

## 2018 AILA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**JUNE 13 – JUNE 16, 2018**  
**SESSIONS AND SPEAKERS**

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018**

#### **BUSINESS**

1:15 pm –2:15 pm

#### **Anatomy of an L-1: Practical Preparation Tips**

*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Many practitioners who feel ready to undertake the exciting ride that is L-1 visa practice often wonder: where should they even begin? To answer this and many other questions, panelists will provide an overview of the L-1 visa, discussing everything from blankets, to function managers, to seven-page long RFEs. Panelists also will address how to document specialized knowledge, defining and identifying managers vs. executives, and documenting corporate relationships.*

- Qualifying Corporate Entities
- How to Get a Blanket
- What Is Today’s Definition of “Specialized Knowledge”?
- Who Is a Manager?
- RFE Strategies

*Janora L. Hawkins (DL), Atlanta, GA*

*Samuel Adair, Austin, TX*

*Jonathan L. Flores, Los Angeles, CA*

*Robin D. O'Donoghue, Cambridge, MA*

*\*Mentor: Andrew Shackelford [ashackelford@fragomen.com](mailto:ashackelford@fragomen.com)*

2:15 pm –2:30 pm

#### **Networking Break**

2:30 pm –3:30 pm

#### **Counseling Corporate Clients on Employment and Training Opportunities Within F and J**

*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*In light of the continued limited availability of H-1B visas, employers are seeing employees spend significant amounts of time in F-1 status, and are looking to other visa categories, including J visas, to find alternate ways to keep talent in the United States. Panelists will explore the limitations of F-1 visas, both before and after graduation, and address STEM extension issues and requirements. Panelists also will discuss the J-1 visa and options for employers.*

- CPT and Pre-Completion OPT Timing and Issues

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*\* = invited, not confirmed*

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- STEM OPT Extensions
- Restrictions on Employment While in F-1 OPT
- J-1 Trainee and Intern Options and the Impact of INA §212(e)
- Finding a J-1 Program Sponsor

*Steven G. Williams (DL), Denver, CO*

*Elise A. Fialkowski, Philadelphia, PA*

*Elizabeth A. Goss, Boston, MA*

*Lesley N. Salafia, Storrs, CT*

*\*Mentor: Samuel Adair [sadair@grahamadair.com](mailto:sadair@grahamadair.com)*

3:30 pm –3:45 pm

**Networking Break**

3:45 pm –4:45 pm

**Counseling Clients After NIV Petition Approval**

*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Gaining an approval of an NIV petition is not necessarily the end of a case. Panelists will focus on successfully walking clients through visa interviews at consular posts, and dealing with the applicant's admissibility issues.*

- Is Forum Shopping Allowed?
- What Is the Consul Really Reviewing?
- Common Reasons for “Administrative Processing,” and What to Do if It Has Been Initiated
  - Disclosing Criminal Background and Handling Other Admissibility Issues
- Using the FAM and Other Resources at the Consulate
- Preparing the Client for the Interview: What to Expect, What to Bring, etc.
- Effective Strategies for Dealing with Consular Denials

*Hardeep Sull (DL), Las Vegas, NV*

*Hudaidah F. Bhimdi, Fairfax, VA*

*Kehrela M. Hodkinson, London, UK*

*Fuji Whittenburg, Woodland Hills, CA*

*\*Mentor: Rita Sostrin [rsostrin@sostrinimmigration.com](mailto:rsostrin@sostrinimmigration.com)*

4:45 pm –5:00 pm

**Networking Break**

5:00 pm –6:00 pm

**National Interest Waivers: Dhanasar Demystified**

*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Matter of Dhanasar was published on December 27, 2016. Panelists will offer an in-depth discussion of USCIS's implementation of Dhanasar since then, and address adjudication trends in National Interest Waivers under the new analytical framework.*

- Differences Between *Dhanasar* and NYSDOT
- “Well Positioned to Advance the Proposed Endeavor”: The Role of Potential Impact and Problems of Proof

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- Role of Geography in the National Importance Standard
- Use of the National Interest Waiver for the “unPERMable” Employee

*Khorzad Adi Mehta (DL), Owings Mills, MD*  
*John “Jack” L. Pinnix, AILA Past President, Raleigh, NC*  
*Gerard M. Chapman, Greensboro, NC*  
*Barbara Wong, Fremont, CA*

*\*Mentor: Richard Green [rgreen@cdflaborlaw.com](mailto:rgreen@cdflaborlaw.com)*

6:00 pm –7:00 pm  
**Networking Break**

7:00 pm –8:00 pm  
**NIV Investor to Green Card**  
*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*When foreign nationals are afforded the opportunity to invest in a U.S. venture, and then allowed to enter the United States to oversee this investment, how can they make their stay more permanent? Panelists will explore issues in using one of the EB categories to convert L-1 or E visa holders to permanent residence.*

- Dual Intent Doctrine
- E-2 Status and Self-Petitions
- NIV to IV: Deciding on the Best Option, and Steps to Take After Entry to Ensure This Happens
- How to Leverage E-1/2 Equity into an EB-5 Investment
- Family Strategies

*Christi H. Jackson (DL), London, UK*  
*Tammy Fox-Isicoff, AILA Board of Governors, Miami, FL*  
*Bernard P. Wolfsdorf, AILA Past President, Santa Monica, CA*  
*Henry J. Chang, Toronto, Canada*

## **FAMILY**

1:15 pm –2:15 pm  
**Immigration of Children Through Adoption**  
*Hilton, Golden Gate 1-3, Lobby Level*

*Speakers on this advanced-level panel will provide a detailed analysis of the issues that arise when dealing with Hague and Non-Hague adoption cases. In addition, speakers will address issues of habitual residency of children and adoptive parents arising under the USCIS Policy Memo of November 20, 2017. The panel will discuss recent RFE’s, NOID’s and adjudication trends.*

- Introduction to Hague and Non-Hague Adoption Cases
- Habitual Residency Under USCIS Criteria
  - Evidence of Intent at Entry
  - Establishing Actual Residence
  - Bona Fides of Adoption
- Emerging Issues in RFEs, NOIDs, Denials, and Appeals
  - Dealing with Fraud Indicators
  - Proving 24 Months of Joint Residency and Legal Custody

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- Practice Pointers for Filing I-130s

*Steven C. Thal (DL), Minnetonka, MN*

*Tiffany E. Markee, San Diego, CA*

*Irene Mugambi, Dallas, TX*

*Irene A. Steffas, Marietta, GA*

*\*Mentor: Ana Maria Villegas [ana@villegaslawoffice.com](mailto:ana@villegaslawoffice.com)*

2:15 pm –2:30 pm

### **Networking Break**

2:30 pm –3:30 pm

### **Finding a Safe Haven for Survivors: VAWA, U Visa, or T Visa?**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 1-3, Lobby Level*

*Victims of Abuse should have an easier road to achieving lawful permanent residency. Panelists on this advanced-level session will discuss the options available for abuse victims—regardless of gender identification—whether that option is VAWA, a U Visa, or a T Visa.*

- Establishing a Strong VAWA Case Based on Emotional and Financial Abuse
- Proving Lawful Status When the Spouse Is an Obstructionist
- Addressing the Multitude of Problems That Arise When the VAWA Applicant or U Visa Victim Continues to Reside with Abuser
- Digging into the Definitions: “Qualifying Crimes,” “Victims,” “Helpfulness,” and “Trafficking”
- U Visa Hot Topics

*Marisol L. Perez (DL), San Antonio, TX*

*Claudia N. Del Castillo, Miami, FL*

*Nora E. Phillips, Los Angeles, CA*

*Mariela G. Shibley, Psy.D., Clinical Psychologist, San Diego, CA*

*\*Mentor: Ana Maria Villegas [ana@villegaslawoffice.com](mailto:ana@villegaslawoffice.com)*

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### **Networking Break**

3:45 pm –4:45 pm

### **Doing the Math: Addressing the Complexities of the CSPA**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 1-3, Lobby Level*

*Panelists will help attendees improve issue spotting and confidence in CSPA analysis.*

- Tips for Easily Calculating CSPA Age
- Understanding the Differences Between INA §§201(f) and 203(h)
- Visa Bulletin Retrogression, Automatic Conversion, and Opt-Out Options
- How to Get NVC and Embassies to Apply CSPA to Your Case
- Actions That Qualify as “Pursuing Residency Within One Year”

*Charles Wheeler (DL), AILA Author, Affidavits of Support: A Practitioner's Guide/AILA's Focus on the Child Status Protection Act, 2nd Ed., Oakland, CA*

*Nancy E. Miller, Pasadena, CA*

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Ari J. Sauer, Memphis, TN  
Carl Shusterman, Los Angeles, CA

*\*Mentor: Raquel Hecht* [raquel@immigrationoregon.com](mailto:raquel@immigrationoregon.com)

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**Networking Break**

5:00 pm –6:00 pm  
**Identifying and Dealing with Complex I-130 Issues**  
*Hilton, Golden Gate 1-3, Lobby Level*

*The experts on this panel will provide attendees with best practices and strategies for the unusual I-130 immigrant petition throughout the life—and death—of the case.*

- INA §204(c) Findings and Marriage Fraud
- The Adam Walsh Act
- FDNS Visits and Stokes Interview Preparation
- Effective Note-Taking and Tracking Development of the Petition

Mary Beth Kaufman (DL), San Francisco, CA  
Meredith Brown, Glendale, CA  
Lindsey Gauzza, New York, NY  
Erin J. Quinn, San Francisco, CA

*\*Mentor: Katharine Speer Rosenthal* [accimmusa@gmail.com](mailto:accimmusa@gmail.com)

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**Networking Break**

7:00 pm –8:00 pm  
**Mindfulness in Practice: Assessing Diversity and Implicit Bias**  
*Hilton, Golden Gate 1-3, Lobby Level*

*The experts on this ethics panel will focus on cross-cultural awareness and sensitivity issues that are unique to this profession—e.g., diverse immigration attorneys from various backgrounds representing clients from different countries around the world. Panelists will provide attendees with insights and advice on how best to effectively collaborate with clients of different cultural backgrounds. Panelists will address ethical and practical considerations in balancing open-mindedness and sensitivity with awareness of implicit bias, and reflect on how this bias impacts client representation and case strategy.*

- Effective and Culturally-Sensitive Communication Techniques When Working with Colleagues, Clients, and Opposing Counsel
- Stepping into the Client's Shoes: Educating Yourself in Order to Communicate Client Cultural Norms and Values When Presenting the Case
- Effectively Communicating with Indigent Clients
- Increasing Self-Awareness and Demonstrating Respect to Colleagues and Clients

Chelsea Haley Nelson (DL), Oakland, CA  
Russell Abrutyn, AILA Co-Chair Civility Task Force/Message Center Moderators Chair, Berkley, MI  
Margo Chernysheva, AILA Nevada Chapter Chair, Las Vegas, NV  
Maya Salah, Minneapolis, MN

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*\*Mentor: Ritu Goswamy* [ritu@holisticlegalservices.com](mailto:ritu@holisticlegalservices.com)

## **FUNDAMENTALS**

12:00 pm –1:00 pm

### **New Attendee Orientation**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Is this your first time attending the Annual Conference? If so, this session was designed especially for you! Attend this session to learn all you need to know about making the most out of your AILA Annual Conference experience.*

*Ellen Freeman (DL), AILA 2018 Annual Conference Fundamentals & Special Sessions Chair, Pittsburgh, PA  
Ally Bolour, AILA Board of Governors/2018 AILA Annual Conference Program Committee Chair,  
Los Angeles, CA*

*Tala Hartsough, AILA Northern California Chapter Chair, San Francisco, CA  
Sheila Mahadevan, AILA NMD Steering Committee Chair, Washington, DC*

1:00 pm –1:15 pm

### **Networking Break**

1:15 pm –2:15 pm

### **Overview of Essential Immigration Terms, Concepts, and Government Agencies**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*The experts on this fundamentals-level panel will provide an overview of the general concepts, terms, language, and rules that are essential to the practice of immigration law. Panelists also will provide practitioners with an understanding of the different government agencies and their roles in the immigration process.*

- Nonimmigrant vs. Immigrant
- Changing, Maintaining, and Extending Status
- Unlawful Presence and Overstaying
- DHS: Overview of Different Immigration Agencies (USCIS, ICE, CBP)
- DOS: Overview of Role in Immigration (Consular Posts, NVC)
- DOL: Overview of Role in Immigration (OFLC, ETA, BALCA)
- DOJ: Overview of Role in Immigration (EOIR, BIA, OSC)

*Gayle Oshrin (DL), AILA Board of Governors, New York, NY*

*Ally Bolour, AILA Board of Governors/2018 AILA Annual Conference Program Committee Chair,  
Los Angeles, CA*

*Sarah Buffett, Charlotte, NC*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman* [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)

2:15 pm –2:30 pm

### **Networking Break**

2:30 pm –3:30 pm

### **Immigration 101: Essential Immigration Terms and Concepts**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

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*This session addresses the foundational concepts needed to prepare attendees for the fundamentals tracks. Panelists will present a broad overview of the general principles, basic legal terminology, and key legal resources used within the practice of immigration law.*

- Key Concepts: Immigrant vs. Nonimmigrant, Consular Processing, Adjustment of Status, Priority Dates, and the Visa Bulletin
- Critical Distinctions: Visa vs. Status, Visa Waiver or Visa Exempt, Violations of Status, Unlawful Presence, and Overstays
- Immigration Law Sources: INA, CFR, Memoranda, FAM, AFM, etc.

*Neena Dutta (DL), AILA Board of Governors/TSC Liaison Committee Chair, New York, NY*

*Bushra A. Malik, Bloomfield Hills, MI*

*Marcine Seid, Palo Alto, CA*

*David J. Wilks, AILA VSC Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Ithaca, NY*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

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**Networking Break**

3:45 pm –4:45 pm

**Nonimmigrant Visa Overview (Alphabet Soup) Part 1**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will present a basic overview of the nonimmigrant visa categories. Part 1 of this two-part panel will cover all nonimmigrant visa categories from diplomats to temporary workers, and discuss when each is appropriate for clients.*

- A, G, and NATO: Diplomats and Government Representatives
- B-1 and B-2: Visitors
- C and D: Aliens in Transit, Alien Vessel, and Aircraft Crew
- E-1 and E-2: Treaty Traders and Investors
- F, J, and M: Students and Exchange Visitors
- H-1B, H-1B1, H-3, and E-3: Temporary Workers
- H-2A and H-2B: Seasonal Workers

*Diana Vellos Coker (DL), San Diego, CA*

*Sang M. Shin, Houston, TX*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

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**Networking Break**

5:00 pm –6:00 pm

**Nonimmigrant Visa Overview (Alphabet Soup) Part 2**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*In Part 2 of this two-part panel, panelists complete the basic overview of the nonimmigrant visa categories begun in Part 1. All nonimmigrant visa categories from foreign media representatives to victims of crime will be discussed, and panelists will address when each is appropriate for clients.*

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- I: Foreign Media
- K-1 and K-3: Fiancées and Family Members
- L-1A and L-1B: Intracompany Transferees
- O: Extraordinary Individuals
- P: Athletes, Artists, and Entertainers
- Q: The Cultural Visa
- R: Religious Workers
- S: Informants
- T: Victims of Human Trafficking
- TN: Canadian and Mexican Professionals
- U: Victims of Crimes

*Shirley Tang (DL), Woodbridge, VA*  
*Amanda Willis Gupta, Brooklyn, NY*  
*Neil J. Sheff, Beverly Hills, CA*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

6:00 pm –7:00 pm  
**Networking Break**

7:00 pm –8:00 pm  
**Overview of Family-Based Immigration**  
*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Panelists for this fundamentals-level session will provide an overview of family-based immigration, and explain why the process can be complicated, often taking several years to complete. Those new to immigration should attend this session to gain a general understanding of family-based immigration law, and to prepare for the more in-depth fundamentals-level family panels.*

- Family-Based Immigration Preference Categories
- Definition of Family Members
- Immediate Relatives vs. Preference Categories
- Priority Dates and the Visa Bulletin
- Recapturing Priority Dates
- Widow/Widower Provisions
- Introduction to Child Status Protection Act
- Affidavit of Support

*David F. Vedder (DL), Daytona Beach, FL*  
*Kevin M. Crabtree, Oakland, CA*  
*Aimee Maldonado, Houston, TX*  
*Scott D. Pollock, Chicago, IL*

*\*Mentor: Linda Nakamura [lindanakamura@gmail.com](mailto:lindanakamura@gmail.com)*

## **LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT**

1:15 pm –2:15 pm  
**Practice Innovation Part 1: Today's Practice Automation Tools**  
*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

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*As business and individual clients seek better, faster, and cheaper legal services, and as lawyers seek to expand access to the justice system, many are turning to emerging technologies to meet demands. Lawyers and other entrepreneurs have created new, powerful tools that aim to help improve work flows and reduce the costs of business.*

- Automation Trends and Tools
- Artificial Intelligence in Practice
- What Tools Are Affordable Now?
- Will Robots Really Replace Lawyers?
- Implementation Lessons Learned

*Reid F. Trautz (DL), AILA Director of Practice and Professionalism, Washington, DC*

*Gregory H. Siskind, AILA Board of Governors, Memphis, TN*

*Hendrik Pretorius, San Francisco, CA*

*Aaron Tarin, Taylorsville, UT*

*\*Mentor: Ruby Powers [Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com](mailto:Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com)*

2:15 pm –2:30 pm

**Networking Break**

2:30 pm –3:30 pm

**Practice Innovation Part 2: Changing Delivery Models**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*It isn't just the technology: consumer demands also drive change. With the constant drumbeat of “better, faster, cheaper” sounding, some firms are evolving their business delivery models to meet these consumer demands. Join our panel of lawyers and consumers who are rethinking business processes and reshaping how legal services are delivered.*

- Delivering Legal Services Online
- Slicing and Dicing Your Portfolio of Manager Services
- Outsourcing, Remote Workers, and Virtual Law Firms
- Implementation Lessons Learned

*William A. Stock (DL), AILA Immediate Past President, Philadelphia, PA*

*Javad Khazaeli, Saint Louis, MO*

*Matthew Burns (Tullow Int'l HR Consulting), Washington, DC*

*Sarah C. Maxwell, Chicago, IL*

*\*Mentor: Ruby Powers [Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com](mailto:Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com)*

3:30 pm –3:45 pm

**Networking Break**

3:45 pm –4:45 pm

**Practice Innovation Part 3: Overcoming Ethical Impediments to Innovation**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*As lawyers deal with the forces of change around them, many feel powerless to alter their business practices because of ethical constraints. Our panel of experts will address ethical roadblocks in lawyer regulation to help firms compete in the changing marketplace.*

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- Fee Sharing with Online Marketers
- Limited Scope Engagements
- Balancing Legal Ethics and Access to Justice
- Data Privacy in a Cloud-Based World

*Reid F. Trautz (DL), AILA Director of Practice and Professionalism, Washington, DC*

*Kenneth Craig Dobson, AILA Ethics Committee Vice Chair, New York, NY*

*Merri A. Baldwin, Shareholder, Rogers Joseph O'Donnell, San Francisco, CA*

*\*Mentor: Ruby Powers [Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com](mailto:Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com)*

