



SUMMER 2023 BROWN BAG SERIES

*All Brown Bags will be fully virtual via Zoom on Thursdays at Noon.
Note that the length of each session will vary.*

*Please RSVP for each session separately.
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For any questions, please contact Grace Lee at glee@aclusocal.org

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Thursday, June 8 - Immigration 101

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Presented by Professor Hiroshi Motomura

Laws and policies affecting immigration, citizenship, and immigrants' rights have become important to many areas of public interest law, especially in Southern California but also throughout the United States, with so many noncitizen clients and constituencies. This is a crash course in the basics of immigration and citizenship law for law students who have no background in this subject, but who will be working this summer on immigration and/or immigrants' rights issues at nonprofit organizations and public interest law firms.

Coverage

The course will cover these key topics: citizenship, admission, removal/deportation, relief from removal, enforcement and detention, and the basics of immigration research. We will strike a balance between the basic framework and the issues that have become more urgent in the current political climate. The goal won't be to impart details, but rather to put you in a position where nothing feels completely unfamiliar, and everything seems within your general understanding.

Hiroshi Motomura is the Susan Westerberg Prager Distinguished Professor of Law and Faculty Co-Director of the Center for Immigration Law and Policy at the UCLA School of Law. He has wide experience on many immigration law and immigrants' rights initiatives, including DACA, impact litigation, and sanctuary laws and policies. He is the author of *Immigration Outside the Law* (Oxford 2014) and *Americans in Waiting: The Lost Story of Immigration and Citizenship in the United States* (Oxford 2006) and co-author of the *Immigration and Citizenship* casebook (now in its Ninth Edition). His current project, supported by a Guggenheim Fellowship, is a book on the future of migration law and policy. He has received several teaching awards, among them the UCLA School of Law Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2021 and the UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award in 2014. He was one of 26 U.S. law professors profiled in *What the Best Law Teachers Do* (Harvard Univ. Press 2013).

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For decades, the U.S. government has deported its own veterans. Today, an untold number of veterans are living in exile around the globe, permanently separated from the country they know of as home (the United States), their families, and their communities. They are former lawful permanent residents who immigrated to the United States as young children. Due to government mismanagement and misinformation, they did not naturalize as U.S. citizens, as the law entitles them to do, during their military service. When they were discharged from service, PTSD and substance abuse issues, common among veterans, led to contacts with the criminal legal system and convictions that made them deportable. Draconian and excessively punitive immigration laws make deportation mandatory—meaning there can be no relief from removal—for a litany of crimes, including petty crimes, drug possession, and various misdemeanors.

Deported veterans around the world have powerfully organized to fight for their right to repatriation. Following the motto of “leave no one behind,” their movement has garnered significant attention and concern, culminating in recent years with the Biden Administration establishing, in July 2021, a program to facilitate their repatriation. From 2022 to the present, more than 70 deported veterans have returned home. Hundreds more are hoping for their chance.

In this brownbag, you will hear from a panel of deported veteran leaders. You will hear about their personal experiences of criminalization and deportation. You will hear how they did not give up on their fight to return to their families and their homes, how they have advocated for each other, and how slowly their organizing has accomplished what lawyers and advocates once told them was impossible.

Jennie Pasquarella is Director of Immigrants’ Rights and a Senior Staff Attorney at the ACLU of Southern California.

Jon Contreras (he/him) is an Equal Justice Works Fellow with the ACLU of Southern California immigrants’ rights team, working to repatriate deported veterans.

Thursday, July 6 – Civil Rights Litigation at a Private Public Interest Law Firm

12:00pm – 1:00pm

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Presented by Brian Olney and Hanna Chandoo

This presentation will address the practice of civil rights litigation at Hadsell Stormer Renick & Dai, a public interest law firm in Pasadena.

Brian Olney is a partner at Hadsell Stormer Renick & Dai LLP (HSRD) specializing in employment and civil rights law. Brian has obtained multiple seven-figure outcomes and precedent-setting decisions including a \$4.5 million settlement in a wrongful termination case; a \$3.1 million arbitration award as lead trial counsel in a whistleblower retaliation case; a \$1 million settlement and the first federal court decision recognizing an equal right under the IDEA for students with disabilities to participate in extracurricular activities in *Meares v. Rim of the World Unified School District*, 269 F. Supp. 3d 1041 (C.D. Cal. 2016); and a preliminary injunction under the Surplus Land Act stopping the illegal sale of a 100-acre greenfield to for-profit developers in *Orange County Communities Organized for Responsible Development v. City of Garden Grove*. Prior to joining Hadsell Stormer, Brian clerked for the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt on the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the Honorable Margaret M. Morrow of the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Before becoming a lawyer, Brian worked for 10 years in the labor movement with the Service Employees International Union and its affiliates, leading campaigns to help healthcare workers win a voice on the job.

