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**Presentation:** Trends

**Presenter:** Adela Meraz

**Date:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026

**Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 pm

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**Overview:** The intersection of criminal law and immigration—known as crimmigration—is rapidly evolving. This session highlights current trends shaping the field, including shifting enforcement priorities, new removal triggers, and increased scrutiny of criminal convictions in immigration proceedings. Participants will gain practical guidance on advising noncitizen clients, anticipating collateral consequences, and navigating the complex overlap between criminal charges and immigration status in today’s legal landscape.

**Bio:** Adela Danielle Meraz is a Senior Immigration Attorney at the Capital Area Private Defender Service in Austin, Texas. She has a strong focus on immigration law, particularly serving low-income and immigrant communities. Adela is admitted to practice in both Texas and Wisconsin, having been admitted to the Texas State Bar in 2013 and the Wisconsin State Bar in 2007.

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