4:45 pm –5:00 pm

**Networking Break**

5:00 pm –6:00 pm

**Embrace Technology in Your Immigration Practice: Work Faster and Lower Costs**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*The San Francisco Bay Area is known for the number of its technology companies disrupting the status quo and transforming how individuals approach their daily lives. Learn from a panel of immigration attorneys who have embraced technology in their practice, and gain useful tips on how to incorporate the latest technology effectively.*

- Getting the Most Out of Immigration Technology: Moving Beyond Email and Populating Forms
- Collaboration Tools (Google Docs, Slack, GoToMeeting): How to Integrate Digital Tools Effectively into Your Practice
- Communication and Social Media: How to Deliver Information Quickly and Effectively to Clients
- Five Simple Tech Tips to Implement Now to Transform Your Practice
- Going Paperless

*Tiffany B. Hill (DL), San Francisco, CA*

*Grace Rosas Alano, San Francisco, CA*

*Philip C. Curtis, Boston, MA*

*Claire S. Pratt, San Francisco, CA*

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**Networking Break**

7:00 pm –8:00 pm

**Less Is More: Solo and Small Firm Practices That Make It Big**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Solo and small firm practitioners make up the large majority of the AILA membership. Come learn from some of AILA's most successful solo and boutique practitioners on how to compete with bigger firms and grow your practice while remaining efficient and lean.*

- Finding a Niche
- Coexisting with the Big Firms
- Leveraging Personal Networks

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- Managing Staffing, Space, Use of Technology, and Optimizing Profit Points

*Edward R. White (DL), Boston, MA*

*Dale M. Schwartz, AILA Past President, Atlanta, GA*

*Salvador Colon, Houston, TX*

*Sofia Zneimer, Chicago, IL*

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## **LITIGATION**

1:15 pm –2:15 pm

### **Planning for Your First Individual Hearing**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists on this roundtable will help attorneys new to removal defense plan for their first individual hearing. How much total time will a given case take to prepare? What is the expected timeline? How much preparation can be delegated to staff?*

- Laying the Foundation for the Individual Hearing
- Background Research and Investigation
- Pleadings and Prehearing Briefs and Conferences
- Preparing Client and Witnesses for Testifying
- Delegation of Hearing Preparation to Other Staff

*C. Lynn Calder (DL), Raleigh, NC*

*Richard A. Boswell, San Francisco, CA*

*John Gihon, Altamonte Springs, FL*

*Karin Tolgu, Seattle, WA*

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2:15 pm –2:30 pm

### **Networking Break**

2:30 pm –3:30 pm

### **Whether a Noncitizen Has Been Admitted, Admissions That Matter, and Other Conundrums**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Even seasoned practitioners and adjudicators have moments of confusion over when noncitizens have been admitted, which admission date counts for applicants/respondents in terms of inadmissibility and deportability, etc. Panelists will dissect the fine lines of admissions in the context of inadmissibility, deportability, eligibility for benefits, and classification as an arriving alien.*

- Returning LPRs and the *Fleuti* doctrine
- Which Admission Dates Count for the Purposes of Inadmissibility and Deportability?
- TPS and U Visa Grants as Admissions
- When Is a TPS Parolee Not an Arriving Alien? INA §244(a) and the 1991 MTINA
- The Entry Doctrine: Does It Still Breathe Life?
- Implications of Procedurally Regular, but Procedurally Flawed, Admissions and Wave-Throughs, Including *Quilantan*

*Michael S. Vastine (DL), Miami Gardens, FL*

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Ruben L. Reyes, AILA Board of Governors, Phoenix, AZ

Lisa E. Seifert, Olympia, WA

Mary Kenney, Senior Staff Attorney, American Immigration Council, Washington, DC

*\*Mentor: Javier N. Maldonado* [jmaldonado.law@gmail.com](mailto:jmaldonado.law@gmail.com)

3:30 pm –3:45 pm

**Networking Break**

3:45 pm –4:45 pm

**Burdens of Proof and Production**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Knowing which party carries the burden of proof and production is essential to developing a sound litigation strategy. Panelists on this intermediate-level panel will analyze the burden of proof in various contexts, including bond proceedings, master calendar hearings, and merits hearings in the immigration courts.*

- Custody Redetermination Hearings and the Burden of Proof in Prolonged Detention Cases
- Denying the Charges and Establishing Eligibility for Relief
- Addressing Incomplete Records of Conviction and Burdens of Production: *Almanza* and *Peralta-Sauceda*
- Burden of Production and Access to Information: FOIA and the Creative Use of *Stokes* and *Dent*

*Jonathan D. Montag (DL), San Diego, CA*

*Vikram K. Badrinath, Tucson, AZ*

*Kathleen M. Gillespie, Lexington, MA*

*Manuel F. Rios III, Seattle, WA*

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4:45 pm –5:00 pm

**Networking Break**

5:00 pm –6:00 pm

**Discovery in Removal Proceedings**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*The experts on this panel will assist attorneys in effectively identifying and using the tools of discovery in removal proceedings. Panelists will explore commonly used tools, as well as those tools utilized infrequently by immigration attorneys.*

- Informal Discovery: FOIAs, Immigration Encounters, and Criminal Background Checks
- Understanding and Utilizing INA §240(c)(2)
- Utilizing Discovery Tools in Removal Proceedings to Obtain Production of Books, Papers, and Other Documentary Evidence
- The *Touhy* Regulations and Getting a Federal Official to Testify

*Patrick Taurel (DL), Washington, DC*

*Maria E. Andrade, Boise, ID*

*Hiroko Kusuda, New Orleans, LA*

*Erich C. Straub, Milwaukee, WI*

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**Networking Break**

7:00 pm –8:00 pm  
**Preserving the Record in Immigration Court: Objections Under the Federal Rules of Evidence and Immigration Regulations**  
*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will address preservation of the record in immigration court by making objections to documentary and testimonial evidence, as well as conduct of proceedings.*

- Understanding the Meaning of Fundamental Fairness in Removal Proceedings
- Application of the Federal Rules of Evidence
- 5th Amendment, 4th Amendment, Hearsay, Authentication, Incomplete Document, Best Evidence Rule, Relevance, and Other Objections
- Objections to Venue and Impartiality of the Judge, Including Motions to Recuse

*Javier N. Maldonado (DL), San Antonio, TX*

*Jeremy L. McKinney, AILA Secretary, Greensboro, NC*

*Henry Cruz, Seattle, WA*

*Jennifer Lee Koh, Irvine, CA*

*\*Mentor: Javier N. Maldonado [jmaldonado.law@gmail.com](mailto:jmaldonado.law@gmail.com)*

#### **WEDNESDAY TRAININGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

8:30 am –5:00 pm  
**Leadership Institute**  
*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

1:15 pm –2:15 pm  
**Fastcase: Research Member Benefit for AILA Members**  
*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

2:30 pm –3:30 pm  
**Advanced Legal Research Using AILA Member Benefits and AILALink**  
*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

3:45 pm –4:45 pm  
**Case Resolution Strategies**  
*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

3:45 pm –4:45 pm  
**Risk Management Best Practices for Immigration Lawyers**  
*Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

*Panelists will provide guidance on avoiding common grounds of malpractice, as well as what to do if you have been sued for malpractice. Even if the suit is frivolous, and even if you have malpractice insurance, defending yourself against malpractice allegations will be disruptive to your practice and law office. Come to this session to learn valuable risk management tips.*

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*\* = invited, not confirmed*

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- *Determining Whether You Are Qualified to Take on a Case*
- *Common Malpractice Claims Against Lawyers*
- *What Can You Do to Prevent a Malpractice Claim?*
- *Dealing With a Malpractice Claim and Maintaining Your Firm's Reputation*

*Gayle Wissinger (DL), LPL Product Manager, Hanover Professionals, Grand Rapids, MI  
David L. Bridges, President, The Leavitt Group of Atlanta, Inc., Lawrenceville, GA*

5:00 pm –6:00 pm

**Taking Stock and Looking Ahead: The Trump's Administration Impact on Immigration Policy**  
*Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

5:30 pm –7:00 pm

**AILA Law Student Panel Discussion and Networking Event**  
*Hilton, Union Square 6-7, Tower 3, 4th floor*

6:00 pm –8:00 pm

**Grand Opening**  
*Hilton, Continental Foyer & Yosemite, Ballroom Level*

7:00 pm –8:00 pm

**The Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) and J-1 Visa Update: Private Sector Edition**  
*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

8:00 pm–9:00 pm

**Central Florida Chapter Meeting**  
*Hilton, Union Square 19-20, Tower 3, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

8:00 pm–9:30 pm

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro Bono/NMD Hospitality Suite**  
*Hilton, Union Square 22, Tower 3, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

9:00 pm –11:00 pm

**After Hours at the Hawthorn**  
*Hawthorn, 46 Geary Street*

Join the party! The Council's After-Hours party is a hit each year and San Francisco will not disappoint. Kick off this year's annual conference at the Hawthorn, the perfect Union Square venue to let loose over craft cocktails, art, music and dance. Just a 10-minute walk from the Hilton.

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018**

### **PLENARY**

7:00 am –4:15 pm

**Registration**  
*Hilton, Continental Foyer, Ballroom Level*

7:00 am–5:30 pm

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## **Exhibit Hall**

*Exhibit Hall Hours: (7:00am-1:30pm); Lunch Break (1:30pm-2:30pm); Reopens (2:30pm-5:30pm)*  
*Hilton, Continental Foyer & Yosemite, Ballroom Level*

8:00 am –8:30 am

### **Conference Kick-Off**

*Hilton, Grand AB, Grand Ballroom Level*

8:30 am –10:00 am

### **President's Installation**

*Hilton, Grand AB, Grand Ballroom Level*

10:00 am –10:30 am

### **Keynote Address**

*Hilton, Grand AB, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Xavier Becerra, California Attorney General, Sacramento, CA*

10:30 am –11:50 am

### **Hot Topics Strategy Session with the AILA National Officers**

*Hilton, Grand AB, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Ally Bolour (DL), AILA Board of Governors/2018 AILA Annual Conference Program Committee Chair, Los Angeles, CA*

*Annaluisa Padilla, AILA President, La Habra, CA*

*Anastasia Tonello, AILA President-Elect, New York, NY*

*Marketa Lindt, AILA 1st Vice President, Chicago, IL*

*Jennifer Minear, AILA 2nd Vice President, Richmond, VA*

*Allen Orr, AILA Treasurer, Washington, DC*

*Jeremy L. McKinney, AILA Secretary, Greensboro, NC*

*Benjamin Johnson, AILA Executive Director, Washington, DC*

## **AILA INSPIRES SPEAKER SERIES**

1:30 pm–2:30 pm

### **AILA Inspires Series**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*This limited-seating “TED-Talk”- inspired session will feature a Silicon Valley insider who will use story-telling to engage, inspire, and ignite the AILA community.*

*Leon Logothetis, Global Adventurer/Motivational Speaker/Philanthropist, New York, NY*

2:50 pm –3:50 pm

### **AILA Inspires Series**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*This limited-seating “TED-Talk”- inspired session will feature guest speakers who will use story-telling to engage, inspire, and ignite the AILA community.*

*Tom Steyer, Founder and President of NextGen America, San Francisco, CA*

4:10 pm –5:10 pm

### **AILA Inspires Series**

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*\* = invited, not confirmed*

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## *Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*This limited-seating “TED-Talk”-inspired session will feature an expert media strategist who will use storytelling to engage, inspire, and ignite the AILA community.*

*\*TBD*

### **BUSINESS**

7:00 am –8:00 am

#### **Representing Contracting Companies and the Employers Who Use Them (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Love 'em or hate 'em, contracting and staffing companies employ a large percentage of the H-1B workforce in the United States. With firms increasingly using these services, practitioners are being called upon frequently to advise on the unique immigration compliance issues contracting arrangements present. Our panel of experts will discuss these issues from the perspective of both the contracting company and the end-user, and will identify best practices on how to deal with them.*

- Challenges and Strategies When Representing the Contracting Company
- Challenges and Strategies When Representing the End-User
- Joint Employer Concerns
- Best Practices in the Outsourcing Process
- Recommendations to Avoid Litigation and Regulatory Action

*Sharon R. Mehlman (DL), AILA Verification & Documentation Liaison Committee Chair, San Diego, CA*

*Lori T. Chesser, Des Moines, IA*

*Robert H. Cohen, AILA USCIS HQ (Benefits Policy) Liaison Committee Chair, Columbus, OH*

*Sheela Murthy, Owings Mills, MD*

*\*Mentor: Gayle Oshrin [oshrin@kmm.com](mailto:oshrin@kmm.com)*

11:50 am –1:30 pm

#### **Lunch and Exhibit Hall**

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

#### **Managing and Winning RFEs and NOIDs**

*Hilton, Grand A, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will address the complicated and frustrating world of USCIS’s Notices of Intent to Deny (NOID) and Requests for Evidence (RFE). Panelists will examine possible reasons for the recent increase in NOIDs and RFEs, and impart useful techniques and tips to help practitioners counter them successfully and win cases.*

- Recent Trends in RFEs and NOIDs, Why Practitioners Might Receive One Versus the Other
- Interpreting the RFE: Knowing When It Is a Mindless Kitchen Sink RFE, and When the Adjudicator Has Already Made Up His or Her Mind
- Managing Client Expectations: Timing, Increased Odds of Receiving RFEs for Premium Processing Cases, Evidence Collection
- Strategies for a Successful Response
- Knowing the Sources and How to Use Them: Caselaw, Regulations, FAM, Online Guides, and USCIS Templates

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*\* = invited, not confirmed*

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*Matthew D. Stump (DL), USCIS Service Center Operations Liaison Committee Chair, Oklahoma City, OK*  
*Lisa Baker Jones, Santa Clara, CA*  
*Lorna A. De Bono, AILA CSC Liaison Committee Chair, Los Angeles, CA*  
*Debra Schneider, Minneapolis, MN*

*\*Mentor: Hardeep Sull [dee@sullglobal.com](mailto:dee@sullglobal.com)*

2:30 pm –2:50 pm  
**Networking Break**

2:50 pm –3:50 pm  
**Posttraumatic “L” Disorder: Inconsistent Adjudicatory Standards That Drive Practitioners Crazy**  
*Hilton, Grand A, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Does it seem like there is no consistent adjudicatory standard with respect to service center and blanket Ls? Join our panel of experts for this master’s level session as they provide a detailed review of current adjudication trends, and discuss strategies to deal with this constantly evolving area.*

- Overview of Recent Adjudication Trends: What Is Occurring at the Consulates and Service Centers?
- Service Center vs. Blanket Ls: Which Is Preferred?
- Blanket Ls for Smaller/Newer Companies
- New Company L-1 Extensions

*Teri A. Simmons (DL), Atlanta, GA*  
*Brian D. Bumgardner, Raleigh, NC*  
*Danny Chi-Keng Chen, Irvine, CA*  
*Ellen Freeman, Pittsburgh, PA*

*\*Mentor: Andrew Shackelford [ashackelford@fragomen.com](mailto:ashackelford@fragomen.com)*

3:50 pm –4:10 pm  
**Networking Break**

4:10 pm –5:10 pm  
**Advanced Issues Facing Entrepreneurs**  
*Hilton, Grand A, Grand Ballroom Level*

*What can be done to assist entrepreneurs who are being targeted under the current administration? Panelists will explore how “Hire American” affects the entrepreneur with his or her travel, extension, and startups.*

- Startups in the E-2 Context: Source of Funds, RFEs, Documentation Issues
- Increased Scrutiny at POEs and Limitations on B-1 Business Travel
- Difficulty in Obtaining Approval for the New Company L, and Obtaining the Extension after the First Year
- The O-1 as an Option for Entrepreneurs
- Status of International Entrepreneur Rule after July 17, 2017, and After Issuance of Executive Orders

*Yeu S. Hong (DL), Los Angeles, CA*  
*Allen Orr, AILA Treasurer, Washington, DC*  
*Rachel Baskin, Oceanside, NY*  
*Maria Isabel Casablanca, Miami, FL*

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*\*Mentor: Hudaidah Bhimdi*     [hudaidah@murrayosorio.com](mailto:hudaidah@murrayosorio.com)

## **FAMILY**

7:00 am –8:00 am

### **Hardship Workshop: Utilizing Storytelling Techniques (*Morning Roundtable*)** *Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists for this workshop will discuss the most effective narrative strategies to persuasively present stories of client hardship. Written and documentary evidence appropriate for all types of waivers and applications for relief from removal will be addressed.*

- Interviewing Techniques to Extract Client Stories
- Spinning Straw into Gold: Illustrating Unique Hardship in Seemingly Standard Cases
- Presenting the Client’s Story with Credible Evidence: Expert Testimony, Psychological Evaluations, and Country Conditions Reports

*Ritu Goswamy (DL), San Jose, CA*  
*Randy Steinberg, Beverly Hills, CA*  
*Sheila Stuhlman, Minneapolis, MN*

*\*Mentor: Ritu Goswamy* [ritu@holisticlegalservices.com](mailto:ritu@holisticlegalservices.com)

11:50 am –1:30 pm

### **Lunch and Exhibit Hall**

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

### **Documenting the Undocumented: Coming Out of the Shadows** *Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*The experts on this panel will help attendees address common issues that arise when undocumented individuals come out of the shadows. They will discuss how practitioners should document the realities of the client’s life in the United States, and how to deal with problematic issues arising from the client’s creative solutions to the challenges of living in the shadows.*

- Trends in Enforcement, and the Increasing Risk of Coming Out of the Shadows
- Dealing with Identity Issues: Use of Fake IDs, False Social Security Numbers, and Licenses from Other States
- Omitted Family Members: Out of Wedlock Children, Estranged Marriages, and Common Law Spouses
- Review of Current Memoranda, Executive Orders, and Potential Legislation

*Genevieve Kovacs Perez (DL), Los Angeles, CA*  
*Peter L. Ashman, Las Vegas, NV*  
*Maria Blanco, Executive Director, UC Immigrant Legal Services Center, Davis, CA*

*\*Mentor: Genevieve Kovacs Perez* [genevieve@kovacsperezlaw.com](mailto:genevieve@kovacsperezlaw.com)

2:30 pm –2:50 pm

### **Networking Break**

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\* = invited, not confirmed

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2:50 pm –3:50 pm

### **Unconventional Adjustment of Status Applications**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Speakers on this advanced-level panel will explore various non-traditional and cutting-edge paths to obtaining residency. They will focus on new legal developments and best practices.*

- TPS Adjustment
- Accepted Admissions: Advance Parole, Parole in Place, *Matter of Areguillin*, and *Matter of Quilantan*
- Adjusting Arriving Aliens in Removal Proceedings
- INA §204(1): Death of the Petitioner and Humanitarian Reinstatement

*Maurice H. Goldman (DL), Tucson, AZ*

*Jason Abrams, New York, NY*

*Vera A. Weisz, Los Angeles, CA*

*\*Mentor: Katharine Speer Rosenthal [accimmusa@gmail.com](mailto:accimmusa@gmail.com)*

3:50 pm –4:10 pm

### **Networking Break**

4:10 pm –5:10 pm

### **Risky Naturalization Issues: Bridging the Gap from Residency to Citizenship**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Panelists for this advanced-level session will discuss issues, both common and obscure, that may affect a noncitizen's ability to naturalize and, in some cases, endanger his or her residency status.*

- Abandonment and Preservation of Residency
- Dealing with Removable and Deportable Offenses (Civil or Criminal): Tax Violations, Legalized Marijuana, Unlawful Voting
- Good Moral Character Issues: Unpaid Taxes and Child Support, Adultery
- *Nunc Pro Tunc* Possibilities When LPR Status Was Not Lawfully Obtained

*Jennifer Walker Gates (DL), Austin, TX*

*Sabrina R. Damast, Los Angeles, CA*

*Christina H. Lee, San Francisco, CA*

*Thomas J. Shea, New York, NY*

*\*Mentor: Stanley P. Walker [stan@southernstarimmigration.com](mailto:stan@southernstarimmigration.com)*

## **FUNDAMENTALS**

7:00 am –8:00 am

### **Family Immigration 101: All You Need Is Love? (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Many people think that “all you need is love” to immigrate to the United States, either through marriage or by having a U.S. citizen child. If only it were that simple! Panelists for this fundamentals-level session, designed to provide an overview of family-based immigration for new practitioners, will address the concept of spousal sponsorship, go through the petition process, and identify common pitfalls.*

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- Who Qualifies as a Family-Based Immigrant?
- From the Initial Phone Call, to Consultation, to Closing the Deal: Soliciting the Right Information
- Preparing and Filing Family-Based Petitions and Applications
- Preparing for and Attending Interviews
- Recent Trends in Family Immigration

*Susan S. Han (DL), Long Beach, CA*

*Allen E. Kaye, AILA Past President, New York, NY*

*Jesse Evans-Schroeder, Tucson, AZ*

*\*Mentor: Linda Nakamura [lindanakamura@gmail.com](mailto:lindanakamura@gmail.com)*

9:45 am –10:45 am

**Adjustment of Status**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will provide an introductory overview of the adjustment of status process. They also will discuss initial requirements for adjustment applications, the various forms and documents needed, and red-flag issues that could potentially complicate the process.*

- Requirements of Adjustment of Status Applications
- The Anatomy of Adjustment of Status and Ancillary Applications: I-485, I-864, I-765, I-131
- Supporting Documentation
- Common Red Flags: Entry Without Inspection, Intent at Entry, Unauthorized Employment, Etc.

