

CAROLINA ANTONINI – TOPIC: Impact of criminal pleas to immigrants- undocumented and legal.

1. What is considered a conviction? Is it the same for adults or minors?
2. Are alternatives to conviction safe for immigration? (things such as PTD, deferred adjudications, bond forfeitures?)
3. Is it true that if we order an 11 months and 29 days sentence that takes care of everything?
4. Is it true that possession of MJ less than one ounce safe for everyone and how will the new law in Atlanta, reducing the offense to just a fine, will impact immigrants?
5. How can I know a criminal plea will affect an immigrant defendant? Can you give us some examples of crimes that would not result in deportation for anyone?
6. How is being a permanent resident different from non-permanent resident for purposes of criminal pleas?

PAMELA PEYNADO – TOPIC: Post-conviction relief.

1. Why would an individual need post conviction relief in immigration proceedings?
2. Who is entitled to get post conviction relief and stay in the United States?
3. What are the most common ways to get post conviction relief? i) Ineffective Assistance of Counsel ii) Resentencing for aggravated felonies iii) Reduce felony to misdemeanor iv) Motion to Withdraw a Guilty Plea v) Habeas Corpus Petition for detained
4. Can you briefly discuss each of these?
5. If a post conviction relief order is issued by the Criminal Court, must the Immigration Court recognize it?
6. What are some landmark cases to provide us with more insight on post conviction relief?

ZULMA LOPEZ – TOPIC: U visas

- 1) Must the victim have legal status or have entered the U.S. legally in order to apply for a U visa? If the abuser is not an American citizen or Permanent resident, can the victim still apply for a U visa?
- 2) Is any type of crime eligible for a U visa?
- 3) Must the victim cooperate with the Government in order to be eligible for a U visa? If the government does not want to proceed with the criminal case, can the victim still apply for the U visa?
- 4) Must the victim provide records of the injuries suffered?
- 5) How long does it take to get a U visa?
- 6) What are the benefits of obtaining U visa status? (how long do they last, family members, path to LPR status).