

# Getting Off the Assembly Line:

Overcoming Immigration Court Obstacles in Individual Cases

## Chicago Appleseed and Appleseed Network Training: Overcoming Obstacles in Immigration Court

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Noon to 1:30 pm  
Latham & Watkins  
330 N. Wabash

Training session will be free of charge but attendees must RSVP to:

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*Steven Schulman, Pro Bono Partner at Akin Gump and principal author of the Appleseed Immigration Court Practice Guide, will lead the training.*

*You will learn:*

- *How to protect your client in a videoconference hearing;*
- *Best practices for asking for and utilizing pre-hearing conferences;*
- *What to watch for when an interpreter is being used;*
- *How to get the documents you need for trial; and*
- *Tips for interacting with DHS counsel before trial.*

The Immigration Justice Collaboration of Appleseed has made the Practice Guide, “Getting Off the Assembly Line: Overcoming Immigration Court Obstacles in Individual Cases”, available at <http://www.appleseednetwork.org/immigrationcollaborative>. It provides an overview of immigration court proceedings, as well as specific sections on working with clients in detention with templates and sample documents to assist attorneys in these cases. The Guide and prior reports of the Collaboration are available at <http://www.chicagoappleseed.org/community-justice/immigration-court/>.

The Immigration Justice Collaboration of Appleseed is a non-profit network of 17 Centers across the U.S. and Mexico, dedicated to advancing justice and opportunities that help low-income people and working families build better lives. With refugees and other immigrants facing rapidly escalating challenges, we created this new resource to help new and experienced attorneys navigate the complicated U.S. immigration court system and save immigrants from deportation, exile and persecution.

A record half-million cases are waiting to be heard by U.S. immigration courts, which pose daunting obstacles: the near-absence of formal discovery, the challenges interpreting to and from foreign languages, and minimal out-of-court contact between attorneys, their clients and opposing counsel.