

16th Annual AILA New England Immigration Law Conference

Friday, March 01, 2019

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Morris Auditorium

Early Morning Ethics Forum

Moderator: [Rebecca Leavitt](#)

[Stacey A. L. Best](#), MA Office of Bar Counsel

- Obligations to notify clients of changing rules
- Zealous representation or obstructing justice?
- What requires disclosure to the tribunal?
- Q & A

Welcome & Introductions

[Margaret Holland Sparages](#), AILA New England Chapter Chair

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Hot Topics

Moderator: [Margaret Holland Sparages](#), AILA NE Chapter Chair

[Benjamin Johnson](#), AILA, Executive Director

[Marketa Lindt](#), AILA, President Elect

[Beth Werlin](#), American Immigrant Council, Executive Director

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Knocking Down the Wall: Administrative Litigation

Moderator: [Greg Romanovsky](#), AILA NE Past Chapter Chair

[Trina Realmuto](#), AIC Directing Attorney

[Ilana Greenstein](#)

We will discuss the most recent immigration litigation developments around the country. You will learn why suing the government in federal court is an efficient (and, sometimes, the only) way of challenging restrictive immigration policies.

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

Break

11:20 AM - 12:20 PM

USCIS, ICE, CBP Interagency Panel

Moderator: [Anthony Drago, Jr.](#)

Denis C. Riordan, District Director, District 1, USCIS

Brian D. Heslin, Asst. Special Agent in Charge, HSI

Todd J. Thurlow, Assistant Field Office Director, ICE, ERO

Linda Brown, Area Port Director, CBP

Eric C. Geddry, Chief CBP Officer, CBP

12:20 PM - 1:40 PM

Lunch (on your own) or Join a Topic Meeting in the Connolly Center or Ask an Expert Open Lunch Session in the New England Room, 4th Flr

1:40 PM - 5:00 PM

Concurrent Workshop Tracks

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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TRACK ONE:

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REMOVAL DEFENSE

1:40 PM – 2:40 PM

Winning Against the Odds: Successful Asylum Claims

Moderator: [Robin Nice](#)

[Elena Noureddine](#)

[Jason Corral](#)

- Adapting Particular Social Group (PSG) analysis
- Overcoming agency investigations
- Trends in affirmative adjudication & defensive litigation
- Q & A

2:40 PM – 3:40 PM

Trends & Tactics in Removal Defense

Moderator: [Julio Cortes del Olmo](#)

[Rachel Self](#)

[Heather Yountz](#)

- How recent legal developments impact your practice
- Winning strategies in bond hearings
- Putting DHS to its burden & preserving issues for appeal
- Q & A

3:40PM – 4:00 PM

Networking/Cookie Break

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Challenging Agency Action in State and Federal Court

Moderator: [Jeannie Kain](#)

[Adriana Lafaille](#), ACLU

[Emma Winger](#)

- Current state litigation contesting ICE enforcement & operations
- When & how to file a case in federal court
- Q & A

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TRACK TWO:

Connolly Center, 4th Floor

BUSINESS IMMIGRATION

1:40 PM – 2:40 PM

Ethical Dilemmas in Business Immigration

Moderator: [Leslie Ditrani](#)

[Cyrus Mehta](#)

[Stephen Yale-Loehr](#)

- Ethical standards and malpractice liability
- Common mistakes in the H-1B and PERM contexts
- How to make the best of a bad situation
- Q & A

2:40 PM – 3:40 PM

Essential Take-Aways on Student Visa Practice

Moderator: [Elizabeth Goss](#)

[Dan Berger](#)

[David Fosnocht](#), NAFSA Director, Immigration Practice Resources

- Student employment eligibility pre- & post-study
- Training plans & compliance for STEM OPT
- ULP Memo and its effect on D/S
- Q & A

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**Death by a Thousand Memos: The Changing Landscape of USCIS
Adjudications in the Wake of BAHA**

Moderator: [Brian Coughlin](#)

[Dyann DelVecchio Hilbern](#)

[Julie Galvin](#)

- Creative strategies in light of the Deference & NTA Memos
- How to best handle Third-Party Worksites Memo
- What's coming down the pike: Public Charge Memo and more
- Q & A

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