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Location: South Texas College of Law Houston, Emilie Slohm Room, 1303 San Jacinto St., Houston, TX 77002

Fighting Fraud: How to Sue Notarios & Fraudulent Tax-Return Preparers

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Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative

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Lone Star Legal Aid

Randy O. Sorrels Legal Clinics, South Texas College of Law Houston

CLE: Course No. 174010799. 1.5 MCLE, 0.5 Ethics

Cost:

The Event is Free; however, attendees are encouraged to pledge to take a pro bono case through Houston Volunteer Lawyers.

Lunch will be provided.

Agenda:

12:00-12:10 Welcome & Introductions: Jessie Campbell, Houston Volunteer Lawyers, and Andrea Guttin, Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative

12:10-12:35 Introduction to the Problem of Notarios: Jill Campbell, BakerRipley

12:35-12:50 The Ethics of Fraud: Notarios and Unauthorized Practice of Law: Lisa Virgen, Lone Star Legal Aid

12:50-1:25 Tools to Tackle Fraud: The Deceptive Trade Practice Act and Notary Act: Mark E. Steiner, Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law Houston

1:25-1:30 Wrap-up and Q&A: Jessie Campbell, Houston Volunteer Lawyers

Resources Complementary to Training: houstonimmigration.org/notariofraud

Speaker Biographies:

Jill Campbell. Jill Campbell is the Managing Immigration Attorney for BakerRipley. Jill graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 2010 and holds an undergraduate degree in Latin American Studies from the University of Miami. Prior to joining BakerRipley in 2014, Jill served as Clinical Supervising Attorney at the University of Law Center Immigration Clinic, where she supervised law students on affirmative and defensive immigration cases and on immigration appeals at the BIA, 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. In 2012, Jill led a DACA Initiative, which provided a free legal assistance to DACA eligible University of Houston students, alumni, the family of students and alumni, and Houston-area community members. In August 2014, Jill joined the Immigration & Citizenship Program at BakerRipley (formerly Neighborhood Centers Inc.) as an Immigration Attorney. She is primarily responsible for managing the program's legal office including the supervision of the immigration legal casework. Jill's immigration work focuses on Citizenship and Naturalization; Deferred Action; representation of refugees and asylees; family reunification cases; and humanitarian-based relief, including crime victim visas, relief under the Violence Against Women Act, and representation of individuals fleeing harm in their home countries. Jill serves as a legal expert for BakerRipley's community education materials and participates as an expert in community collaborative efforts to serve the Houston immigrant community.

Mark Steiner. Mark E. Steiner is a professor at South Texas College of Law Houston, where he teaches Consumer Transactions, among other subjects. Steiner is actively involved in efforts to assist immigrants on the path toward citizenship. He regularly participates in Citizenship and Immigration forums and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival workshops organized by NALGO Education Fund and BakerRipley. In 2017, BakerRipley's Immigration Program honored Steiner as its Volunteer of the Year and named the award, to be given annually, the "Mark Steiner Award for Immigration Altruism." Steiner is a member of the council for the Consumer and Commercial Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and is the former chair of the Consumer Law Task Force of the Houston Bar Association. Professor Steiner is also a member of the Pro Bono College of

the State Bar of Texas and a member of the Houston Blues Society.

Lisa Virgen. Lisa is an attorney and Equal Justice Works Fellow for Lone Star Legal Aid's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. Her fellowship is sponsored by BP and Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease. Through her Equal Justice Works project, Lisa represents immigrants and ESL speakers with their tax issues in front of the IRS. She also advocates for victims of tax preparer and notario fraud through lawsuits under the Texas consumer statute.

Jessie Campbell. Attorney Engagement Coordinator & Director, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, Houston Volunteer Lawyers

Andrea Guttin. Legal Director, Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative

Parking.

There will be a limited number of free parking spaces located behind the building for South Texas College of Law Houston. The entrance to the lot is on Caroline St. Parking is also available in surrounding street lots and garages for a nominal parking fee.

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