



# National Voting Rights Workshop

February 13-14, 2020, Fort Worth, Texas

## Agenda

### Thursday, February 13, 2020

*At Tarrant County College Trinity River Campus*

*300 Trinity Campus Circle, Fort Worth, TX, 76102, Room: Action A, TRTR 4012*

- 11:30 a.m. - Community Address & Luncheon: **“The State of Latinx Civil Rights”**  
1:30 p.m. Thomas A. Saenz, President and General Counsel of MALDEF

*At Texas A&M University School of Law Conference Center*

*1515 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, TX, 76102*

- 2:30 p.m. **Welcome & Introduction**  
Dean Robert Ahdieh, Professor Luz Herrera, and Nina Perales
- 3:00 p.m. **Redistricting Trial Basics: How Attorneys Prepare for Their First Redistricting Trial** (1.5 hours)  
  
This session will cover: the structure of a redistricting case; working with clients to build a voter-focused litigation strategy; elements of the trial binder; evidentiary issues; and litigator involvement in outreach, plan creation, and plan advocacy process.
- 4:30 p.m. **Break**
- 4:45 p.m. **Redistricting Cases on Appeal** (1 hour)  
  
This session will address: unique timing issues related to redistricting appeals; coordination with other counsel; and similarities and differences between appeals in redistricting cases and other types voting rights cases
- 6:00 p.m. Please assemble in the Sheraton front lobby for transportation to dinner
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**  
*Mercury Chophouse*  
*525 Taylor Street*  
*Fort Worth, TX, 76102*

## **Friday, February 14, 2020**

- 8:30 a.m.      **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:15 a.m.      **Opening Remarks**  
Thomas A. Saenz & Professor Leticia Saucedo
- 9:30 a.m.      **Timing and Techniques for Case Development (1.25 hours)**  
Reflections from past experience.
- 10:45 a.m.     **Break**
- 11:00 a.m.     **Census Citizenship Data and Emerging Challenges in Mapping (1.5 hrs)**  
Discussion to include: strategies for challenging local jurisdictions that apportion based on CVAP; addressing reliability of block level CVAP data based on administrative records; litigating with two sets of CVAP data, one from administrative records and one from the ACS (and the possibility of adjusting the data); differential privacy policies and the impact on data reliability; scenario planning for unexpected Census results, undercount, differential undercount.
- 12:30 – 1:00   **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.      **Working With Expert Witnesses to Present Evidence at Trial (1 hour)**  
Discussion to include: Experts and lawyers working together; best practices from the expert’s point of view, how to present the testimony.
- 2:00 p.m.      **Break**
- 2:15 p.m.      **Building the Record for Litigation and Incorporating Communities of Interest in Litigation and Advocacy (1.75 hours)**  
Discussion to include: Organizing and coordinating with community-based advocacy in the legislative/Commission process; interaction between the record developed in advocacy and litigation; maintaining relationships in the transition to litigation.
- 4:00 p.m.      **Closing Remarks**

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