

# Immigrants Make America Great: Legal Advocacy & Strategy

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual AILA New England Immigration Law Conference

Friday, February 28, 2020

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**8:00 – 9:00 AM**

Morris Auditorium

### **Early Morning Ethics Forum: Drawing the Line**

*Moderator: [Miki Matrician](#), AILA Ethics Committee*

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

- Common conflict of interest issues with dual representation
- Challenges to representation under the current administration
- Limits on representation from a factual and procedural standpoint
- Q & A

### **Welcome & Introductions**

*[Mahsa Khanbabai](#), AILA New England Chapter Chair*

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

### **Hot Topics & Current Trends in Immigration Today**

*Moderator: Mahsa Khanbabai, AILA NE Chapter Chair*

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

*[Jennifer Minear](#), AILA President-elect*

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

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

### **Inadmissibility Issues: Marijuana & Public Charge**

*Moderator: [Leslie Holman](#), AILA Past President*

*[Heather Segal](#), AILA Board of Governors*

*[Daniel Parisi](#), AILA DOS Liaison Committee*

- All about weed: smoking, interviewing & investing
- Overview of new & different public charge requirements
- Preparing clients for and reconciling DHS & DOS differences

**11:00 AM - 11:20 AM**

### **Break**

**11:20 AM - 12:20 PM**

### **Government Agency Updates**

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

*[Jeannie Kain](#), ERO Liaison*

*[Brian O'Neil](#), CBP Liaison*

*[Matthew Maiona](#), EOIR Liaison*

*[Annelise Araujo](#), USCIS Liaison*

*Mahsa Khanbabai, DOS Liaison*

**12:20 PM - 1:40 PM**

### **Lunch: H-1B Registration Lottery (New England Room) 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, or Join a Lunch Topic Meeting (Connolly Center) 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

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**TRACK ONE:**

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**REMOVAL DEFENSE**

**1:40 PM – 2:40 PM**

**Representing Youths and Families before EOIR**

*Moderator:* [Elizabeth Badger](#), PAIR Project

[Vickie Nielson](#), Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.

[Emily Leung](#), Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts

- Advanced topics in SIJ cases
- Addressing restrictions on asylum protections
- Formulating PSGs for asylum cases
- Q & A

**2:40 PM – 3:40 PM**

**Relief from Detention and Deportation at EOIR**

*Moderator:* [Sarah Sherman-Stokes](#), BU School of Law

[Christina Corbaci](#)

[Elena Noureddine](#), PAIR Project

- Bond: whose burden and how to win
- How to preserve the record for appeal
- Termination, continuation and administrative closure
- Q & A

**3:40PM – 4:00 PM**

**Networking/Cookie Break**

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Using Federal Litigation to Your Clients' Advantage**

*Moderator:* [Greg Romanovsky](#), AILA Administrative Litigation Taskforce

[Jonathan Wasden](#), AILA Administrative Litigation Taskforce

[SangYeob Kim](#), ACLU (NH)

- Asylum-related litigation
- Public charge litigation
- Other litigation developments
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**TRACK TWO:**  
Connolly Center, 4th Floor

**BUSINESS IMMIGRATION**

**1:40 PM – 2:40 PM**

**Avoiding an ICE Storm, Preparing for Increased I-9 Scrutiny**

*Moderator: [Katie Nokes Minervino](#), Chair, AILA Verification & Documentation Liaison Committee*

*[Amy Peck](#), AILA Verification & Documentation Liaison Committee*

*[Elise Fialkowski](#), AILA Verification & Documentation Liaison Committee*

- Compliance trends nationwide, inspections and fines
- Electric I-9 Issues
- IRCA hot topics and best practices
- Q & A

**2:40 PM – 3:40 PM**

**Options after Denial, MTR/Appeal/Federal Court**

*Moderator: [Josiah Curtis](#), AILA DOL Committee*

*[Leslie Dellon](#), AIC Staff Attorney, Business Immigration*

*[Cyrus Mehta](#), AILA Administrative Litigation Task Force*

- To refile or not to refile?
- Trends in pursuing relief at the AAO
- Practical tips for Federal Court
- Q & A

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**Navigating the Landmines in the PERM Process: An Advanced Conversation**

*Moderator: [Vince Lau](#), AILA DOL Committee*

*[Bennett Savitz](#), Chair, AILA USCIS HQ Committee*

*[Megan Kludt](#), AILA National Board of Publications Committee*

- Counseling clients with minimum requirement challenges
- Helping clients through the recruitment process
- Helping clients through candidate evaluation issues
- Q & A

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