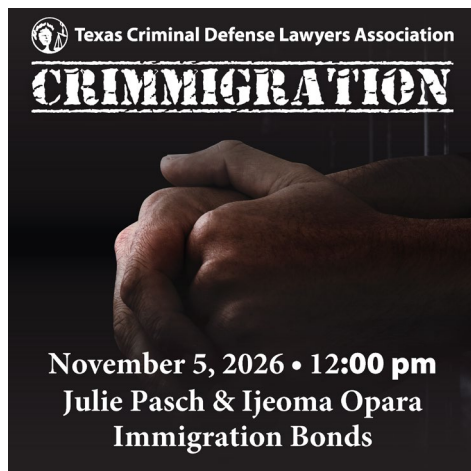




Welcome to **CRIMMIGRATION ROUNDTABLES!**

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Presentation: Immigration Bonds

Presenter: Julie Pasch & Ijeoma Opara

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

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Overview: Immigration Bonds: What Criminal Defense Attorneys Need to Know

Learn the basics of immigration bonds and how they intersect with criminal cases. This roundtable will cover key bond strategies, common pitfalls, and practical considerations to help criminal defense attorneys better advocate for noncitizen clients.

Bio: Julie Pasch is the immigration attorney at the Harris County Office of Managed Assigned Counsel, where she advises criminal defense attorneys and their clients on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions in compliance with *Padilla v. Kentucky*. Prior to joining the MAC, she was the Managing Attorney at Deportation Defense Houston, a project of the Houston Immigration Legal Services Collaborative, where she led a cohort of four Houston-area nonprofits to provide legal representation in removal proceedings to noncitizens detained by ICE in the Houston area. Previously, she was the Director of the Detained Adult Program at the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR), where her team provided representation and know your rights presentations to noncitizens detained by ICE in the Rio Grande Valley. Julie received her J.D. with a certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies from Georgetown University Law Center.

Bio: Ijeoma Opara is an experienced, aggressive private legal practitioner who handles immigration, criminal, family and personal injury cases including litigation. She is one of the directors of the African Bar Association in America Houston, Texas. Attorney Opara is licensed in the States of New York and Texas. She practices before federal Courts in the Southern District of Texas, the Western and Eastern Districts of Arkansas, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is a top business woman and a philanthropist. She is the local chapter president of the National Association of Professional Women Central Houston Chapter. A family oriented woman of God blessed with a husband and four children. She is a champion of women causes and as a strong Christian is involved in several non-profit community projects. She has served in leadership roles on several of the community organizations through the years in Houston and internationally. Attorney Opara's hands on

approach to legal matters makes her practice unique and different. She is upfront and you can count on it for the intended results.