by a non-citizen client. Figuring out the answer can be treacherous. This **tuition-free** national conference will provide defenders with the tools necessary to answer this question and many others that arise while navigating clients through the byzantine maze that lays at the intersection between immigration and criminal law. **Nationally recognized experts** will provide an introduction to immigration law and practice tips that will help clients avoid immigration consequences. **An advanced track** allows participants who have received basic immigration consequences training to go more in-depth and explore this complex, yet vital area of law.

COMMENTS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS

- *“For a public defender, time is valuable. Every attorney hears rumors about what is or is not deportable. This CLE gave clear information that can be used every day.”*
- *“I thought all of the speakers were fantastic and really helped create a collegial atmosphere where everyone felt comfortable speaking up and asking questions.”*
- *“Overall, a fantastic conference...This is such an important topic, I'm glad your program exists to address it. It made me think about what kinds of things I can do in my community to raise awareness...and be more proactive.”*

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Public defender chiefs, leaders and past conference participants are invited to nominate a motivated public defender or other defense practitioner from their state. You may also nominate yourself. By submitting a nomination you are helping to build a network of attorneys that can spread knowledge of immigration law throughout your jurisdiction. **NLADA will finalize selection of participants no later than September 8th, 2008 so please submit your nomination without delay using the attached nomination form.**

LEARN FROM THE BEST

Participants will work with our expert faculty in both large plenary lectures and small group settings. Individualized assistance will be emphasized.

SCHOLARSHIPS & REGISTRATION

Thanks to generous underwriting by the Open Society Institute, no registration fees will be charged for this conference. Additionally, a limited number of needs-based scholarships are available to help defray travel expenses. To apply for a scholarship, submit a letter describing your need with the nomination form. Notification of accepted nominations and scholarship awards will be made on a rolling basis.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDITS

Continuing legal education credits, including ethics credit, will be available. More information about continuing legal education will be provided directly to accepted nominees.

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*The Defending Immigrants Partnership is a joint initiative comprised of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA), the New York State Defenders Association's Immigrant Defense Project, the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), and the National Immigration Project.