*Reginald A. Pacis (DL), Detroit, MI*

*Jennifer Casey, Denver, CO*

*Michelle L. Lazerow, Rockville, MD*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

10:50 am –11:50 am

**I-751 Petitions to Remove Conditions on Residence**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will address the nuts and bolts of preparing and filing an I-751 petition. They also will discuss in detail certain aspects of the process, including remedies for late submission and best practices for documenting a good faith marriage.*

- Preparing an I-751 Petition: The Basics
- When to Submit the I-751
- Remedies for Late Submission
- What Exactly Is “Good Faith” and How Is It Proved?
- Overview of Cases Where There Is a Divorce, Abuse, or Death

*Jonathan S. Greene (DL), Columbia, MD*

*Renzo F. Manay, El Sobrante, CA*

*Ginger McGuire, Englewood, CO*

*\*Mentor: Linda Nakamura [lindanakamura@gmail.com](mailto:lindanakamura@gmail.com)*

11:50 am –1:30 pm

**Lunch and Exhibit Hall**

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

**Immigrant Visa Consular Processing**

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists will present a general overview of consular processing, from the visa petition approval stage to the interview at a U.S. consular post. They also will provide valuable insight regarding which documents the National Visa Center (NVC) needs, how the interview is scheduled, preparing clients for the immigrant visa interview, and more.*

- Documents Needed at the NVC and Current Trends
- Electronic Processing vs. Paper Processing
- When and How Is the Interview Scheduled?
- Preparing Clients for the Medical Exam and Visa Interview Abroad
- Administrative Processing: What Triggers It, How to Avoid It, and How to Remedy It
- What to Expect upon Entry

*Fausta Albi (DL), San Diego, CA*

*John Q. Khosravi, Los Angeles, CA*

*Claire D. Nilson, London, UK*

*Atoosa Vakili, Irvine, CA*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

2:30 pm –2:50 pm

**Networking Break**

2:50 pm –3:50 pm

**Naturalization 101**

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists will cover the basics of U.S. citizenship. The requirements and process of naturalization will be presented, and best practices for navigating the red flags/risks of filing for naturalization will be discussed.*

- By Birth
- By Acquisition
- By Derivation
- By Naturalization

*Michelle Saenz Rodriguez (DL), AILA Board of Governors, Dallas, TX*

*Matthew S. Dunn, New York, NY*

*Linda M. Nakamura, Los Angeles, CA*

*Dilip Patel, Tampa, FL*

*\*Mentor: Linda Nakamura [lindanakamura@gmail.com](mailto:lindanakamura@gmail.com)*

3:50 pm –4:10 pm

**Networking Break**

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4:10 pm –5:10 pm

**Basics of Consular Practice: Applying for a Nonimmigrant Visa**

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists will discuss the basics of consular practice, and address common challenges faced by clients when they apply for a visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate.*

- Does the Foreign National Need a Visa Stamp?
- How to Apply: Step-by-Step Instructions, Dealing with the Nonimmigrant Visa Unit
- Form DS-160 and How to Complete One
- Administrative Processing: Causes and Options to Resolve
- Inadmissibility and Waivers

*Farshad Owji (DL), AILA Board of Governors, San Francisco, CA*

*Cory Caouette, San Jose, CA*

*Janice A. Flynn, London, UK*

*Diana Okoeva, London, UK*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

**LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT**

7:00 am –8:00 am

**Representing Trauma Survivors (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*Perhaps the most important aspect of representing trauma survivors is the ability to gain their trust and extract their stories. Compelling VAWA, U visa, or asylum declarations are nearly impossible without this. However, in cases where the trauma is recent, the client is in a precarious living situation, or the survivors suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), unique challenges to representation are present. Our panel of experts, including a mental health professional, will focus on the most effective ways to represent trauma survivors and make them feel comfortable enough to tell their stories.*

- PTSD Defined, and How It Affects the Client's Willingness to Share Their Story
- Best Practices for Gaining a Client's Trust
- How to Make a Cohesive Record and Include All Relevant Details While Maintaining the Client's Privacy and Safety

*Yemi Getachew (DL), AILA Santa Clara Chapter Chair, San Jose, CA*

*Ericka C. Curran, Jacksonville, FL*

*Catherine Seitz, San Francisco, CA*

*Jody Kussin, Psychologist, San Francisco, CA*

*\*Mentor: Ritu Goswamy [ritu@holisticlegalservices.com](mailto:ritu@holisticlegalservices.com)*

11:50 am –1:30 pm

**Lunch and Exhibit Hall**

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

**AILA Ethics Compendium: LIVE**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

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Join the authors and editors of the AILA Ethics Compendium for an enlightening and thought-provoking ethics discussion. Now in its fifth year, panelists on AILA Ethics Compendium: LIVE offer an in-depth and robust analysis of the Rules of Professional Responsibility, and discuss how these rules apply to immigration lawyers.

- Confidentiality, Conflicts, and Consultations - When Does Prospective Client Become Current Client? – Rule 1.18
- Understanding Challenges of Dual Representation – Rule 1.7
- When Does Current Client Become Former Client?
- Confidentiality, Conflicts, and Former Clients – Rule 1.9
- The Intersection of Ethics and Civility

Alan B. Goldfarb (DL), AILA Ethics Committee Chair, Minneapolis, MN

Kenneth Craig Dobson, AILA Ethics Committee Vice Chair, New York, NY

Meghan Moore, Wyoming, MI

Helen A. Sklar, Los Angeles, CA

Sarah K. Peterson, AILA Board of Governors/DOL Liaison Committee Chair, Minneapolis, MN

2:30 pm –2:50 pm

### **Networking Break**

2:50 pm –3:50 pm

### **Managing Stress and Avoiding Substance Abuse**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*While practicing immigration law has many benefits, it also comes with its share of pitfalls. Whether it's pressure from impending deadlines in high stakes business cases, or the emotional toll taken when helping vulnerable clients and victims of abuse, practitioners face causes of high stress and even secondary trauma on a routine basis. To help counter this, panelists will address the various ways people deal with stress, and provide attendees with effective coping mechanisms and positive life balancing strategies.*

- Learning the Difference Between Burnout, Vicarious Trauma, and Secondary Traumatic Stress
- Recognizing the Symptoms of Excessive Stress and Substance Abuse
- Finding Techniques to Advocate Successfully for a Client's Case While Maintaining a Healthy Personal Distance

Rachel Ray (DL), Davis, CA

Donusia Lipinski, Myrtle Beach, SC

Mariela G. Shibley, Psy.D., Clinical Psychologist, San Diego, CA

*\*Mentor: Ruby Powers [Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com](mailto:Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com)*

## **LITIGATION**

7:00 am –8:00 am

### **Federal District Court: Can I Practice There, and What Relief Can Be Sought? (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

*Panelists will assist attorneys who have not previously practiced in district court become familiar with common procedures and the type of relief that may be sought. They also will cover the nuts and bolts of filing habeas petitions, as well as the limits of federal court jurisdiction in different circuits.*

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\* = invited, not confirmed

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- Common Questions: Where to Sit, When to Stand, Etc.
- What Rules Govern?
- How Are Pleadings Filed?
- How Are Habeas Petitions Filed?

*W. John Vandenberg (DL), AILA Philadelphia Chapter Chair, Philadelphia, PA*  
*Thomas E. Moseley, Newark, NJ*  
*Jonathan Wasden, Burke, VA*

*\*Mentor: C. Lynn Calder [icalder@allen-pinnix.com](mailto:icalder@allen-pinnix.com)*

11:50 am –1:30 pm

**Lunch and Exhibit Hall**

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

**Improper Evidence: Motions to Suppress, Preclude, and Exclude**

*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Recent immigration directives favor an “arrest, don't check” policy, where everyone who “appears to be or might be undocumented” is swept up and detained. Learn how to stop the government from using improperly obtained evidence, respond when the government acts without authorization or a warrant, and protect your clients from over-eager enforcement actions.*

- How to Identify When Evidence Was Not Properly Obtained
- How to Respond When the Government Tries to Use Improper Evidence
- How to Use Motions to Suppress, Preclude, and Exclude

*Maria T. Baldini-Potermin (DL), AILA Federal Court Litigation Section Steering Committee Chair, Chicago, IL*  
*Rex Chen, New York, NY*  
*Hans Meyer, Denver, CO*  
*Melissa Crow, Washington, DC*

*\*Mentor: Win Eaton [Service@WinEaton.com](mailto:Service@WinEaton.com)*

2:30 pm –2:50 pm

**Networking Break**

2:50 pm –3:50 pm

**Motions to Reopen: Strategies and Considerations**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*In an age of increased enforcement, reopening prior removal orders has never been more important. The experts on this panel will provide effective tips for requesting reopening before the immigration courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals.*

- *In Absentia* Orders and the Doctrine of Equitable Tolling
- Do I Really Have to Do That? Ineffective Assistance Claims and *Matter of Lozada*
- Framing *Sua Sponte* Motions to Preserve Legal and Constitutional Claims
- Addressing Prior Orders in VAWA, U Visa, TPS, and DACA Cases
- Motions to Reopen After Reentry and the Departure Bar

*Sui Chung (DL), AILA Southern Florida Chapter Chair, Miami, FL*

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Scott Bratton, Cleveland, OH  
Lee Gelernt, New York, NY  
W. Michael Sharma-Crawford, Kansas City, MO

\*Mentor: Win Eaton [Service@WinEaton.com](mailto:Service@WinEaton.com)

3:50 pm –4:10 pm  
**Networking Break**

4:10 pm –5:10 pm  
**“Yes, You CAN!”: Building the Confidence to Litigate**  
*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Whether in immigration court or federal court, it takes confidence to stand in front of a judge and hold your own as a “fearless lawyer.” What if the judge gets annoyed, or even downright hostile? Litigators, too, can be intimidating and seem superhuman. But the truth is, many judges and litigators have learned a variety of strategies to address their anxiety and respectfully stand their ground. Learn their tricks of the trade, and go into court with confidence!*

*Trina Realmuto, Directing Attorney, American Immigration Council, Boston, MA*

#### **THURSDAY TRAININGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

7:00 am –8:00 am  
**Fastcase**  
*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

7:00 am-8:00 am  
**Yoga**  
*Parc 55, Embarcadero, Level 3*

7:30 am-9:00 am  
**Carolinas Chapter Meeting**  
*Hilton, Union Square 22, Tower 3, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

8:00 am-9:00 am  
**Cardio Dance**  
*Parc 55, Embarcadero, Level 3*

8:00 am-5:00 pm  
**Fearless Lawyering Inspiration Lounge**  
*Hilton, Golden Gate 1-3, Lobby Level*

9:45 am –10:45 am  
**Advanced Legal Research Using AILA Member Benefits and AILALink**  
*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

10:50 am –11:50 am  
**Make Your Message Successful: Learn How to Activate Positive Frames on Immigration**  
*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

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12:00 pm-1:00 pm

**Ohio Chapter Meeting**

*Hilton, Union Square 5-6, Tower 3, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

**MidSouth Chapter Meeting**

*Hilton, Union Square 3-4, Tower 3, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

**Texas, Oklahoma & New Mexico Chapter Meeting**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 2-3, Lobby Level*

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

**DC Chapter Meeting**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 8, Lobby Level*

12:00 pm-1:00 pm

**Georgia-Alabama Chapter Meeting**

*Hilton, Union Square 22, Tower 3, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

12:00 pm-1:15 pm

**Middle Eastern Interest Group Meeting**

*Hilton, Union Square 19-20, Tower 3, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

12:00 pm-2:00 pm

**Rome – EMEA Chapter Meeting**

*Hilton, Franciscan A, Ballroom Level*

12:15 pm-1:15 pm

**Ask the Removal Defense Expert Roundtable**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 1-3, Lobby Level*

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

**Advanced Legal Research Using AILA Member Benefits and AILALink**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

2:00 pm-4:00 pm

**Fearless Lawyering Roundtable**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 1-3, Lobby Level*

2:50 pm –3:50 pm

**Case Resolution Strategies**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

3:00 pm –4:00 pm

**Gay & Lesbian Interest Group Meeting**

*Parc 55, Powell, Level Three*

4:10 pm –5:10 pm

**Mindful Lawyering: Techniques to Help You Be Your Best Self Every Day**

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*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

5:30 pm –6:45 pm

**AILA Annual Membership Meeting**

*Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

7:30 pm –9:00 pm

**AILA Annual Awards Ceremony**

*(AT&T Park-Home of the San Francisco Giants)*

8:00 pm –11:00 pm

**AILA Presidents Reception**

*(AT&T Park-Home of the San Francisco Giants)*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018**

7:00 am –4:15 pm

**Registration**

*Hilton, Continental Foyer, Ballroom Level*

9:00 am–6:00 pm

**Exhibit Hall**

*Hilton, Continental Foyer & Yosemite, Ballroom Level*

*Exhibit Hall Hours: (9:00am-1:30pm); Lunch Break (1:30pm-2:30pm); Reopens (2:30pm-6:00pm)*

**BUSINESS**

7:00 am –8:00 am

**Navigating Consular and Service Center Roadblocks (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Nearly all practitioners have, at some point, filed a well-documented case, only to have something go awry. From thesis-like RFE's to cases that are lost in a blackhole, panelists will discuss proven strategies for resolving even the most troublesome cases.*

- Responding to Unreasonable RFEs: Is It Necessary?
- Why Certain Cases Are Outside of Normal “Processing Times,” and What Can Be Done
- Problems at the Post: Visa Issuance Delay, Administrative Review, and Errors in Adjudication
- Resources to Get a Case Back on Track: AILA Case Liaison, Contacting Elected Officials, LegalNet, the Media, and More

*Joseph J. Shepherd (DL), AILA CSC Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Los Angeles, CA*

*Stephen R. Pattison, Portsmouth, NH*

*Nicole Simon, AILA VSC Liaison Committee Chair, Philadelphia, PA*

*\*Mentor: Elaine Witty [elaine@wittylaw.com](mailto:elaine@wittylaw.com)*

8:10 am –9:10 am

**Extraordinary Polymaths (O-1/EB-1)**

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### *Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

Panelists on this intermediate-level session will discuss how to deal with individuals who have eclectic backgrounds and/or exciting, but perhaps still undefined, plans for the future. Because USCIS may challenge what the most appropriate subcategory is (e.g., art, science, business, athletics, education) in an RFE, panelists also will address strategies for securing O-1 and EB-1 status for people whose expertise straddles one or more categories.

- Founders and Entrepreneurs: CTO, CMO, CEO, COO, CDO, Etc.
- Defining the Field of Endeavor When It Is Not Clear—E.g., What Is Yoga? What Is Pre-Production? What Is User Experience Development?
- Presenting More Than One Subcategory in the Petition
- Outstanding Researcher vs. Extraordinary Ability
- How to Use Comparable Evidence

*Karin Wolman (DL), New York, NY*

*Ksenia A. Maiorova, Orlando, FL*

*Stuart J. Reich, New York, NY*

*\*Mentor: Ceridwen Johanna Koski [Ceridwen.Koski@ogletree.com](mailto:Ceridwen.Koski@ogletree.com)*

9:10 am –9:30 am

#### **Networking Break**

9:30 am –10:30 am

#### **Mexicans, Canadians, Australians, Singaporeans, and Chileans**

### *Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

The five nationalities above benefit from treaty visas—i.e., E-3, TN-1/2, H-1B1—each of which has idiosyncratic processes and rules. Panelists will discuss, in this intermediate-level session, when and why treaty visas should be used over more basic categories, and address some of the obscure challenges connected to these visa categories. Panelists also will highlight some of the most glaring differences in processing at posts and POEs.