Hanna Chandoo is a partner at Hadsell Stormer Renick & Dai LLP, where she represents plaintiffs in civil rights and employment cases. Prior to joining the firm, Hanna worked for a boutique law firm in Los Angeles and served as the lead associate in several complex commercial and patent infringement cases. She has been recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers since 2021.

HSRD was founded by civil rights trial lawyers Barbara Hadsell and Dan Stormer in September 1991. Over the past three decades, the firm has persevered in advancing the line towards justice in civil rights and employment litigation, garnering a long list of groundbreaking and historic cases and victories. Whether it was holding the Los Angeles Police Department responsible for allowing homophobia to infiltrate the workplace in *Groberson v. Los Angeles*, representing Burmese villagers against the military and an oil company for destruction of their village in *Doe v. Unocal*, advocating for the South Central Farmers in their quest to preserve their 14-acre community farm in South Los Angeles, fighting for victims of police abuse in the class action *Rodriguez v. Los Angeles*, advancing the interests of workers and consumers who have suffered wage theft and fraud in the billions of dollars in class action litigation, or obtaining justice for victims of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation, Hadsell Stormer Renick & Dai has been at the forefront of the fight.

Thursday, July 13 – Uncovering Racism in Our Immigration Law

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Presented by Ahilan Arulanantham

Lawyers have long been taught that immigration law is just a set of rules for deciding who gets to come to this country to promote family unity, economic growth, and our national interests. But it is more than that—it is also a crucial tool our government has used to construct the racial composition of the United States for more than 200 years. Ahilan combines historical material with stories from his work, including his Supreme Court arguments challenging the prolonged imprisonment of immigrants, to invite people to see immigration law in a new way.

Ahilan T. Arulanantham is Professor from Practice and Co-Director of the Center for Immigration Law and Policy at UCLA School of Law. He has successfully litigated a number of cases involving immigrants' rights, including *Franco-Gonzalez v. Holder*, the first case to establish a federal right to appointed counsel for any group of immigrants; *Jennings v. Rodriguez*, which secured the due process rights of immigrants jailed for years while litigating their deportation cases; and, most recently, *Ramos v. Nielsen*, a challenge to the Trump Administration's plan to end the TPS program for immigrants who have lived here lawfully for decades. Ahilan has argued twice before the United States Supreme Court. He has also testified before the United States Congress on three occasions and served as a Lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School and at the University of Irvine School of Law, where he taught on Preventive Detention.

Ahilan's parents are Sri Lankan Tamil immigrants who left Sri Lanka to escape race discrimination and sporadic violence. Several years after they came to this country, the Sri Lankan civil war began, causing much of his extended family to flee Sri Lanka. Ahilan has remained interested in promoting human rights in Sri Lanka and has also represented several Sri Lankan Tamil refugees during the course of his work with the ACLU.

Prior to joining UCLA, Ahilan was Senior Counsel at the ACLU in Los Angeles, where he worked for nearly twenty years. Ahilan has also worked as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in El Paso, Texas, and as a law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In 2007 and 2013 he was named one of California Lawyer Magazine's Lawyers of the Year for immigrants' rights and has repeatedly been named one of the Daily Journal's Top 100 Lawyers in California over the last decade. In 2010 he received the Arthur C. Helton Human Rights Award from the American Immigration Lawyers' Association, and in 2014 received the Jack Wasserman Memorial Award for litigation to protect the rights of vulnerable immigrants, also from the American Immigration Lawyers' Association. In 2016 Ahilan was named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow.

Thursday, July 27 - Supreme Court Roundup with Dean Chemerinsky

12:00pm – 1:00pm

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Erwin Chemerinsky became the 13th Dean of Berkeley Law on July 1, 2017, when he joined the faculty as the Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law. Prior to assuming this position, from 2008-2017, he was the founding Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, and Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law, at University of California, Irvine School of Law, with a joint appointment in Political Science. Before that he was the Alston and Bird Professor of Law and Political Science at Duke University from 2004-2008, and from 1983-2004 was a professor at the University of Southern California Law School, including as the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics, and Political Science. He also has taught at DePaul College of Law and UCLA Law School.

He is the author of sixteen books, including leading casebooks and treatises about constitutional law, criminal procedure, and federal jurisdiction. His most recent books are *Worse Than Nothing: The Dangerous Fallacy of Originalism* (2022); and *Presumed Guilty: How the Supreme Court Empowered the Police and Subverted Civil Rights* (2021).

He also is the author of more than 250 law review articles. He is a contributing writer for the Opinion section of the Los Angeles Times, and writes regular columns for the Sacramento Bee, the ABA Journal and the Daily Journal, and frequent op-eds in newspapers across the country. He frequently argues appellate cases, including in the United States Supreme Court.

In 2016, he was named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2017, National Jurist magazine again named Dean Chemerinsky as the most influential person in legal education in the United States.