Dialogue on ABA Civil Detention Standards: Promoting Fair Treatment and Access to Justice

Wednesday, November 14, 2012
3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Sullivan & Worcester LLP
1633 Broadway, 32nd Floor
New York, NY 10019

Please join the American Bar Association and the Center for Migration Studies for a dialogue on the ABA’s new Civil Immigration Detention Standards. The standards build on the ABA’s longstanding leadership in increasing access to justice and humane treatment for men and women in immigration detention, and address: daily living conditions; access to legal services; communications; visitation; access to religious services; grievances; accountability and oversight; and other areas. The Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS’s) existing detention standards originated through a process of collaboration between the ABA, the Department of Justice (DOJ), and DOJ’s former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS); they have been updated several times since they were originally issued in 2000.

The ABA Commission on Immigration developed the Civil Immigration Detention Standards to provide the DHS with a guide for transitioning to a civil detention system that befits its civil detention authority. The civil standards arise, in part, from the ABA’s extensive advocacy, monitoring, and reporting on immigration detention, as well as its direct work with men and women in detention.

The standards were developed under the guidance of an expert Advisory Task Force that included a former Commissioner of the INS, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction Dora S. Schriro, and experts from the corrections, medical, academic, and other fields. They were drafted with the pro bono assistance of Crowell & Moring LLP.

ABA President-Elect James R. Silkenat will offer closing remarks.

Speakers:

• Dora B. Schriro, Commissioner, New York City Department of Correction
• Donald M. Kerwin, Executive Director, Center for Migration Studies
• Karen T. Grisez, Special Counsel, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, Moderator

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