- TNs: Border/Consulate vs. USCIS and Automatic Visa Revalidation; Denials and Refiles; “Forum Shopping”
- E-3s: USCIS vs Consular Processing; Third Country Processing; Specialty Occupation and Education Equivalency; Who Pays Legal/Filing Fees?
- H-1B1: If and When to Change to H-1B
- Change of Status and Change of Employer Hiccups: Strategic Thinking and Timing
- Dual Nationals

*Danielle M. Rizzo (DL), CBP Liaison Committee Chair, Buffalo, NY*

*Kirsten Kelly, Vancouver, Canada*

*Melissa Vincenty, Sydney, Australia*

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10:30 am –10:50 am

#### **Networking Break**

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10:50 am –11:50 am

## **The Minefield of E-1/E-2 Multi-Jurisdictional Practice**

*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Even though E-1/2 visa processes are supposed to be uniform and follow the FAM, both USCIS and consular posts have E visa units that implement the program differently. The experts on this advanced-level panel will identify practical issues that consistently arise throughout the world, but with varied solutions based on the location. They also will address how politics and local quirks might impact E-1/2 visa applications.*

- Marginality: Overcoming Income Generation Obstacles
  - Proving “Future Growth” and What Shows “Significant Economic Contributions” Other Than Job Creation? Location-Specific Marginality Issues
- Substantiality: Interpretations and Strategies:
  - No Magic Number, Right? How to Analyze Trade for E-1
- Page/Size Limits: Not Just a Guideline and Other Procedural Issues:
  - Strategies to Explain More with Fewer Pages, and How to Reduce Certain Corporate, Tax, and Foreign Document Pages
- The Business Plan: Presenting a Legal and Achievable Blueprint:
  - Is It Ethical for Immigration Lawyers to Prepare Business Plans?
- Third-Country Nationals and Dual Citizens: Processing and Preparing Them

*Cindy Azoulay (DL), Ramat Gan, Israel*

*Leigh N. Ganchan, Houston, TX*

*Michael Ryvin, San Francisco, CA*

*Ian E. Scott, New York, NY*

*\*Mentor: Ceridwen Johanna Koski [Ceridwen.Koski@ogletree.com](mailto:Ceridwen.Koski@ogletree.com)*

11:50 am –1:30 pm

## **Lunch and Exhibit Hall**

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

## **Worksite and Mergers & Acquisitions**

*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*When a client mentions a corporate change, the first thing an immigration attorney often thinks of is, “What about the I-9s?” In this advanced-level session, panelists will delve deep into the details on what practitioners must know concerning mergers, acquisitions, and corporate reorganizations, and how these actions affect the I-9 and E-Verify programs.*

- To Adopt or to Re-I-9? That Is the Question!
- Best Practices in I-9 Due Diligence
- Issues of Knowledge, Before and After Close
- Successor Concerns for ICE Audits
- E-Verify Issues Amid Corporate Change

*Jerome G. Grzeca (DL), Milwaukee, WI*

*Marketa Lindt, AILA 1st Vice President, Chicago, IL*

*Angelo A. Paparelli, Los Angeles, CA*

*Susan Wehrer, San Francisco, CA*

*\*Mentor: Gayle Oshrin [oshrin@kmm.com](mailto:oshrin@kmm.com)*

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2:30 pm –2:45 pm  
**Networking Break**

2:45 pm –3:45 pm  
**The Ethics and Obligations of Having “Knowledge”**  
*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*“Knowledge is power,” the saying goes, but when is it also a problem? Practitioners must ask themselves if they are providing their clients with the correct advice in situations where there may be actual or constructive knowledge of lack of employment authorization. When there is an issue, there is always close scrutiny of what the employer knew, when they knew it, how they learned of it, and what they did with the information. Come join our panelists for an advanced-level discussion on some of the ethical challenges facing employers and immigration practitioners.*

- The Various Types and Interpretations of “Knowledge”
- Information from Third Parties, Government Agencies, and Tips
- Differences of Opinion Within the Agencies
- When Is Attorney “Knowledge” Imputed to the Employer?
- When to Withdraw, and from Whom?

Wendy Padilla-Madden (DL), Fremont, CA  
Maggie M. Murphy, AILA Texas Chapter Chair, Austin, TX  
Scott F. Cooper, Madison, WI  
Nicole A. Kersey, St. Petersburg, FL

*\*Mentor: Gayle Oshrin [oshrin@kmm.com](mailto:oshrin@kmm.com)*

3:45 pm –4:00 pm  
**Networking Break**

4:00 pm –5:00 pm  
**Ira Kurzban’s Labor Panel**  
*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Our panel of experts, led by the eminent Ira Kurzban, author of Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook, will discuss the intersection of immigration and labor laws. Specifically, panelists will address the impact of labor laws on both authorized and unauthorized unionized workers, with particular emphasis on employer sanctions, unfair employment practices, union organizing, strikes, H-1Bs, H-2Bs, and PERM recruitment.*

- What Rights Do Undocumented Workers Engaging in Union Organizing Have if ICE Comes to the Worksite?
- What Rights Exist if the Employer Fires Undocumented Workers Who Are Union Members, but Leaves Other Undocumented Workers in Place?
- What Rights and Obligations Do Employers and Employees Have During a Strike?
- What Rights Do Undocumented Workers Have Under the FMLA/Minimum Wage Laws?
- Do Employees on Visas Who Get Fired Have Any Rights?

Ira J. Kurzban (DL), AILA Author, Kurzban’s Immigration Law Sourcebook/AILA Past President, Miami, FL  
Amy L. Peck, AILA Board of Governors, Omaha, NE  
Deborah L. Smith, Washington, DC

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William Sokol, Labor lawyer, Alameda, CA

## **BUSINESS**

7:00 am –8:00 am

### **Country-Specific Forms of Relief for Nations in Flux (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*All men are created equal, but this does not mean they will be treated equally. Panelists on this intermediate-level session will discuss the disparate and country-specific policies and procedures regarding immigrants and refugees worldwide.*

- Changing and Evolving Administrative Policies
- The Travel Ban and Its Chilling Effect
- The Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program
- The Haitian Family Reunification Parole Program

*Christian G.A. Zeller (DL), Tampa, FL*

*Sima Alizadeh, Berkeley, CA*

*Grisel Ruiz, San Francisco, CA*

*\*Mentor: Stanley P. Walker [stan@southernstarimmigration.com](mailto:stan@southernstarimmigration.com)*

8:10 am –9:40 am

### **Putting Together Your First PERM (90 mins)**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*So a nonimmigrant visa status just isn't enough for your clients, and you are ready to take the plunge into the wonderful world of PERM. Panelists will cover what you need to know as you begin the journey towards true mastery of the PERM process. They will discuss how to define job requirements, prevailing wage determinations, and details of the labor market test and recruitment process. They also will address ethical issues specific to PERM practice, and provide guidance on how to manage client expectations throughout the PERM process, including how to deal with audit requests.*

- Overview of the Steps and Timing, Defining a Position for PERM
- Prevailing Wage Determination Issues
- Recruitment
- Who Is a Qualified U.S. Worker, and Is the Employee Qualified?
- Drafting the Application, How to Prepare for and Address an Audit

*Stacy Cozart (DL), AILA Pro Bono Committee Vice Chair, Independence, OH*

*Jill S. Bloom, Phoenix, AZ*

*Richard M. Green, Irvine, CA*

*\*Mentor: Stacy Cozart [cozart@visaskk.com](mailto:cozart@visaskk.com)*

9:40 am –10:20 am

### **Networking Break**

10:20 am –11:50 am

### **Anatomy of an H-2B: Using the H-2B as an Alternative to the H-1B (90 mins)**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

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*Professional employees shut out of the H-1B cap might be eligible for an H-2B. Panelists will provide a basic but thorough overview of the H-2B program, and discuss how to prepare and file an H-2B with both DOL and USCIS. In addition, they will address when an H-2B makes sense for employees blocked by the H-1B cap.*

- Who and What Qualifies for an H-2B (Including Countries)
- How to Document a Temporary Need, Complete Form 9142B and Supporting Documents, and Calculate the Filing Timeframes
- Job Orders, Necessary Wording in the Ad Text, and When to Submit the Recruitment Report(s)
- How to Complete the I-129, and Where and When to File It
- Dealing with the Consulate

*Loan T. Huynh (DL), AILA DOL Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Minneapolis, MN*

*Sujata P. Ajmera, Austin, TX*

*Ashley Foret Dees, Lake Charles, LA*

*Lynn Susser, Memphis, TN*

*\*Mentor: Stacy Cozart [cozart@visaskk.com](mailto:cozart@visaskk.com)*

11:50 am –1:30 pm

**Lunch and Exhibit Hall**

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

**What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: The New EU Data Privacy Rules**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*Practitioners who believe the EU's new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), set to go into effect in May 2018, won't affect their practices and they can simply ignore them are in for a rude awakening. As international rules on these issues continue to change at a fast pace, U.S. immigration lawyers will need to navigate various country specific regulations (while concurrently complying with a panoply of U.S. federal and state laws) to ensure that they are in compliance on a global basis, and that client information is securely maintained.*

- Overview of Key Data Privacy Rules, Including a Review of Basic Terms and Concepts
- Are Practitioners Subject to the GDPR If They Don't Have an Office in the EU?
- How U.S. Immigration Attorneys May Unknowingly Become "Data Controllers" Under the GDPR
- Best Practices Immigration Lawyers Can Implement to Maximize Compliance
- What Sanctions Can U.S. Immigration Attorneys Face at Home and Abroad in Connection with the GDPR?

*Audrey Lustgarten (DL), AILA Global Migration Section Steering Committee Vice Chair, Petoskey, MI*

*Tommy Angermair, Aarhus, Denmark*

*Richard Blake Chisam, Washington, DC*

*\*Mentor: Elaine Witty [elaine@wittylaw.com](mailto:elaine@wittylaw.com)*

2:30 pm –2:45 pm

**Networking Break**

2:45 pm –3:45 pm

**Perfecting the Process: Working with Employers in Recruiting and Retaining Foreign Nationals**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

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*Immigration cases can have long life cycles. It is, therefore, critical to manage expectations from the beginning. Panelists will focus on strategic planning for employers who recruit foreign nationals.*

- Pre-Hire Consultations: What Can Be Asked?
- Considerations in Making an Offer to an Employee: What the Client Needs to Know
- Planning for the Future: What Are the Long-Term Goals?
- Representation Models
- Employer Obligations to Departing Employees

*Andrew W. Shackelford (DL), Santa Clara, CA*

*Greg Berk, Costa Mesa, CA*

*Sharon Cook Poorak, Atlanta, GA*

*Stuart J. Reich, New York, NY*

*\*Mentor: Andrew Shackelford [ashackelford@fragomen.com](mailto:ashackelford@fragomen.com)*

3:45 pm –4:00 pm

### **Networking Break**

4:00 pm –5:00 pm

### **O-1s for the Bold and the Beautiful (and for Less Glamorous Professions in Arts and Entertainment)**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*Are O-1s reserved for lead actors only? Is freelancing allowed? What if a client wants to come for a TV pilot season in O-1 status ready to land his or her dream role? Panelists will dive into the details of representing individuals in the entertainment industry. They will cover topics ranging from agency sponsorship, to selecting appropriate entities to issue consultations, to what constitutes a sufficient “deal memo.”*

- Pros and Cons of Agency vs. Employer Sponsorship
- How to Set Up an Agency Relationship with an Entity That Is Not a Talent Agency
- O-1s in Arts and Motion Picture/TV Productions: What’s the Difference, and Why Does It Matter?
- Strategies for Avoiding Common RFEs Regarding Itineraries, Deal Memos, and Consultations
- Applying for an O-1 for the First Time: the “Catch 22” of Needing a Visa to Get a Job While Needing a Job to Qualify for a Visa

*Rita Sostrin (DL), Woodland Hills, CA*

*Mark D. Koestler, New York, NY*

*Laya R. Kushner, Charlotte, NC*

*Paul L. Samartin, London, UK*

*\*Mentor: Rita Sostrin [rsostrin@sostrinimmigration.com](mailto:rsostrin@sostrinimmigration.com)*

## **FAMILY**

7:00 am –8:00 am

### **Lying, Cheating, and Stealing: When and How to Use INA §212(i) and §212(h) Waivers**

*(Morning Roundtable)*

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

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*In this advanced-level panel, attendees will learn how and when INA §212(i) and (h) waivers can help clients overcome prior convictions, false statements, and other grounds of inadmissibility. Panelists will delve into the differences between these two waivers, and explore the strategic benefits of each.*

- “Readjustment” Through §212 Waivers as an Alternative to LPR Cancellation
- Stand-Alone §212(h) Waivers
- Getting a Second—or Third—Bite of the Apple: How to Appeal the Denial of a Waiver Application

*Kelli J. Stump (DL), AILA EOIR Liaison Committee Chair, Oklahoma City, OK  
Jennifer M. Rotman, Portland OR  
Parastoo Golesorkhi Zahedi, Vienna, VA*

*\*Mentor: Lindsay Curcio [lindsay@uneeedavisa.com](mailto:lindsay@uneeedavisa.com)*

8:10 am –9:10 am

### **Navigating the Challenges of I-601A from Intake to Visa Interview**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*In this intermediate-level session, panelists will discuss the similarities and differences between I-601 and I-601A waivers. Panelists also will provide a concise overview of preparing an effective waiver, and identify current trends in adjudication.*

- Proving “Extreme” Hardship Effectively: What Is “Enough” Hardship?
- Making Every Page Count: Quality v. Quantity, Creative Evidence, Showing Indirect Extreme Hardship to Non-Qualifying Relatives
- Prior Removal Orders: Conditional and Unconditional Approval (CFR §212.2(j)) of Form I-212 in Advance of I-601A Submission
- An Approved I-601A Is Not a Guarantee: How to Deal with Undisclosed Inadmissibility Issues Once the Applicant is Abroad

*A. Renee Pobjecky (DL), Winter Haven, FL  
T. Douglas Stump, AILA Past President, Oklahoma City, OK  
Jason C. Mills, Fort Worth, TX*

*\*Mentor: Stanley P. Walker [stan@southernstarimmigration.com](mailto:stan@southernstarimmigration.com)*

9:10 am –9:30 am

### **Networking Break**

9:30 am –10:30 am

### **Dealing with Seemingly Insurmountable Issues Before Filing for Adjustment of Status**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*A problematic immigration history does not necessarily preclude filing for adjustment of status. Our panel of experts will discuss best practices for investigating cases where prior deportations and other complicated inadmissibility grounds exist and advise on how to proceed.*

- Intent, Prior Visa Violations, and Unlawful Entries
- *In Absentia* Orders, Voluntary Departure Overstays, and Prior Removal Orders
- Motions to Reopen
- Stays of Removal: Playing with Fire or Realistic Option?

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- I-212 in Combination with I-601: Does It Work?

*Myriam Sanchez-Hildenbrand (DL), New York, NY*  
*Bridgette M. Bennett, Groveland, FL*  
*Deirdre M. Giblin, Cambridge, MA*  
*Joseph S. Porta, Los Angeles, CA*

*\*Mentor: Philip Eichorn* [Philip.Eichorn@hammondlawgroup.com](mailto:Philip.Eichorn@hammondlawgroup.com)

10:30 am –10:50 am  
**Networking Break**

10:50 am –11:50 am  
**Citizenship Through Parents: California Gold Rush**  
*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists on this intermediate-level session explain how to determine whether an individual already has U.S. citizenship under INA §§301, 320 and 322. Panelists will travel through history to identify and explain changing laws and procedures over the years.*

- Automatic Acquisition: Birth Abroad, Legitimation Requirements, and Proving Paternity and Retention Requirements
- Acquisition of Citizenship Through Adoption
- Can a Grandparent Be Used to Acquire Citizenship?
- Deciding Whether to Request a Certificate of Citizenship or U.S. Passport
- Discussion of U.S. Supreme Court Decision: *Sessions v. Morales-Santana*

*Liam Schwartz (DL), Ramat Gan, Israel*  
*Lindsay A. Curcio, Brooklyn, NY*  
*Amy Prokop Lenhert, Los Angeles, CA*  
*Nita Nicole Upadhye, London, UK*

*\*Mentor: Lindsay Curcio* [lindsay@uneevisa.com](mailto:lindsay@uneevisa.com)

11:50 am –1:30 pm  
**Lunch and Exhibit Hall**

1:30 pm –2:30 pm  
**Navigating Conditional Residency When the Marriage Has More Twists and Turns Than Lombard Street**  
*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*The seemingly simple procedure of filing an I-751 petition is often made more complex by long delays and complicated human relationships. Panelists will discuss difficult issues regarding the timing of filing and adjudication of an I-751 Petition.*

- Specific Circumstances: Arranged Marriages, Domestic Violence, and Physical Separation
- Divorce and Timing: Dealing with Ethical Issues in Tumultuous Relationships
- Waivers for Good Faith Marriage, Battered Spouses, and Extreme Hardship
- Effective Use of the Neufeld Memorandum, “I-751 Filed Prior to Termination of Marriage” (April 3, 2009)

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Stanley P. Walker (DL), AILA Central Florida Chapter Chair, Fort Walton Beach, FL  
Leslie G. Giron, Houston, TX  
Amy Novak, Vail, CO  
Cristina Steele-Kaplan, Loveland, CO

*\*Mentor: Stanley P. Walker* [stan@southernstarimmigration.com](mailto:stan@southernstarimmigration.com)

2:30 pm –2:45 pm  
**Networking Break**

2:45 pm –3:45 pm  
**Losing Conditional Residency: Dealing with Loss of Status When an I-751 Is Denied**  
*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Many things can happen in the span of two short years. Panelists on this intermediate- to advanced-level panel will address the various options available to applicants whose I-751s have been, or are likely to be, denied. They also will discuss strategies for addressing I-751 errors, omissions, and denials.*

- What to Do When USCIS Denies the I-751, When To File a New I-130, and Other Creative Remedies
- Renewal of the I-751 Before EOIR, Other Options for Conditional Residents Placed in Removal Proceedings
- Beyond the Denial: Issues to Be Aware of Once a Client Is Back in Proceedings

Marc Prokosch (DL), Bloomington, MN  
Jessica Boell, Portland, OR  
Merlyn N. Hernandez, AILA EOIR Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Los Angeles, CA

*\*Mentor: Sandra Feist* [SFeist@grellfeist.com](mailto:SFeist@grellfeist.com)

3:45 pm –4:00 pm  
**Networking Break**

4:00 pm –5:00 pm  
**Risk Assessment and Client Management in a Changing System**  
*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Given the uncertainties of the current political climate, risky cases can be more attractive to some clients and less so to others. In light of this, how should practitioners assess whether to take a case with complex issues?*

- Setting Appropriate Expectations of Timing and Case Communication
- Ethics of Deciding Whether to Take a Case, and When to File Asylum Applications, Family Petitions, DACA, Etc.
- Leaving for a Consular Interview: How to Deal with a Conflict of Interest
- Advising Clients of Risks and Benefits in Writing

Olsi Vrapic (DL), Albuquerque, NM  
Palma R. Gianni, AILA Past President, Washington, DC  
Stephen M. Born, Everett, MA  
Raquel E. Hecht, Eugene, OR

*\*Mentor: Raquel Hecht* [raquel@immigrationoregon.com](mailto:raquel@immigrationoregon.com)

## **FUNDAMENTALS**

7:00 am –8:00 am

### **Business Immigration 101: Things I Wish I Knew When I Started Practicing (*Morning Roundtable*)** *Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Those new to business immigration law practice will benefit from this informative overview of an immense and complex subject. Panelists aim to provide new practitioners with a broad, but thorough understanding of the basic ins and outs of business immigration law. In addition, this session will serve as a primer for more in-depth fundamentals panels focused on business immigration law later in the conference.*

- General Overview of the Life Cycle of Nonimmigrant and Immigrant Business Cases
- Roles of the Various Stakeholders—*E.g.*, Immigration Lawyer, Company Contact, Foreign National, and Foreign National's Manager
- Overview of Common Issues in Business Immigration
- Practical Tips for New Business Immigration Practitioners

*Linda Rose (DL), Nashville, TN*

*Avram E. Morell, New York, NY*

*Edward Rios, Boston, MA*

*Kelli Duehning, Former Chief Counsel, Western Law Division for USCIS, San Francisco, CA*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

8:10 am –9:10 am

### **Employment-Based Immigration: Preference Categories** *Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists will provide a basic overview of the immigrant visa preference categories, numerical limitations, the Visa Bulletin, and other key concepts relating to the employment-based immigration process.*

- EB-1: Extraordinary Ability, Outstanding Professors and Researchers, and Multinational Executives or Managers
- EB-2: Professionals Holding Advanced Degrees, Aliens of Exceptional Ability, and National Interest Waivers
- EB-3: Professionals, Skilled, Unskilled, and Other Workers
- EB-4: Special Immigrants
- EB-5: Investors

*Tien-Li Loke-Walsh (DL), Pacific Palisades, CA*

*Marcela Bermudez, New York, NY*

*Delisa J. Bressler, Austin, TX*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

9:10 am –9:30 am

### **Networking Break**

9:30 am –10:30 am

### **Labor Cert. 101: Introduction to PERM**

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*\* = invited, not confirmed*

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*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Nearly all EB-2 and EB-3 cases require a certification from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) that the U.S. employer has been unable to find willing, qualified, and available U.S. workers. The speakers on this panel will discuss the basic concepts and steps associated with DOL's PERM process for preparing and filing applications for labor certification.*

- What Is a “Bona Fide Job Offer”?
- “Actual Minimum Requirements” and “Business Necessity”: How to Document When They Exceed Normal
- What Is the Prevailing Wage, and When to Obtain?
- Registration and Filing the ETA 9089
- Roles of the Various Stakeholders—E.g., Immigration Lawyer, Company Contact, Foreign National's Manager, and Foreign National

*Brenda Oliver (DL), Washington, DC*

*Lisa Christoffersen, AILA NSC Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Seattle, WA*

*Sandra Feist, Minneapolis, MN*

*Jared C. Leung, Tempe, AZ*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

10:30 am –10:50 am

**Networking Break**

10:50 am –11:50 am

**Labor Cert. 102: Recruitment**

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Recruitment is at the core of the labor certification process and must be conducted with scrupulous attention to the regulations and FAQs. There is no room for error! Panelists will offer guidance on DOL -mandated recruitment and post-recruitment documentation to help practitioners successfully navigate the PERM recruitment process.*

- Recruitment Timeline and Deadlines
- Mandatory Recruitment: Newspaper of General Circulation, State Job Order, and Notice of Filing
- Supplemental Recruitment: Websites, Career Centers, Employee Referral Programs (ERPs), Local Papers, and Other Alternatives
- Reviewing Resumes and Use of Checklists
- Maintaining Evidence of Recruitment, Recruitment Report, the Audit File, and Document Retention

*Cora-Ann Victoria Pestaina (DL), New York, NY*

*Beth E. Carlson, Minneapolis, MN*

*Michele G. Madera, Philadelphia, PA*

*Punam S. Rogers, Boston, MA*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

11:50 am –1:30 pm

**Lunch and Exhibit Hall**

(DL) = Discussion Leader

\* = invited, not confirmed

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1:30 pm –2:30 pm

**Primer on Completing Complex Business Immigration Forms**

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists will employ several hypotheticals to provide guidance on how to complete the relevant employment-based forms and applications.*

- ETA Form 9141
- ETA Form 9089
- Form I-140
- Must the I-129 Match the I-140?

