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With two tracks, the Asylum Conference is essential for everyone who handles asylum cases.

The **Basics Track** provides comprehensive training to people representing asylum seekers for the first time. People considering becoming a volunteer or who have recently taken their first case are strongly encouraged to attend.

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Learn the basics or update your expertise with training from experienced immigration practitioners and officials from the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Bloomington Immigration Court, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Chicago Asylum Office.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:15–9:00 Registration

TRACK 1: The Basics

9:00–9:30 Taking a Pro Bono Asylum Case (Robert J. Gilbertson, Malinda Schmiechen)

9:30–10:45 The ABCs of Asylum Law (Michele Garnett McKenzie)

10:45–11:00 Break

11:00–12:00 Preparing the Winning Asylum Case (Paula Duthoy, Nancy Peterson, mod. Alan Goldfarb)

TRACK 2: Beyond the Basics

9:00–10:00 Asylum and the Material Support of Terrorism Bar (Emily Good, Kevin Lashus)

10:00–10:45 Asylum in the Federal Courts (Benjamin Casper)

10:45–11:00 Break

11:00–12:00 Asylum Update from the Board of Immigration Appeals (Acting Chairman Juan P. Osuna)

12:00–1:00 Lunch Break

1:00–1:45 Update from the Chicago Asylum Office (Director Kenneth Madsen, mod. Steven C. Thal)

1:45–3:15 Proving the Asylum Case in Court (Immigration Judge Joseph Dierkes, Karen Ellingson, Terry Louie, mod. Dinesh Shenoy)

3:15–3:30 Break

3:30–4:30 Detention: Custody, Bond, & Alternatives to Detention (Scott Baniecke* Lynn Mershon, Paschal Nwokocha, Immigration Judge Kristin Olmanson, Daniel Pornschloegl, mod. Dinesh Shenoy)

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