About the Symposium

The focus of the 2012 Symposium is on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. Major topics to be addressed at the symposium include: the intersection of criminal law and immigration, religious asylum, family based immigration practice, military service as a path to citizenship, employment based immigration, employer sanctions, and the constitutional concerns associated with a state’s ability to regulate immigration. It is our goal to provide a strong CLE for immigration practitioners and an engaging educational experience for current law students.

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*The Scholar: St. Mary’s Law Review on Minority Issues* seeks to speak on behalf of minorities by reaching out to the larger community, to inform them, to share with them, to educate them, and to grow with them. The goal of *The Scholar* is to give all minorities a “voice.” Our hope is that the publication and Symposium can serve as building blocks for an understanding of the issues that face all of us today. Established in 1998 by six law students, *The Scholar* has grown with each Volume, now printing four issues annually. Together, the Editorial Board and Staff Writers work to produce a publication that “gives a voice to the voiceless,” providing not only words but volunteering our time to the community through various projects.
8:30 a.m.  Registration & Breakfast

9:00-9:05 a.m.
Opening Remarks

9:05 a.m.
Professor L. Darnell Weeden
Associate Dean, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University
“The Supremacy Clause Preemption Rationale Reasonably Restains an Individual State Pursuing Its Own Separate but Unequal Immigration Policy”

9:50 a.m.
Joseph De Mott
De Mott, McChesney, Curtright & Armendariz, L.L.P.
“The Nuts and Bolts of Family Immigration”

10:20–10:30 a.m.
Break

10:30 a.m.
Assistant Professor Robert Shivers
St. Mary’s University School of Law, Shivers & Shivers
“Employer Sanctions: A New Way to Carry Out a Job Site Raid”

11:15 a.m.
Anthony Marshall
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
“Military Outreach: Service in the Armed Forces as a Path to Citizenship”

12:00 p.m.
Lunch featuring Keynote Speaker
Professor Michael A. Olivas
University of Houston Law Center
“From Hernandez to Alabama: Latinos and the Immigration Discourse, 1951-2011”

1:15 p.m.
Ramon Curiel
Oliva, Saks, Garcia & Curiel, L.L.P.
“Employment Based Immigration”

2:00 p.m.
Faye Kolly
De Mott, McChesney, Curtright & Armendariz, L.L.P.
“Legal Update: Texas Driver’s laws for Temporary Visitors to the U.S.”

2:45 p.m.
Professor Aaron S. Haas
Washington and Lee University School of Law, Director of Citizenship and Immigration Clinical Program
“The Marginalization of Religious Persecution in U.S. Asylum Law”

3:30 p.m.
David Armendáriz
De Mott, McChesney, Curtright & Armendariz, L.L.P.
“On The Border Patrol And Its Use Of Illegal Roving Patrol Stops”

4:15 p.m.
Professor Lee Terán
St. Mary’s University School of Law, Director of Immigration Clinical Program
“Crime and Inadmissibility”

The Symposium Issue of The Scholar will be mailed upon publication and contains the work of many of the noted scholars and practitioners above. Some speakers have chosen to address topics distinct from their Articles and participants will be provided additional presentation materials as required.