*Theresa Corcoran (DL), Chicago, IL*

*David Grunblatt, Newark, NJ*

*Wendy C. Hess, Philadelphia, PA*

*Nikki Jacobson, Los Angeles, CA*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

2:30 pm –2:45 pm

**Networking Break**

2:45 pm –3:45 pm

**Intro to H-1B Specialty Workers**

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*This much sought-after visa comes with many inherent quirks and challenges. The speakers on this panel will provide a basic overview of the complexities of the H-1B visa category and how the process works, and will identify best practices for avoiding common problems.*

- Does the Foreign National Have a “Specialty Occupation”?
- Does the Foreign National Qualify? Education and Experience
- Is the Employer Offering and (Willing to Pay) the Prevailing Wage?
- Is There an H-1B Visa Number Available?
- Mechanics of Filing: Labor Condition Application/Form I-129
- Evidence, RFEs, and Recordkeeping

*Aimee Clark (DL), AILA TSC Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Atlanta, GA*

*Oxana V. Bowman, Houston, TX*

*Zarina H. Syed, New York, NY*

*Andrew L. Wizner, Hartford, CT*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

3:45 pm –4:00 pm

**Networking Break**

4:00 pm –5:00 pm

**Intro to L-1 Intracompany Transferees**

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*(DL) = Discussion Leader*

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*With the globalization of commerce, the L-1 nonimmigrant visa for intracompany transfers is a much sought-after vehicle to bring foreign nationals into the United States. The speakers for this fundamentals-level panel will provide an overview of the L-1A and L-1B visa categories, and identify current trends in visa processing.*

- L-1A: Managers and Executives
- L-1B: Specialized Knowledge
- Individual Petition vs. Blanket Ls
- Establishing a “Qualifying Relationship”: Subsidiaries and Affiliates
- Establishing How the Petitioner (and Its Affiliate) Are “Doing Business”

*Douglas D. Hauer (DL), Boston, MA  
Maxine D. Bayley, San Francisco, CA  
Daniel C. Horne, San Francisco, CA  
Michele L. Strickland, Houston, TX*

*\*Mentor: Ellen Freeman [efreeman@porterwright.com](mailto:efreeman@porterwright.com)*

## **GOVERNMENT AND LIAISON COMMITTEE OPEN FORUMS**

7:00 am – 8:00 am

### **DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Open Forum**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Royce B. Murray (DL), Policy Director, American Immigration Council, Washington, DC  
Cameron Quinn, Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, DHS, Washington, DC  
Patrick Shen, Washington, DC*

8:10 am – 9:10 am

### **U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Open Forum**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Danielle M. Rizzo (DL), CBP Liaison Committee Chair, Buffalo, NY  
Alexis S. Axelrad, AILA Board of Governors/CBP Liaison Committee Vice Chair, New York, NY  
Atessa Chehrazi, San Francisco, CA*

9:30 am – 10:30 am

### **U.S. Department of State (DOS) Open Forum**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Daniel J. Parisi (DL), AILA DOS Liaison Committee Chair, Brussels, Belgium  
Kenneth J. Harder, AILA DOS Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Houston, TX  
Matthew C. McNeil, Chief, Supervisory Attorney Adviser, Advisory Opinions Division, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC*

10:50 am – 11:50 am

### **U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Open Forum**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Sarah K. Peterson (DL), AILA Board of Governors/DOL Liaison Committee Chair, Minneapolis, MN  
Vincent W. Lau, AILA DOL Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Cambridge, MA  
William Thompson, Administrator, Office of Division of Foreign Labor Certification, DOL, Washington, DC  
William “Bill” Rabung, Director, Division of Operations, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, ETA, DOL, Washington, DC  
Paul R. Almanza, Associate Chief Judge, Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals, DOL, Washington, DC*

*(DL) = Discussion Leader*

*\* = invited, not confirmed*

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12:20 pm –1:20 pm

**CIS Ombudsman Open Forum**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Khorzad Adi Mehta (DL), Owings Mills, MD*

*James W. Austin, AILA NBC Liaison Committee Chair, Kansas City, MO*

*James Y. Pack, Irvine, CA*

*Allison Posner, Chief of Casework, Office of the CIS Ombudsman, DHS, Washington, DC*

*Carrie Anderson, Assistant Chief of Casework, Office of the CIS Ombudsman, DHS, Washington, DC*

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Open Forum**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Robert H. Cohen (DL), AILA USCIS HQ (Benefits Policy) Liaison Committee Chair, Columbus, OH*

*Bennett Savitz, AILA USCIS HQ (Benefits Policy) Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Boston, MA*

*\*L. Francis Cissna, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS, Washington, DC*

*\*Donald Neufeld, Associate Director, Service Center Operations Directorate, USCIS, DHS, Washington, DC*

*\*Daniel Renaud, Associate Director, Field Operations, USCIS, DHS, Washington, DC*

*\*Barbara Velarde, Chief, Office of Service Center Operations, USCIS, DHS, Washington, DC*

*\*Mariela Melero, Associate Director, Customer Service and Public Engagement, USCIS, DHS, Washington, DC*

2:45 pm –3:45 pm

**Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) Open Forum**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Kelli J. Stump (DL), AILA EOIR Liaison Committee Chair, Oklahoma City, OK*

*Sarah W. H. Owings, AILA Board of Governors, Atlanta, GA*

*James McHenry, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Falls Church, VA*

*Kate Sheehey, Chief of Staff, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Falls Church, VA*

*Print Maggard, Deputy Chief Immigration Judge, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR),  
San Francisco, CA*

4:00 pm –5:00 pm

**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Open Forum**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Heather Drabek Prendergast (DL), AILA ICE Liaison Committee Chair/AILA Board of Governors,  
Cleveland, OH*

*Jesse A. Lloyd, AILA ICE Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Oakland, CA*

*Kenneth Padilla, Principal Legal Advisor, Office of Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs  
Enforcement, Washington, DC*

**LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT/FAMILY**

7:00 am –8:00 am

**Special Immigrant Juvenile Status and Vulnerable Family Members (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

*Where does SIJS status stand in the current administration? Panelists will discuss overall trends dealing with SIJS predicate orders, ICE-related trends across the country, and concerns for the future.*

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*\* = invited, not confirmed*

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- Collateral Damage Under the New Administration: What Sponsors Need to Be Aware of—E.g., Smuggling, Undocumented Status, Etc.)
- Definition of “Abuse,” “Neglect,” and “Abandonment”
- Age 18 v. 21: When Is It Too Late to Get a Predicate Order?
- When to Consider Additional Forms of Relief
- Ready to Naturalize? What Does Your Predicate Order Look Like?

*Cynthia Lucas (DL), Los Angeles, CA*  
*Annaluisa Padilla, AILA President, La Habra, CA*  
*Ana Maria Villegas, Harlingen, TX*

*\*Mentor: Ana Maria Villegas [ana@villegaslawoffice.com](mailto:ana@villegaslawoffice.com)*

8:10 am –9:10 am

### **Selling an Immigration Law Practice**

*Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

*As baby boomer lawyers set their sights on retirement, many are contemplating selling their practices. Join Roy Ginsburg, a lawyer and nationally-known coach and consultant, and other AILA members who have insights into the process, as they examine these and other issues related to exit strategies from the practice of law. This session is open to potential buyers, too!*

- What Is the Practice Worth?
- Who Might Be Interested in Buying It?
- How Can Lawyers Find the Right Buyer?
- Is It Ethical?

*Denise Cafaro Hammond (DL), Silver Spring, MD*  
*Robert E. Juceam, AILA Past President, New York, NY*  
*Robert D. Aronson, Minneapolis, MN*  
*Roy Ginsburg, Minnetonka, MN*

*\*Mentor: Ruby Powers [Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com](mailto:Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com)*

9:10 am –9:30 am

### **Networking Break**

9:30 am –10:30 am

### **Forming and Dissolving Partnerships**

*Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

*Panelists will discuss important issues to consider when forming and dissolving partnerships. Learn how to draft creative partnership agreements that address issues before they become problems.*

- “The Big Three”: What Does Each Partner Contribute, Who Will Manage, and What Will the Compensation Be?
- Effective Tips on How and When to Notify Clients of a Dissolving Partnership
- Client Interests and Their Files
- How to Wind-Up the Business and Distribute Assets

*Patricia Gannon (DL), New York, NY*  
*Maricela Amezola, San Diego, CA*  
*Camiel Becker, San Francisco, CA*

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*\*Mentor: Ruby Powers* [Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com](mailto:Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com)

10:30 am –10:50 am

**Networking Break**

10:50 am –11:50 am

**Managing Client Expectations: How Is Your “Bedside Manner?”**

*Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

Panelists will discuss tips and best practices for keeping clients happy, *managing relationships from start to finish, and how to deliver “bad news.”*

- Setting Expectations During the Initial Consultation and Intake
- Laying the Groundwork for “Bad News”: Upon Discovery of Negative Factors, Receipt of an RFE or NOID, How to Address the Denial
- Negative Outcomes: How to Deliver the News
- How to Handle Financial Arrangements in an RFE, NOID, or Denial

*James Y. Pack (DL), Irvine, CA*

*Sylvia Ayass, New York, NY*

*Anna M. Hysell, Escondido, CA*

*\*Mentor: Ruby Powers* [Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com](mailto:Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com)

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

**Taking a Sabbatical: Options for LPRs Planning to Move Abroad**

*Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

*When representing an LPR who decides to move abroad, it is important to assess that client’s intention and plan of action, and to protect the client’s lawful permanent residency, taking into account prolonged time abroad, illness, and other potential issues. This analysis also should include an assessment of the tax consequences of departure.*

- How to Maintain Lawful Permanent Residency from Abroad
- Application for Re-Entry Permits
- Expeditious INA §319(b): Getting U.S. Citizenship from Abroad
- Tax Considerations
- I-407 Abandonment of LPR Status

*Laura Devine (DL), New York, NY*

*Clayton Eugene Cartwright Jr., AILA Global Migration Section Steering Committee Chair, Columbus, GA*

*Maria L. Celebi, Istanbul, Turkey*

*Noah Klug, Matawan, NJ*

*Brian T. O’Neill Sr., Boston, MA*

*\*Mentor: Sandra Feist* [SFeist@grellfeist.com](mailto:SFeist@grellfeist.com)

2:30 pm –2:45 pm

**Networking Break**

2:45 pm –3:45 pm

**Immigration Issues for Members of the Military, Veterans, and Their Families**

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### *Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

*The INA has provided many tools to allow for more accessible ways for people to adjust status and naturalize. Panelists will discuss how members of the military and their families can leverage their status as veterans.*

- Parole in Place
- MAVNI/Deferred Action
- Expedited Citizenship
- General Enhancements to Hardship Based on Current or Prior Service (*I.e.*, Presumed Hardship for Spouse of Military Member Filing I-601)

*Margaret D. Stock (DL), AILA Author, Immigration Law & the Military, 2nd Ed., Anchorage, AK*

*Lance R. Gallardo, Stevenson Ranch, CA*

*David Kubat, Saint Paul, MN*

*Martin W. Lester, AILA MAP Committee Vice Chair, Hixson, TN*

*\*Mentor: Philip Eichorn [Philip.Eichorn@hammondlawgroup.com](mailto:Philip.Eichorn@hammondlawgroup.com)*

3:45 pm –4:00 pm

### **Networking Break**

4:00 pm –5:00 pm

### **Affidavit of Support Issues: Digging for Gold Like a 49er**

#### *Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

*Does a particular affidavit of support make the cut? Panelists will give tips on calculating and documenting income, assets, and determining household size.*

- Calculating and Documenting Assets, Relying on Income of the Sponsored Immigrant
- Anticipating and Responding to Typical RFEs
- Income Issues: Disability, Unreported Gains, Retirement, and Social Security
- How to Recognize Problematic Tax Returns
- Sponsor's Obligations and Real-World Examples of Enforcement Against Sponsors and Joint Sponsors

*James W. Austin (DL), AILA NBC Liaison Committee Chair, Kansas City, MO*

*Alexis S. Axelrad, AILA Board of Governors/CBP Liaison Committee Vice Chair, New York, NY*

*Melissa Chavin, London, UK*

*\*Mentor: Sandra Feist [SFeist@grellfeist.com](mailto:SFeist@grellfeist.com)*

## **LITIGATION**

7:00 am –8:00 am

### **Preventing the Demise of Due Process (*Morning Roundtable*)**

#### *Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*In an era of increased enforcement and enormous caseloads, due process protections may be dismissed easily because they demand too much analysis or time, or place form over substance. Panelists on this roundtable will examine critical due process protections and how they are being undermined, how to insist on observing them in detention and removal hearings, and how to preserve violations for appeal.*

- Right to Silence, Right to Notice
- Right to Present Evidence and Cross-Examine

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*\* = invited, not confirmed*

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- Right to an Impartial Adjudicator
- Right to a Reasoned Decision

*Matt Adams (DL), Seattle, WA*

*Lucas Guttentag, New Haven, CT*

*Andrew Knapp, Amicus Committee Co-Chair, Los Angeles, CA*

*\*Mentor: Lory Rosenberg [lory@ideaswithlory.com](mailto:lory@ideaswithlory.com)*

8:10 am –9:10 am

**Representing Children in Immigration Court**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*As the flow of immigrant children over the southern border continues, immigration court dockets remain filled with children. Panelists on this intermediate-level panel will address rules relating to the treatment of children in removal proceedings, and discuss ethical and practical issues that arise during the course of representation.*

- Procedural Safeguards and Rules Relating to Children in Removal Proceedings
- TVPRA, Flores Settlement, and the Orantes Injunction
- SIJ Adjudications in an Age of Visa Backlogs
- Terminating and Administratively Closing over DHS Objection
- Dual Representation of Parents and Children, Diminished Capacity, and Other Ethical Considerations

*Eliana C. Nader (DL), Boston, MA*

*Laura Lichter, AILA Past President, Denver, CO*

*Lindsay Lennox, Seattle, WA*

*\*Mentor: Eliana C. Nader [ENader@magaletta.com](mailto:ENader@magaletta.com)*

9:10 am –9:30 am

**Networking Break**

9:30 am –10:30 am

**The Categorical Approach**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Speakers on this intermediate-level panel will focus solely on issues related to the categorical approach.*

- Identifying the Elements of the Statute of Conviction
- Use of State Law and Jury Instructions
- Comparison of Elements to a Statutorily-Enumerated Crime or Class of Crimes
- Applying *Esquivel-Quintana*, Identifying the Generic Offense Where Not Enumerated by Statute
- Using *Mathis* and *Descamps* to Argue Against Divisibility

*Mary E. Kramer (DL), AILA Author, Immigration Consequences of Criminal Activity, 7th Ed., Miami, FL*

*Dan Kesselbrenner, Boston, MA*

*Karl William Krooth, San Francisco, CA*

*Maureen A. Sweeney, Baltimore, MD*

*\*Mentor: Michael S. Vastine [mvastine@stu.edu](mailto:mvastine@stu.edu)*

10:30 am –10:50 am

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10:50 am –11:50 am

**The Modified Categorical Approach**  
*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Panelists on this intermediate-level session will discuss successful advocacy techniques to employ when dealing with a divisible statute.*

- What Is Discoverable Via the Approach, and What Can Be Reviewed?
- Burden of Production and Burden of Proof: *Almanza* circa 2018
- The Ambiguous Conviction Record: Now What?
- Is “Taking a Peek” Different Than the Modified Approach?
- Dealing with Extrinsic Facts in the Conviction Records
- Creative Lawyering When the Records Are Problematic: Is That Apparently Divisible Statute Really Divisible?

*Daniel Shanfield (DL), San Jose, CA*

*Susan Church, Cambridge, MA*

*Charles Roth, Chicago, IL*

*Sejal Zota, Durham, NC*

*\*Mentor: Michael S. Vastine [mvastine@stu.edu](mailto:mvastine@stu.edu)*

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

**Ethical, Zealous Representation in Removal Proceedings**  
*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Issues in removal proceedings can present professional pitfalls. Panelists will discuss ethical red flags that may arise in removal cases, such as discovering a client has given false information that was then relayed to the court, disagreeing with a client about strategy, or the practitioner uncovering his or her own missed deadline or other mistake. To what degree are practitioners limited in requesting relief or arguing their position to the tribunal, and what prohibitions exist as to advising clients to take a certain course of action?*

- [Model Rules 1.1, 1.3]: Providing Zealous, Diligent, and Competent Representation
- [Model Rule 3.1]: Presenting Meritorious Claims: Whether to Recommend Applying for Asylum or Other Relief
- [Model Rules 3.3, 4.1]: How to Proceed After Discovering a Client Has Provided False Information to the Court
- [Model Rule 1.2]: How to Properly Advise Clients About Avoiding Detection or Forum Shopping
- [Model Rule 1.2(d) and Comment 9]: Advising Clients About the Consequences of a Proposed Action
- Potential Criminal Penalties Against Attorneys

*Win Eaton (DL), Bakersfield, CA*

*Sarah W. H. Owings, AILA Board of Governors, Atlanta, GA*

*Karen T. Grisez, Washington, DC*

*David N. Simmons, Denver, CO*

*\*Mentor: Win Eaton [Service@WinEaton.com](mailto:Service@WinEaton.com)*

2:30 pm –2:45 pm

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2:45 pm –3:45 pm

**Cancellation of Removal**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Relief in removal proceedings becomes more limited every day. It is, therefore, crucial that practitioners be familiar with discretionary forms of relief currently available. Panelists will guide new practitioners in putting together effective LPR and non-LPR cancellation under INA §240.*

- What Are the Requirements?
- Effectively Using Experts
- Proof of Rehabilitation
- Proving Extreme and Unusual Hardship

*Cynthia A. Aziz (DL), Charlotte, NC*

*Cheryl David, New York, NY*

*Carlos M. Garcia, McAllen, TX*

*\*Mentor: Veronica Barba [veronica@lucasandbarba.com](mailto:veronica@lucasandbarba.com)*

3:45 pm –4:00 pm

**Networking Break**

4:00 pm –5:00 pm

**T Visas Should Not Be Overlooked**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*As human trafficking becomes even more prevalent within the vulnerable immigrant population, advocates must screen clients for T visa eligibility. In this intermediate-level session, panelists will discuss T visa eligibility criteria, when human smuggling crosses the line to human trafficking, and emerging trends in demonstrating trafficking has occurred. Panelists also will cover the effect of filing a T visa application when a client is in removal proceedings or detained.*

- What Is “Human Trafficking”?
- Required Action, Means, and Purpose by the Perpetrator
- Actions that Constitute Sex Trafficking and Labor Trafficking
- When Human Smuggling Becomes Human Trafficking
- Timing of the Application, Derivatives, and Adjustment of Status
- Relief in Removal Proceedings and Detention

*Sonia Parras Konrad (DL), Des Moines, IA*

*Kyle Dandeleit, New York, NY*

*Leah Chen Price, San Francisco Bay Area, CA*

*Helen L. Tarokic, Wilmington, NC*

*\*Mentor: C. Lynn Calder [lcalder@allen-pinnix.com](mailto:lcalder@allen-pinnix.com)*

**FRIDAY TRAININGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

7:00 am –8:00 am

**Advanced Legal Research Using AILA Member Benefits and AILALink**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

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7:00 am-8:00 am

**Yoga**

*Parc 55, Embarcadero, Level 3*

8:10 am –9:10 am

**Fastcase: Research Member Benefit for AILA Members**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

9:30 am –10:30 am

**Make the Case for Immigration: Advocacy and Media Training**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

10:50 am –11:50 am

**Case Resolution Strategies**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

12:00 pm-4:00 pm

**The Council Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Handlery Union Square Hotel*

1:30 pm –2:30 pm

**Developing an Exchange Visitor Program (J-1) Training Plan (DS-7002)**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

2:00 pm-3:15 pm

**African-American Interest Group Meeting**

*Hilton, Union Square 19-20, Tower 3, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

2:45 pm –3:45 pm

**Make the Case for Immigration: Advocacy and Media Training**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

4:00 pm –5:00 pm

**Advanced Legal Research Using AILA Member Benefits and AILALink**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

5:00 pm-6:00 pm

**Southern California Chapter Reception**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 8, Lobby Level*

5:00 pm-6:00 pm

**Canada Chapter Meeting**

*Hilton, Union Square 5-6, Tower 3, 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

5:00 pm-6:30 pm

**Hispanic Latino Interest Group Meeting**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

5:00 pm-6:30 pm

**National Immigration Project Reception**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 6-7, Lobby Level*

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5:00 pm-7:0 pm

**IMG Taskforce**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 2-3, Lobby Level*

5:15 pm –6:00 pm

**Exhibit Hall Happy Hour**

*Hilton, Continental Foyer & Yosemite, Ballroom Level*

5:30 pm –6:30 pm

**New Members Division Reception**

*Hilton, Cityscape Lounge, Tower 1, 46<sup>th</sup> floor*

6:00 pm –10:00 pm

**American Immigration Council's 2018 Heritage Awards**

*Hilton, Grand Ballroom, Grand Ballroom Level*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018**

7:15 am–12:00 pm

**Registration**

*Hilton, Continental Foyer, Ballroom Level*

8:30 am–3:00 pm

**Exhibit Hall**

*Exhibit Hall Hours: (8:30am-3:00pm)*

*Hilton, Continental Foyer & Yosemite, Ballroom Level*

**ASYLUM/LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT**

7:00 am –8:00 am

**Top 10 Pitfalls in Asylum Cases Before EOIR and USCIS (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Asylum is a minefield of legal, practical, and logistical pitfalls, any one of which can doom a claim. Panelists will discuss the most common pitfalls, and will offer practical tips for avoiding, addressing, and remedying them when they arise.*

- Credibility
- Working with Experts
- Authentication of Documents
- Effectively Advocating for Clients Before the Officer and EOIR

*Ashley Huebner (DL), Chicago, IL*

*Sarah K. Bazzi, McLean, VA*

*Evelyn R.G. Smallwood, Durham, NC*

*\*Mentor: Eliana C. Nader [ENader@magaletta.com](mailto:ENader@magaletta.com)*

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8:10 am –9:10 am

**Hot Topics in Asylum Jurisprudence**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*EOIR and the USCIS Asylum Office continue to receive record numbers of asylum applications every year, and the courts continue to review and refine their interpretation of the relevant laws. Our panel of experts will discuss the hottest topics in asylum adjudications, and will brainstorm creative strategies for success.*

- Gang-Based Claims: When the Gangs Become Quasi-Government
- Gender-Based Claims Post-ARCG
- Family Unit as Particular Social Group
- Political Opinion and Its Intersection with Particular Social Groups

*Karen Musalo (DL), San Francisco, CA*

*Lillian S. Axelrod, Memphis, TN*

*Blaine M. Bookey, San Francisco, CA*

*Tamara Jezic, Woodbridge, VA*

*\*Mentor: Eliana C. Nader [ENader@magaletta.com](mailto:ENader@magaletta.com)*

9:10 am –9:30 am

**Networking Break**

9:30 am –10:30 am

**Bars to Asylum**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Practitioners on this intermediate-level session will address the most common bars to asylum, and offer real-world tips to identify and overcome them.*

- TRIG
- Persecutor of Others
- Particularly Serious Crimes
- One-Year Filing Deadline and Exceptions
- Firm Resettlement

*Dree K. Collopy (DL), AILA Author, AILA's Asylum Primer, 7th Ed. and Asylum and Refugee Committee Chair, Washington, DC*

*Ilana E. Greenstein, AILA Amicus Committee Co-Chair, East Boston, MA*

*Paul O'Dwyer, New York, NY*

*Karolina Walters, Staff Attorney, American Immigration Council, Washington, DC*

*\*Mentor: Ruben Reyes [rubenluisreyes@gmail.com](mailto:rubenluisreyes@gmail.com)*

10:30 am –10:50 am

**Networking Break**

10:50 am –11:50 am

**“ICE”-ing Removals: Credible and Reasonable Fear Interviews**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

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*Our expert panelists will focus on the process by which an arriving alien has access to the administrative courts for the purpose for adjudicating a sincere fear of return. In particular, panelists will discuss locating clients in federal custody, reaching out to ICE to secure a CF/RF interview, and best practices for preparing for the interview process to increase the chances the asylum officer finds CF/RF in the matter.*

- Finding the Client in Federal Custody
- Preparing the Client for Their Interview
- Best Practices for Credible and Reasonable Fear Interviews
- Review Before the Immigration Judge

*Brian J. Hoffman (DL), Wooster, OH*

*Megan A. Brewer, Los Angeles, CA*

*Kerry E. Doyle, Boston, MA*

*Gracie Willis, San Antonio, TX*

*\*Mentor: Ruben Reyes [rubenluisreyes@gmail.com](mailto:rubenluisreyes@gmail.com)*

11:50 am –12:20 pm

### **Lunch Break**

12:20 pm –1:20 pm

### **Using Social Media to Establish Your Brand (*Lunch Session*)**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*With the wealth of social media websites available on the internet, practitioners no longer need to sit in their offices waiting to be “discovered.” Panelists will advise on why a law firm website alone is no longer sufficient, provide advice on taking social media use to the next level, and discuss the art and importance of “branding.”*

- What Victories and Accomplishments Should a Lawyer Advertise?
- What Are the Mandatory Elements of Any Ad?
- How to Edit Posts to Portray Your Best Self
- Using Facebook Live, Instagram, Twitter, Yelp, and LinkedIn
- Monthly Podcasts, Live Online Interviews with Up-and-Coming Decision Makers in the Community
- New Technology, Tools, and Tips

*Gregory A. Wald (DL), San Francisco, CA*

*Randall Caudle, Missoula, MT*

*Eric Gible, Digital Communications Manager, American Immigration Council, Washington, DC*

*Alexandra Lozano, Renton, WA*

*\*Mentor: Ruby Powers [Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com](mailto:Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com)*

1:20 pm –1:40 pm

### **Networking Break**

1:40 pm –2:40 pm

### **The Lawyer as Manager**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Being a great lawyer does not automatically translate to being a great manager. Panelists will offer advice on how best to manage processes, people, and time, whether the practitioner is at a large firm, or runs a solo practice.*

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- Effective Communication with Staff and Clients
- Employee Performance Improvement Plans
- How to Handle Termination of an Employee
- Hands Off vs. Hands On: How to Get the Most Out of Staff
- Strategies and Resources to Be a More Effective Manager
- Best Practices for Managing Staff, Contractors, and Vendors

*Ruby L. Powers (DL), Houston, TX*

*Daniel Sharp, Los Angeles, CA*

*Becki L. Young, Silver Spring, MD*

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2:40 pm –3:00 pm

**Networking Break**

3:00 pm –4:00 pm

**Building a Profitable Practice**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will provide strategies for attracting and retaining clients. They also will impart valuable information regarding what to ask during an initial consultation, and how to end the attorney-client relationship.*

- How to Attract the Clients You Want
- What Important Questions Should Be Asked in an Initial Consult?
- Strategies for Retaining the Best Clients
- When and How to End the Attorney-Client Relationship

*David A. M. Ware (DL), Metairie, LA*

*Paul L. Zulkie, AILA Past President/Investment Committee Chair, Chicago, IL*

*Hilary T. Fraser, Ithaca, NY*

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4:00 pm –4:15 pm

**Networking Break**

4:15 pm –5:15 pm

**Building Your Brand: Marketing Your Immigration Law Practice**

*Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom Level*

*Speakers on this panel will share their expertise on how to develop an effective marketing plan for your immigration law practice. This includes, but is not limited to, website, community participation, professional associations, and speaking and writing opportunities.*

- The Essential Elements of a Marketing Plan
- The Art of Networking
- How and Where to Get Help When You Need It: Mentors, Consultants, and More
- Ethical Considerations in Choosing and Using Marketing Tools

*Nicholas J. Mireles (DL), Los Angeles, CA*

*Sandra A. Grossman, Rockville, MD*

*Alan Tafapolsky, San Francisco, CA*

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## **BUSINESS**

7:00 am –8:00 am

### **“Old Fashioned” Immigration in a Modern World (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Hilton, Grand A, Grand Ballroom Level*

*As the world becomes increasingly global, the traditional workplace is becoming a thing of the past. Mobile employees and virtual offices raise scenarios and issues not necessarily contemplated under existing immigration laws. This advanced-level session will address how to handle mobile, roving, and global individual foreign nationals and corporate clients.*

- Virtual Office Issues: I-9s, Compliance Issues, Site Visits
- Can an Employee Work for a Foreign Employer, on Foreign Work, when in the United States in a Non-Work or Separate Status? (E.g., Visitors, H-4s, H-1Bs Working for a Separate Company Outside the United States)
- Can an Employee Work from Home/Offsite as an H-1B, L-1B, or E-3?
  - Duration, Site Visits, Postings, Adjudication, Materiality
- PERMs and Roving/Traveling Employees and Virtual Offices: Case Law and Best Practices

*Dagmar Butte (DL), AILA Board of Governors, Portland, OR*

*Blake Miller, Irvine, CA*

*Timothy G. Payne, Chicago, IL*

*\*Mentor: Gayle Oshrin* [oshrin@kmm.com](mailto:oshrin@kmm.com)

8:10 am –9:10 am

### **LCA and PAF Compliance and Best Practices**

*Hilton, Grand A, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Immigration attorneys are responsible for critical aspects of the LCA, including ensuring accuracy and, often, making the call on the prevailing wage. In addition, the public access files (PAFs) of clients are only as good as the instructions their attorneys provide. Moreover, clients will become increasingly reliant on their attorneys to get these things right as immigration policies and/or employer circumstances change. Panelists will discuss LCAs, PAFs, compliance, and emerging government concerns to help practitioners provide proper guidance.*

- Content, Format, and Retention of Documents: Maintaining “Perfect” PAFs
- PAF Audits and Advising When You Discover Noncompliance
- Keeping Track of Changes (E.g., Wages, Dependency)
- Short Term Placements and Other Exceptions: Advising After *Simeio*
- Surviving a DOL Audit or FDNS Visit
- Role of the Attorney in Choosing Levels and Job Codes for the LCA

*Elizabeth Chatham (DL), Phoenix, AZ*

*Deborah J. Notkin, AILA Past President, New York, NY*

*Chad C. Blocker, Los Angeles, CA*

*Eileen M.G. Scofield, Atlanta, GA*

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9:10 am –9:30 am  
**Networking Break**

9:30 am –10:30 am  
**PERM BALCA and FAQ Review**  
*Hilton, Grand A, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Join our PERM gurus as they analyze recent BALCA decisions and the latest FAQs issued by DOL. Panelists will explore how recent FAQs and BALCA decisions may impact current and future PERM cases.*

- The Top 5 (or More or Less ... Anything Can Happen in a Year!) Most Important BALCA Decisions in the Last 12 Months
- What Is an FAQ, and Where Does It Fit Within the Regulations and Case Law?
- Review of DOL FAQs Issued in the Last 12 Months
- Incorporating Recent Decisions and FAQs into Your PERM Practice

*Bob White (DL), Schaumburg, IL*

*Kevin W. Miner, AILA Board of Governors, Atlanta, GA*

*Alexander Dgebuadze, Woodland Hills, CA*

*Vincent W. Lau, AILA DOL Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Cambridge, MA*

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10:30 am –10:50 am  
**Networking Break**

10:50 am –11:50 am  
**Ethics in PERM: Where the Line Is, and How to Draw It**  
*Hilton, Grand A, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will discuss ethical considerations related to preparing and filing PERM applications. Join an in-depth discussion of how best to navigate ethical pitfalls that can arise when advising employers and employees.*

- Drafting the Job Requirements
- Testing the Labor Market: What Is the Attorney's Role in the Recruitment Process?
- Document Retention: Where Does the Attorney's Responsibility End?
- Client Relations: What to Do When You Have an Uncooperative Client
- "Help, I'm Over My Head!": When to Call a Mentor

*Sarah K. Peterson (DL), AILA Board of Governors/DOL Liaison Committee Chair, Minneapolis, MN*

*Eleanor Pelta, AILA Past President, Washington, DC*

*Stacy Hong, New York, NY*

*Troy D. Palmer, New York, NY*

*\*Mentor: Andrew Shackelford [ashackelford@fragomen.com](mailto:ashackelford@fragomen.com)*

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**Lunch Break**

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12:20 pm –1:20 pm

**DOL and USCIS Degree Requirements: Issues and Case Studies (*Lunch Session*)**

*Hilton, Grand A, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Basic issues that are often overlooked or taken for granted can come up in audits or RFEs. Panelists on this all-levels session will explore the differences between degree requirements as defined by USCIS and DOL. Degree requirements used for PERM, H-1B, EB-2, or EB-3 may not be transferable from one immigration benefit to the other. Strategic planning for the client's case therefore requires knowledge of:*

- Differences Between USCIS's Degree-Equivalency Regulations and DOL's SVP Scheme
- How Degree Requirements Are Evaluated at USCIS and DOL
- Timing Requirements Between USCIS and DOL When Reviewing the Beneficiary's Qualifications
- Current RFE Trends

*Lisa H. York (DL), AILA NSC Liaison Committee Chair, Denver, CO*

*Elaine M. Kumpula, Minneapolis, MN*

*Kirsten Schlenger, San Francisco, CA*

*Ronald Y. Wada, San Francisco, CA*

*\*Mentor: Elaine Witty [elaine@wittylaw.com](mailto:elaine@wittylaw.com)*

1:20 pm –1:40 pm

**Networking Break**

1:40 pm –2:40 pm

**Answering the Unanswerable Questions: Advanced Issues in H-1B Practice**

*Hilton, Grand A, Grand Ballroom Level*

*H-1B practice is full of unanswered questions, ever-changing interpretations, and inconsistent adjudications. Panelists will discuss advanced issues and the latest trends in H-1B adjudications.*

- RFE Trends, Including USCIS's Re-adjudication of the Labor Condition Application
- Recapture of H-1B Time from a Prior Approved Petition: How Old Is Too Old?
- When Is an H-1B Lottery Winner Counted Against the Cap? When Can a New Petition Be Filed?
- Termination Prior to October 1, Individuals That Never Go to Work
- Strategies in Moving from Cap-Exempt to Cap-Subject Employers
- Advanced Issues in Cap-Exempt H-1Bs: Employed at, Employed by, and Concurrent Employment at Cap-Subject Employer

*Bennett Savitz (DL), AILA USCIS HQ (Benefits Policy) Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Boston, MA*

*Atessa Chehrizi, San Francisco, CA*

*Lisa M. Galvan, Cincinnati, OH*

*\*Mentor: Richard Green [rgreen@cdflaborlaw.com](mailto:rgreen@cdflaborlaw.com)*

2:40 pm –3:00 pm

**Networking Break**

3:00 pm –4:00 pm

**To Err Is Human: Addressing Mistakes Made in Business Immigration Cases**

*Hilton, Grand A, Grand Ballroom Level*

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*Panelists will address what to do when human error occurs in business cases. Can such mistakes be remedied? Are all mistakes really mistakes? Panelists also will give suggestions on how to communicate mistakes to the client, and address which mistakes will rise to the level of sanctions.*

- Failure to Correctly Evaluate Academic Credentials or Employment History in the PERM and H-1B Context
- Typos, Missing or Inconsistent Information in the PERM Context
- Mistakes on an LCA
- When Documentation—*I.e.*, Corporate Structure, Ownership, Ability to Pay Evidence— Doesn't Turn Out as Anticipated
- Missed Deadlines or Incorrectly Filed Applications

*Cyrus D. Mehta (DL), New York, NY*

*Leslie T. Ditrani, Boston, MA*

*Stephen Yale-Loehr, AILA Business Immigration Response Team Chair, Ithaca, NY*

*\*Mentor: Gayle Oshrin [oshrin@kmm.com](mailto:oshrin@kmm.com)*

4:00 pm –4:15 pm

### **Networking Break**

4:15 pm –5:15 pm

### **The Current State of the EB-5 Program**

*Hilton, Grand A, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will review and analyze recent regulatory, legislative, and/or policies changes that impact the EB-5 program. They also will examine recent changes to the EB-5 program and EB-5 Policy Manual, and examine how these changes may affect pending and future applications. Finally, panelists will review foreign laws and policies—e.g., China's currency control rules—that impact the EB-5 process in the United States.*

- Overview of Changes to EB-5 Program
- Foreign Rules and Policies
- Recent Changes to, and Interpretation of, the EB-5 Policy Manual

*Ignacio A. Donoso (DL), Bethesda, MD*

*H. Ronald Klasko, AILA Past President, Philadelphia, PA*

*Carolyn S. Lee, AILA EB-5 Investor Committee Chair, Ithaca, NY*

*Lincoln Stone, Los Angeles, CA*

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## **BUSINESS**

7:00 am –8:00 am

### **Crimmigration and Ethics for the Business Immigration Practitioner (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*What should practitioners do when they learn that a foreign national business client has been arrested? Crimmigration experts will discuss the basics of crimmigration, and identify key ethical considerations faced by business immigration practitioners, including knowing when they are in over their heads and should confer with criminal defense experts.*

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- A Foreign National Was Arrested: What's Next?
- Ethical Considerations in Dual Representation: Who to Tell?
- Crimes Involving Moral Turpitude: What Are They, and Why Are They Important?
- Conferring with Criminal Defense Counsel
- Basic Crimmigration Resources the Business Practitioner Should Have

Brian Murray (DL), Fairfax, VA  
 Brennan Gian-Grasso, Philadelphia, PA  
 Kari E. Hong, Newton, MA  
 J. Christopher Keen, Orem, UT

*\*Mentor: Andrew Shackelford* [ashackelford@fragomen.com](mailto:ashackelford@fragomen.com)

8:10 am –9:10 am

**Making it Through the Numbers Maze: How to Read and Evaluate Financial Documents**  
*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will present a primer on how to read, navigate, and evaluate financial documents.*

- Elements of a Good Business Plan
- Reading Audited Financials, Tax Returns, SEC Form 10-K Reports, Management Generated Profit/Loss Statements, and Balance Sheets
- Common Red Flags for NIV Investor Petitions
- Reading and Understanding Financing Documents

Diane M. Butler (DL), AILA Board of Governors, Seattle, WA  
 Clayton Eugene Cartwright Jr., AILA Global Migration Section Steering Committee Chair, Columbus, GA  
 David W. Cook, Columbus, OH  
 Najia S. Khalid, New Haven, CT

*\*Mentor: Hudaidah Bhimdi* [hudaidah@murrayosorio.com](mailto:hudaidah@murrayosorio.com)

9:10 am –9:30 am

**Networking Break**

9:30 am –10:30 am

**“But I Don’t Practice Employment Law!”: Employment Law Basics for the Immigration Practitioner**  
*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Business immigration practitioners frequently encounter, and are sometimes asked to opine on, employment law questions. The employment and labor law attorneys on this panel will explore common employment law issues that arise in the process of the practice of business immigration law.*

- Classification of Employees as Exempt and Non-Exempt
- Classification of Employee v. Independent Contractor
- Termination and Benefit Issues
- Cross-Border Employment Issues
- Handling Conflicts Between Federal Immigration and State Employment Law

Amy Erbacher-Anderson (DL), Omaha, NE  
 Nicola Ai Ling Prall, Raleigh, NC  
 Alison Tsao, San Francisco, CA

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10:30 am –10:50 am

**Networking Break**

10:50 am –11:50 am

**The Future of Business Immigration: Storm Clouds on the Horizon**

*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*We are now in a period of great uncertainty and change. On the one hand, technological advancements make the practice of business immigration much easier. On the other hand, we are facing an administration that has threatened to make changes to the current immigration laws that will negatively impact both businesses and individual clients. Panelists will focus on how politics and technology might change the practice of business immigration in the near future.*

- Current Administrative Policies: What Has Been Said, What Can be Done by the Administration, and What We Expect to Happen
- Discussion of Current Legislation in the House and Senate
- Technology: What You Need to Know

*Robert C. Divine (DL), Chattanooga, TN*

*Charles H. Kuck, AILA Past President, Atlanta, GA*

*Peter T. Schiron Jr., Stamford, CT*

*Betsy Lawrence, AILA Director of Government Relations, Washington, DC*

*\*Mentor: Gayle Oshrin* [oshrin@kmm.com](mailto:oshrin@kmm.com)

11:50 am –12:20 pm

**Lunch Break**

12:20 pm–1:20 pm

**Lunch Sessions**

1:20 pm–1:40 pm

**Networking Break**

1:40 pm –2:40 pm

**To Rove or Not to Rove, That Is the Issue**

*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will identify tools and techniques for drafting both an H-1B and the ETA 9089, and address posting for employees who have an undefined area of intended employment. Panelists also will discuss the ability to work from home, and what this means from a recruitment standpoint.*

- Ruling Caselaw and Policies
  - *Amsol, Inc.*, 2008-INA-00112
  - 1994 DOL Memorandum from Barbara Farmer: “Policy Guidance and Alien Certification Issues” (No. 48-94 at §10)
  - Latest Trends and Developments
- Wording That Should Be Listed on the I-129 and ETA 9089
- Where to Post, Request the Prevailing Wage, and Advertise

*Qingqing Miao (DL), AILA Washington State Chapter Chair, Seattle, WA*

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Lisa Spiegel, San Francisco, CA

\*Mentor: Stacy Cozart [cozart@visaskk.com](mailto:cozart@visaskk.com)

2:40 pm –3:00 pm  
**Networking Break**

3:00 pm –4:00 pm  
**Advanced Electronic I-9 Systems**  
*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*The last thing that anyone wants as the result of an ICE inspection is a 100 percent deficiency rate for I-9s resulting from the employer's electronic I-9 system. Beyond the regulations, there are critical issues that immigration practitioners should know in order to properly counsel clients on electronic I-9 systems. Join our panelists for a discussion of the advanced-level issues facing employers and attorneys in the use of electronic systems.*

- Proactive Advising: Reviewing an I-9 System for Compliance
- Reactive Advising: When an Employer's System Is Not Compliant
- Electronic Signatures
- Onboarding Systems vs. I-9 Systems
- Use of Agents in the Process

*Brad Hendrick (DL), AILA Colorado Chapter Chair, Boulder, CO*

*Kevin R. Lashus, Austin, TX*

*Katie Nokes Minervino, AILA Verification & Documentation Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Portland, ME*

*Michael Neifach, Reston, VA*

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4:00 pm –4:15 pm  
**Networking Break**

4:15 pm –5:15 pm  
**Advanced Strategies in Physician Cases**  
*Hilton, Imperial, Ballroom Level*

*Representing physicians or their employers does not have to be intimidating. Panelists on this master's level session will discuss advanced issues in physician immigration and how to successfully navigate them. Topics to be addressed include J-1 waiver tips, strategies on how to secure sufficient employment authorization time to complete advanced graduate medical training, and much more!*

- Planning Timelines: From J-1 Waiver to Permanent Residence
- Licensure and Credentialing Issues: Does Everyone Need USMLEs, and When Is Licensure Really Required?
- Are Canadians Different?
- Addressing Running out of H-1B Time for Subspecialists Enrolled in Lengthy Subspecialty Training Programs
- PERM vs. Physician NIW

*Elissa J. Taub (DL), Memphis, TN*

*Katie P. Jacob, Cincinnati, OH*

*Hamel Vyas, New York, NY*

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Charles H. Wintersteen, Chicago, IL

\*Mentor: Rita Sostrin [rsostrin@sostrinimmigration.com](mailto:rsostrin@sostrinimmigration.com)

## **FAMILY**

7:00 am –8:00 am

### **Advocacy and Ethics in Client Interviews Before DOS and USCIS (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Effective client preparation will minimize surprises and increase the likelihood of a successful interview taking place. Panelists will advise practitioners on best practices to achieve greater success with marriage-based cases and asylum interviews. Topics to be covered include how to prevent ethical dilemmas with dual representation, and effective ways to establish a relationship with clients from the outset.*

- Best Practices for Attorney/Client Interview from Intake to Preparation
- How to Prevent Surprises Where Possible, and How to Ethically and Strategically Address Them if They Arise
- How to Deal with Issues That May Cross the Line: Vice, Prior Entries, Alien Smuggling, or Manner of Entry
- How to Withdraw as Attorney Without Prejudicing Your Client

*Heather L. Poole (DL), AILA Board of Governors, Los Angeles, CA*

*Robert J. Casazza Jr., New York, NY*

*Tala Hartsough, AILA Northern California Chapter Chair, San Francisco, CA*

\*Mentor: Lindsay Curcio [lindsay@uneevisa.com](mailto:lindsay@uneevisa.com)

8:10 am –9:10 am

### **Diversity in Modern Marriages: Proving Bona Fide Marriage in a System Stuck in the 1950's**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Relationships are as diverse as immigrant clients, though some are more challenging than others in terms of fitting into an adjudicator's paradigm. In this intermediate-level panel, speakers will discuss how attorneys can best educate officers and advocate for recognition of all bona fide marriages.*

- Proving Essential Elements of a Bona Fide Relationship Despite Cultural Differences and Social Bias: Arranged Marriages and Same-Sex Marriages with Opposite-Sex Prior Marriage
- Creatively Documenting a Case Where Traditional Documents May Be Unavailable for Indigent, Bohemian, or Young Couples
- Getting Clients on Board: Explaining the Importance of Making a Record
- Proving Unconventional Relationships and Bona Fides Where There Have Been Multiple Marriages or Other Types of Unique Situations

*Randall A. Chamberlain (DL), New York, NY*

*Michael R. Jarecki, AILA Chicago Chapter Chair, Chicago, IL*

*Scott A. Emerick, Los Angeles, CA*

*Kelly McCown, San Francisco, CA*

\*Mentor: Raquel Hecht [raquel@immigrationoregon.com](mailto:raquel@immigrationoregon.com)

9:10 am –9:30 am

### **Networking Break**

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9:30 am –10:30 am

**Common Non-Criminal Inadmissibility Issues in Today's Turbulent Climate**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will focus on the various non-criminal issues that may prevent an individual from obtaining residency, or are increasingly scrutinized in our current, enforcement-heavy environment.*

- How to Ameliorate Problems Arising from Alien Smuggling, Drugs, Alcohol, or Alleged Gang Tattoos
- INA §212(a)(9) and the *In Absentia* Removal Bar
- False Claims to Citizenship Made Knowingly and for Purpose or Benefit (*Matter of Richmond*, 26 I&N Dec. 779 BIA 2016), I-9 Issues
- Is the Claim Really Material, Knowing, or Willful? When Is It Misrepresentation?

*David Isaacson (DL), New York, NY*

*Rebecca Kitson, Albuquerque, NM*

*Juan Carlos Rodriguez, San Antonio, TX*

*Francisco Ugarte, San Francisco, CA*

*\*Mentor: Philip Eichorn [Philip.Eichorn@hammondlawgroup.com](mailto:Philip.Eichorn@hammondlawgroup.com)*

10:30 am –10:50 am

**Networking Break**

10:50 am –11:50 am

**The Impact of Criminal Grounds of Inadmissibility on Family-Based Cases and Good Moral Character Determinations**

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will review the most incriminating grounds of criminal inadmissibility, and identify tactics and strategies to overcome such grounds.*

- Discussion of Controlled Substance Violations: State Legal Marijuana Use and Sale and Post-Mellouli
- Reason to Believe Standard for Illicit Trafficking
- Domestic Violence: Are There Any Safe Havens?
- Gang Affiliation/Tattoos: INA §212(a)(3)(A)(ii)

*Raed Gonzalez (DL), Houston, TX*

*Victor Nieblas Pradis, AILA Past President, City of Industry, CA*

*Jojo Annobil, New York, NY*

*Keli M. Reynolds, Los Angeles, CA*

*\*Mentor: Raquel Hecht [raquel@immigrationoregon.com](mailto:raquel@immigrationoregon.com)*

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**Lunch Break**

12:20 pm –1:20 pm

**Dealing with the Worst of Bureaucracy: When Red Tape Hinders Good-Faith Efforts to Normalize Status**  
*(Lunch Session)*

*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

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*The systems used by federal and state agencies to confirm immigration status are often rife with errors and subject to long processing times. These failures can lead to overstays, missed opportunities to extend or change status, unauthorized work, and unlawful presence. Panelists will assist practitioners in wading through the alphabet soup: CLAIMS, CLASS, TECS, SAVE, ADIS, APIS.*

- Long Overdue Work Permits: Avoiding Delays and Working Effectively with Employers
- Unlawful Presence, Change of Status, Overstay: Making Sure These Problems Are Avoided
- FDNS and CARRP: Recognizing When USCIS Is Investigating a Case, and What to Do About It

*Ian David Wagreich (DL), Chicago, IL  
Kathleen Campbell Walker, AILA Past President, El Paso, TX*

*\*Mentor: David Katona [dkatona@katonamir.com](mailto:dkatona@katonamir.com)*

1:20 pm –1:40 pm  
**Networking Break**

1:40 pm –2:40 pm  
**Consular Processing 1: Navigating the NVC and Beyond**  
*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Panelists on this intermediate-level session will discuss strategies and trends when working with the NVC. Topics will include practice pointers and tips for success regarding the website and electronic filing.*

- Strategies for Dealing with the NVC Quickly and Painlessly
- Managing and Understanding NVC Processing Times
- Dealing with Unexpected Hurdles by Utilizing LegalNet, Requesting Supervisory Review, and Seeking Congressional Help
- Pilot CEAC Portal with Document Upload Availability

*Lynn Marie Lee (DL), AILA USCIS International Operations Liaison Committee Co-Chair, Springfield, VA  
Amanda S. Brill, AILA USCIS International Operations Liaison Committee Co-Chair, London, UK  
David Strashnoy, Los Angeles, CA*

*\*Mentor: Sandra Feist [SFeist@grellfeist.com](mailto:SFeist@grellfeist.com)*

2:40 pm –3:00 pm  
**Networking Break**

3:00 pm –4:00 pm  
**Consular Processing 2: Successes at the Post**  
*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*Our panel of experts will identify best practices for effectively navigating the technicalities and nuances of consular processing, and managing cases and client expectations from afar.*

- Preparing Clients for Their Interview Abroad, Delays, and Contingency Plans
- What to Do When Settled Issues Are Reevaluated and Re-Adjudicated at the Post
- Dealing with Unexpected Circumstances, Including Findings of Inadmissibility
- Quirky Consulate-Specific Issues, Trends, Preferences, and Procedures

*Heather N. Segal (DL), Toronto, Canada  
Charlotte Slocombe, AILA Rome District Chapter Chair, London, UK*

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Avi Friedman, Santa Monica, CA

\*Mentor: *Lindsay Curcio* [lindsay@uneeedavisa.com](mailto:lindsay@uneeedavisa.com)

4:00 pm –4:15 pm  
**Networking Break**

4:15 pm –5:15 pm  
**Understanding the Refugee Process, and How It Can Help Your Practice**  
*Hilton, Grand B, Grand Ballroom Level*

*A working knowledge of the Refugee Resettlement Programs can give practitioners greater insight into representing people who have been denied refugee or special immigrant visas (SIVs) in the United States. Understanding the vetting process, properly handling interactions with the FBI, and contending with racial/religious targeting in the United States also will influence how practitioners represent clients, either in naturalization applications or in the wake of a travel ban.*

- U.S. Refugee Law and Overview of USRAP
- SIVs and How Individuals Apply and Migrate
- Special USRAP Programs Available for Family Members of Refugees/SIV Recipients
- Request for Reviews: Appealing Denials of Refugee Status
- Security Holds: CAARP and TRIG
- Representing Clients at FBI Interviews

*Elizabeth Sweet (DL), Silver Spring, MD*

*Neil Grungras, San Francisco, CA*

*Emma D. Wells, Austin, TX*

\*Mentor: *David Katona* [dkatona@katonamir.com](mailto:dkatona@katonamir.com)

## **FAMILY/LITIGATION**

7:00 am –8:00 am  
**Navigating the Fog: Unwinding Improper Marriage-Related INA §§212(a)(6)(c) and 204(c) Findings**  
*(Morning Roundtable)*  
*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*Panelists will explore the proper procedures and burden requirements for I-130 revocations and marriage fraud findings, and address how to overcome improper inadmissibility denials.*

- Failure to Meet Burden of Proof vs. Marriage Fraud
- DOS Findings and I-130 Revocation Procedures
- USCIS Burden Requirements
- Strategies and Considerations in Applying for Relief After an Adverse Determination by USCIS or DOS

*Anthony Drago, Jr. (DL), Boston, MA*

*Susan R. Fortino-Brown, Chicago, IL*

*David G. Katona, New York, NY*

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8:10 am –9:10 am

## **Appeals and Motions Before USCIS: A Golden Gate to Redemption**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*Panelists will share insights and best practices for preparing appeals and motions. They also will discuss considerations for selecting the appropriate type of review.*

- Considerations for Deciding How to File an I-290B
- What Type of New Evidence Can Be Submitted?
- Logistics from Filing to Adjudication
- Practice Tips for Putting Together an Effective I-290B
- When Filing a Service Motion Is a Better Option

*Irma Perez (DL), Hayward, CA*

*Matthew L. Guadagno, New York, NY*

*\*Mentor: David Katona [dkatona@katonamir.com](mailto:dkatona@katonamir.com)*

9:10 am –9:30 am

## **Networking Break**

9:30 am –10:30 am

## **Fraud and Revocation: Post-Maslenjak Naturalization and Implications for Other Applications**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*Panelists will discuss the new U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding misrepresentations in naturalization applications, and address how the fraud definition is evolving in other immigration contexts.*

- Definition of “Fraud” and What Constitutes a “Material Misrepresentation”
- Application of *Maslenjak* to Both Naturalization Cases and Other Applications for Relief
- How to Investigate and Discover Possible Fraud Issues in Prior Applications, and What to Do Going Forward

*Philip Eichorn (DL), Cleveland, OH*

*Gregory Romanovsky, AILA New England Chapter Chair, Boston, MA*

*Jacqueline Watson, Austin, TX*

*\*Mentor: Philip Eichorn [Philip.Eichorn@hammondlawgroup.com](mailto:Philip.Eichorn@hammondlawgroup.com)*

10:30 am –10:50 am

## **Networking Break**

10:50 am –11:50 am

## **Visa Strategies for Globe-Trotting, Engaged Couples**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*Panelists for this intermediate-level session will outline the strategic considerations for couples with flexible travel plans and many possible routes to a life together in the United States.*

- Is Adjustment an Option? Proper Use of ESTA and Nonimmigrant Visas
- Virtual Courtship and the International Marriage Brokers Act
- Challenges in Documenting LGBT and Arranged Marriage Cases
- Consequences of Failure to Marry Within 90 Days of Entry

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*Katharine Speer Rosenthal (DL), Louisville, CO*  
*Leslie A. Holman, AILA Past President, Burlington, VT*  
*Poorvi Rohit Chothani, Mumbai, India*

*\*Mentor: Katharine Speer Rosenthal [accimmusa@gmail.com](mailto:accimmusa@gmail.com)*

11:50 am –12:20 pm

**Lunch Break**

1:20 pm –1:40 pm

**Networking Break**

1:40 pm –2:40 pm

**The “How-To” Guide to FOIA**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*Panelists for this intermediate-level session will identify the various types of information a practitioner can obtain through FOIA requests to CBP, OBIM, DHS, ICE, EOIR, DOS, USCIS, and other government agencies. Panelists will address the processes for filing FOIA requests to the various agencies, strategies for overcoming obstacles, and litigation options.*

- Deciding Where to Seek Records: Immigration Agencies and Beyond
- Challenges That Arise in Filing Concurrent Requests
- Agency Specific Practice Tips
- Appealing and Litigating FOIA Delays and Denials

*Matthew L. Hoppock (DL), AILA Missouri/Kansas Chapter Chair, Overland Park, KS*  
*Christopher Rickerd, Houston TX*  
*Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, University Park, PA*

*\*Mentor: Ruben Reyes [rubenluisreyes@gmail.com](mailto:rubenluisreyes@gmail.com)*

2:40 pm –3:00 pm

**Networking Break**

3:00 pm –4:00 pm

**Administrative Procedure Act**

*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*The experts on this advanced-level panel will address when the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) can be used to challenge agency decisions and action. Panelists also will discuss when the APA will allow an individual to sue a federal agency or official for unlawful action.*

- Statutory Basis: What Immigration-related Decisions/Actions Are Subject to APA Review?
- Where and When to File
- Scope of Review
- Procedural Fundamentals

*Thomas K. Ragland (DL), Washington, DC*  
*Russell Abrutyn, AILA Message Center Moderators Chair, Berkley, MI*  
*Robert Pauw, AILA Author, Litigating Immigration Cases in Federal Court, 4th Ed., Seattle, WA*  
*Brent W. Renison, Portland, OR*

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*\*Mentor: Philip Smith* [philip@visaoregon.com](mailto:philip@visaoregon.com)

4:00 pm –4:15 pm  
**Networking Break**

4:15 pm –5:15 pm  
**Denaturalization: Are You Ever Really Safe?**  
*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*Panelists will discuss what can be done when the government decides to strip a naturalized American of U.S. citizenship.*

- Civil Denaturalization Under 8 USC §1451
- Criminal Denaturalization Under 18 USC §1425
- How It Works
- Burden of Proof, Discovery

*Philip Smith (DL), Portland, OR*  
*David W. Leopold, AILA Past President, Cleveland, OH*  
*Lance Curtright, San Antonio, TX*  
*Kathrin S. Mautino, San Diego, CA*

*\*Mentor: Philip Smith* [philip@visaoregon.com](mailto:philip@visaoregon.com)

## **FUNDAMENTALS**

7:00 am –8:00 am  
**Removal 101 (Morning Roundtable)**  
*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists on this fundamentals-level panel will provide an introduction to the grounds of inadmissibility and removability, and discuss the differences between them.*

- Inadmissibility vs. Removability
- Common Grounds of Inadmissibility
- Common Grounds of Removability

*Jesse A. Lloyd (DL), AILA ICE Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Oakland, CA*  
*Alan Diamante, Los Angeles, CA*  
*Anna Marie Gallagher, Washington, DC*  
*John J. Marandas, Lake Oswego, OR*

*\*Mentor: Angela Ferguson* [angela@austinferguson.com](mailto:angela@austinferguson.com)

8:10 am –9:10 am  
**Primer on Waivers of the Grounds of Inadmissibility and Removability**  
*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists will give a detailed overview of the different immigrant and nonimmigrant waivers, then direct attendees to additional resources and panels that provide more in-depth discussions of this rich and complex subject.*

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- Identifying Grounds in Intakes and Throughout the Case
- Requirements for Waivers under INA §§212(h), 212(i), and 212(a)(9)(B)(v)
- Requirements for Waivers Under INA §212(d)(3)

*Rosy H. Cho (DL), San Francisco, CA*  
*Magali Suarez Candler, Houston, TX*  
*Donald Madeo, New York, NY*

*\*Mentor: Angela Ferguson [angela@austinferguson.com](mailto:angela@austinferguson.com)*

9:10 am –9:30 am  
**Networking Break**

9:30 am –10:30 am  
**Detention 101**  
*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists for this fundamentals-level session will provide a general overview of the detention process, alternatives to detention, and advice on how to represent clients in detention.*

- Detention Under DHS's Enforcement Priorities
- Unlawful Detainers
- Challenges Regarding Access to Clients in Detention
- Communicating with Detained Clients

*Michelle Natalia Mendez (DL), Silver Spring, MD*  
*Florence Chamberlin, Chapel Hill, NC*  
*Mike Razi, Los Angeles, CA*  
*Mark J. Shmueli, Takoma Park, MD*

*\*Mentor: Angela Ferguson [angela@austinferguson.com](mailto:angela@austinferguson.com)*

10:30 pm–10:50 pm  
**Networking Break**

10:50 am –11:50 am  
**Release from Detention 101: Bonds and Beyond**  
*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*The speakers on this fundamentals-level panel will review release from detention, including bond hearings basics, eligibility for release and mandatory detention.*

- Release, Parole, and Bond by DHS
- Bond Hearings Before the Immigration Judge
- Mandatory Detention and Bond Eligibility Factors

*Cory Forman (DL), New York, NY*  
*Allyson Page, New Orleans, LA*  
*Michael J. Richard, Lake Charles, LA*  
*Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, Staff Attorney, American Immigration Council, Washington, DC*

*\*Mentor: Angela Ferguson* [angela@austinferguson.com](mailto:angela@austinferguson.com)

11:50 am –12:20 pm

**Lunch Break**

12:20 pm –1:20 pm

**NMD Panel: How to Survive Your First Years as an Immigration Attorney** (*Lunch Session*)

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists will present a diverse set of experiences to illustrate the different things they went through in their first years in practice, and how they learned from and overcame various issues.*

*Teddy Chadwick (DL), Milwaukee, WI*

*Sheila Mahadevan, AILA NMD Steering Committee Chair, Washington, DC*

*Josiah J. Curtis, AILA NMD Steering Committee Vice Chair, Boston, MA*

*Kara Lynum, St. Paul, MN*

*Tiffany Martinez, San Francisco, CA*

*\*Mentor: Ruby Powers* [Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com](mailto:Ruby@RubyPowersLaw.com)

1:20 pm –1:40 pm

**Networking Break**

1:40 pm –2:40 pm

**Fundamentals of a Master Calendar Hearing**

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists will cover the basics of appearing at the immigration court during a master calendar hearing, preparing for pleadings, and understanding burdens of proof.*

- Burdens and Standards of Proof
- Reviewing the Notice to Appear and Preparing for Pleadings
- Challenging Allegations and Contesting Charges

*Maggie Castillo (DL), Long Beach, CA*

*Jerard A. Gonzalez, Hackensack, NJ*

*Raha Jorjani, Oakland, CA*

*Anne Elise Kennedy, Houston, TX*

*\*Mentor: Angela Ferguson* [angela@austinferguson.com](mailto:angela@austinferguson.com)

2:40 pm –3:00 pm

**Networking Break**

3:00 pm –4:00 pm

**Basics of Asylum: Part 1**

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists on this fundamentals-level panel will cover the basics of well-founded fear and grounds for asylum.*

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\* = invited, not confirmed

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- What is Past or Well-Founded Fear of Future Persecution?
- Five Enumerated Grounds of Protection and Nexus Requirement
- Completing and Filing the Application
- Supporting Documentation, What Should Be Included?

*Tammy Lin (DL), AILA San Diego Chapter Chair, San Diego, CA*

*Angela J. Ferguson, Kansas City, MO*

*Miriam K. Crespo, Harvey, LA*

*Sheila T. Starkey Hahn, AILA Pro Bono Committee Chair, Memphis, TN*

*\*Mentor: Angela Ferguson [angela@austinferguson.com](mailto:angela@austinferguson.com)*

4:00 pm –4:15 pm

### **Networking Break**

4:15 pm –5:15 pm

### **Basics of Asylum: Part 2**

*Parc 55, Cyril Magnin, Level 4*

*Panelists will cover the basics of a well-founded fear of persecution.*

- Bars to Asylum
- Qualifying for Withholding of Removal or Protection Under the Convention Against Torture
- Evidentiary Issues in Asylum
- How to Get the Application Filed (Affirmative, Defensive, and Unaccompanied Alien Child)
- Obtaining Employment Authorization

*Amy Bittner (DL), AILA Ohio Chapter Chair, Columbus, OH*

*Alexander G. D. Carl, Los Angeles, CA*

*Mai N. Moua, Brooklyn Center, MN*

*Brandon Roche, Houston, TX*

*\*Mentor: Angela Ferguson [angela@austinferguson.com](mailto:angela@austinferguson.com)*

## **LITIGATION**

7:00 am –8:00 am

### **Post-Removal Order Habeas to Obtain Liberty (*Morning Roundtable*)**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists on this roundtable will advise on steps to take in response to the use of prolonged detention for post-removal order detainees whose countries will not accept them back or who are stateless. This growing humanitarian problem is a consequence of the current administration's cancellation of ICE's supervised release program, as well as a growing track record of straight denials of habeas petitions. Panelists will construe the statute and standard for when removal is not foreseeable, address pressuring ICE to properly assess detainees for release, teach attorneys how to prepare an effective habeas petition and packet, and develop strategies for obtaining judicial compliance with legitimate habeas litigation.*

- Post-Removal Order Habeas
- Reasonably Foreseeable Removal
- Compelling ICE and Federal District Court Compliance with Due Process

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*\* = invited, not confirmed*

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- Government Sanctions Against Receiving Countries

*Zachary Nightingale (DL), San Francisco, CA*

*Martin Rosenbluth, Lumpkin, GA*

*Michael Tan, San Francisco, CA*

*\*Mentor: Lory Rosenberg [lory@ideaswithlory.com](mailto:lory@ideaswithlory.com)*

8:10 am –9:10 am

**Who's Watching? What the Government Knows About Your Client**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Government agencies have access to a vast amount of information, from bankruptcy and voter registration records to criminal records and internet activity. Panelists will discuss means to identify and obtain information and resolve issues proactively, and address how to deal with derogatory information that arises during the course of representation.*

- Background Checks: IBIS, IDENT, and the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Service (CJIS)
- Revelations Via Social Media and the Internet
- Administrative and Extended Review
- DHS Use of DMV Databases

*Heather Drabek Prendergast (DL), AILA ICE Liaison Committee Chair/AILA Board of Governors, Cleveland, OH*

*Jay Gairson, Seattle, WA*

*Michael German, Fellow, Brennan Center for Justice's Liberty and National Security Program, New York, NY*

*Regan Hildebrand, Assistant Deputy General Counsel, Board of Education of the City of Chicago Law Department, Chicago, IL*

*\*Mentor: Jay Gairson [jay@gairson.com](mailto:jay@gairson.com)*

9:10 am –9:30 am

**Networking Break**

9:30 am –10:30 am

**FBI and Law Enforcement: Why They Want Your Client, What to Do, and How to Turn the Tables**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Engaging with the FBI or other law enforcement agencies (LEA) is challenging, and comes with many risks. For example, will the client admit to a crime or implicate him- or herself and others in terrorist activity? That said, LEA interactions also come with potential benefits: eliminating immigration delays, removing travel restrictions, and ending the LEA investigation. In every case, the pros and cons of engagement should be evaluated. Join our expert panelists to learn when and how to respond to an LEA, and best practices for protecting the client's rights and interests while doing so.*

- Working with Law Enforcement to Remove Delays in Immigration Cases
- Protecting the Client's Rights by Weighing the Risks of Talking or Not Talking to LEA
- Holding LEA's Accountable for Their Investigations
- S Visas

*Denyse Sabagh (DL), AILA Past President, Washington, DC*

*Theodore J. Murphy, West Chester, PA*

*Michael German, Fellow, Brennan Center for Justice's Liberty and National Security Program, New York, NY*

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*Diala Shamas, Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights, New York, NY*

*\*Mentor: Jay Gairson [jay@gairson.com](mailto:jay@gairson.com)*

10:30 am –10:50 am  
**Networking Break**

10:50 am –11:50 am  
**Appealing to the BIA**  
*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will cover how best to build and preserve the record for appeal to the BIA, and provide guidance on appellate brief writing. Panelists also will discuss best practices before the BIA—E.g., seeking remand, or reopening a case to the immigration court.*

- Filling Out the Notice of Appeal
- Appellate Brief Writing
- Using Non-Precedential Cases
- Requesting Remand and Motions to Reopen

*Bradley Jenkins (DL), Silver Spring, MD*  
*Nancy Kelly, Boston, MA*  
*Maris J. Liss, Farmington Hills, MI*  
*Lory D. Rosenberg, Asheville, NC*

*\*Mentor: Lory Rosenberg [lory@ideaswithlory.com](mailto:lory@ideaswithlory.com)*

11:50 am –12:20 pm  
**Networking Break**

12:20 pm –1:20 pm  
**When an Interview Becomes an Interrogation (Lunch Session)**  
*Parc 55, Market, Level 3*

*From Ellis Island to Angel Island, the U.S. immigration process has a long history of interrogating immigrants. USCIS is increasingly inviting FDNS, FBI, HSI, ICE, and other law enforcement agencies into interviews in order to question clients about potential terrorism, fraud, and criminal issues beyond the scope of the client's application. It is now more necessary than ever, therefore, to understand interrogation techniques, as well as how to respond to them, how to use them, and how to prepare clients.*

- Recognizing an Interrogation and Its Techniques: Rapid Questions, Reverse Stories, Fact Interchange, Etc.
- Options When the Client Is Being Questioned Beyond Eligibility: Passive Versus Active Interruptions
- Responding to the Unexpected Presence of Law Enforcement: How to Work with Law Enforcement
- What Are the Clients Rights During an Interrogation, and What Are Best Practices for Protecting Them?

*Jay Gairson (DL), Seattle, WA*  
*John Patrick Pratt, AILA Board of Governors, Miami, FL*  
*Christina Sinha, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus, San Francisco, CA*

*\*Mentor: Jay Gairson [jay@gairson.com](mailto:jay@gairson.com)*



1:20 pm –1:40 pm  
**Networking Break**

1:40 pm –2:40 pm  
**Reinstatement of Removal**  
*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*The hearts of even seasoned practitioners race when they hear the words “reinstatement of removal.” This previously obscure provision of the INA has come into increasing use in recent years. ICE now routinely invokes its authority to summarily remove previously deported noncitizens, and institutes withholding-only proceedings for those who establish a reasonable fear of persecution. The experts on this intermediate- to advanced-level panel will outline reinstatement law and procedures, and will brainstorm creative strategies to avoid and challenge reinstatement.*

- Challenging Detention During the Reinstatement Process
- Working with Defense Counsel in Criminal Reentry Prosecutions
- What Relief Is Available to Individuals with Reinstated Orders?
- Petitions for Review of Reinstated Orders

*Jodi Goodwin (DL), Harlingen, TX*  
*Robert Andrew Free, Nashville, TN*  
*Joseph C. Hohenstein, Philadelphia, PA*

*\*Mentor: Veronica Barba [veronica@lucasandbarba.com](mailto:veronica@lucasandbarba.com)*

2:40 pm –3:00 pm  
**Networking Break**

3:00 pm –4:00 pm  
**Release from Detention**  
*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*Panelists will focus on strategies to secure a client’s release from ICE custody, and will cover bond hearings and bond eligibility. In addition, panelists will address who is subject to mandatory detention, how to challenge it, and how to challenge pre-removal order and post-removal order prolonged detention. Panelists also will cover who has authority to release clients, and how to request such a release.*

- Initial Bond Hearings and Negotiating Bond Amounts
- Challenging Mandatory Detention
- Challenging Prolonged Detention
- Requesting Parole or Bond with ICE vs. Requesting a Bond Hearing

*Veronica Barba (DL), Los Angeles, CA*  
*Jeanette Kain, Boston, MA*  
*Amanda B. Keaveny, Charleston, SC*  
*Ahilan Arulanantham, Director of Advocacy/Legal Director, ACLU of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA*

*\*Mentor: Veronica Barba [veronica@lucasandbarba.com](mailto:veronica@lucasandbarba.com)*

4:00 PM–4:15 PM  
**Networking Break**

4:15 pm –5:15 pm

**Demystifying Habeas Corpus Petitions**

*Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom Level*

*The “Great Writ” is a powerful weapon, especially during this time of increased detention. Panelists on this intermediate-level session will advise on how and when to effectively use this petition, and identify alternatives to employ when habeas isn’t sufficient.*

- Constitutional and Statutory Basis
- Purpose and Scope of Habeas
- Procedural Requirements
- Beyond Detention, What Review Is Available?

*Andrew K. Nietor (DL), San Diego, CA*

*Adriana Lafaille, Boston, MA*

*Devin T. Theriot-Orr, Seattle, WA*

*\*Mentor: Philip Smith [philip@visaoregon.com](mailto:philip@visaoregon.com)*

**SATURDAY TRAININGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

7:00 am-8:00 am

**Yoga**

*Parc 55, Embarcadero, Level 3*

7:30 am-9:00 am

**Law Professors Interest Group Meeting**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 1, Lobby Level*

8:00 am-9:00 am

**Kurzban PWR Strength and Conditioning Class**

*Parc 55, Embarcadero, Level 3*

8:00 am-9:00 am

**Bangkok District Chapter Meeting**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 8, Lobby Level*

8:10 am –9:10 am

**Hot Topics: Your Exchange Visitor Program and J-1 Visa Questions Answered**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

9:30 am –10:30 am

**Fastcase: Research Member Benefit for AILA Members**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

9:30 am –10:30 am

**Risk Management Best Practices for Immigration Lawyers**

*Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

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*\* = invited, not confirmed*

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*Panelists will provide guidance on avoiding common grounds of malpractice, as well as what to do if you have been sued for malpractice. Even if the suit is frivolous, and even if you have malpractice insurance, defending yourself against malpractice allegations will be disruptive to your practice and law office. Come to this session to learn valuable risk management tips.*

- *Determining Whether You Are Qualified to Take on a Case*
- *Common Malpractice Claims Against Lawyers*
- *What Can You Do to Prevent a Malpractice Claim?*
- *Dealing With a Malpractice Claim and Maintaining Your Firm's Reputation*

*Gayle Wissinger (DL), LPL Product Manager, Hanover Professionals, Grand Rapids, MI  
David L. Bridges, President, The Leavitt Group of Atlanta, Inc., Lawrenceville, GA*

10:50 am –11:50 am

**Make the Case for Immigration: Advocacy and Media Training**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

12:00 pm–3:00 pm

**Board of Governors Meeting**

*Hilton, Plaza, Lobby Level*

3:00 pm –4:00 pm

**Advanced Legal Research Using AILA Member Benefits and AILALink**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

4:15 pm –5:15 pm

**Fastcase: Research Member Benefit for AILA Members**

*Hilton, Golden Gate 4-5, Lobby Level*

7:00 pm –11:00 pm

**AILA Saturday Night Party**

*(California Academy of Sciences)*

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*\* = invited, not confirmed*

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