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# 20TH AILA NEW ENGLAND IMMIGRATION LAW CONFERENCE

AILA New England is proud to celebrate its 20th annual immigration law conference and particularly this year's, which will be the first in-person conference since the COVID-19 pandemic. As a chapter of colleagues and friends, we will be joined by representatives of government agencies, our national office, and several experts from other chapters. These fabulous speakers will share substantive law updates, agency developments, litigation news, and tips on incorporating wellness and new technology into our practices.

**October 6, 2023  
8:00AM-5:00PM**

*MCLE-10 Winter Place & <sup>Zoom</sup>  
Boston, MA 02108*

#### RATES:

*Early-Bird Registration (by August 31, 2023)*

AILA Members: \$299 / Non-AILA Members: \$319

*Non-Profits (by August 31, 2023)*

AILA Members: \$249 / Non-AILA Members: \$269

*Regular Registration (after August 31, 2023)*

AILA Members: \$349 / Non-AILA Members: \$369

#### REGISTRATION:

Online at <https://www.ailaneconference.org/conference>

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# PLENARY

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08:00 – 09:00 AM

**Ethical Issues for Lawyers in Leveraging Technology**

- *Preserving Confidentiality in Firm and Client Data*
- *Document Automation Enhancements with AI*
- *Smart Phone Privacy Pitfalls*
- *AI Chat GPT and other Machine Learning Models: The New Frontier*

Moderator: Madeline Cronin, Charlestown, MA  
*Cyrus Mehta, New York, NY*  
*Afton Pauletic, Asst. Bar Counsel MA BBO, Boston, MA*  
*Laura Keeler, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, Boston, MA*

09:00 – 10:00 AM

**Hot Topics: Immigration News, Updates, and Alerts**

Moderator: Robin Nice, AILANE Chapter Chair  
*Sharvari Dalal-Dheini, AILA Director of Government Relations*  
*Farshad Owji, AILA President\**  
*Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, American Immigration Council Policy Directory*

10:00 – 10:15 AM

**Break**

10:15 – 11:15 AM

**Interagency Panel: Agencies Working in Tandem**

Moderator: Jeanette Kain, Boston, MA  
*Denis C. Riordan, USCIS District Director, District 11*  
*Todd Lyons, ICE, ERO Field Office Director\**  
*Sam Kiley, Chief CBP Officer, Customs and Border Protection*

11:15 – 11:30 AM

**Break**

11:30 – 12:30 PM

**Getting the Client In: From Post to Port and Beyond**

- *Sprinting from USCIS to NVC to Post*
- *Parole including Biden Administration Initiatives*
- *Preparing clients to interview for Visas, Entries and Admissions*
- *Best Practices at Ports of Entry*

Moderator: Mahsa Khanbabai, Easton, MA  
*Atessa Chebrazi, San Francisco, CA*  
*Adeline Boulanger, Burlington, VT*

12:30 – 01:40 PM

**Lunch**

- *on your own or box lunch*
- *or join Wellness Panel*
- *or Exhibitor Presentation*

12:40 – 01:40 PM

**The Best Wellness Tips in 60 Minutes**

- *Using Technology to Enhance Wellness*
- *Office Wellness: Communicate and Delegate*
- *Scheduling Work, Downtime and Self-Care*
- *Getting Help and Other Resources*

Moderator: Christina Kelley, Boston, MA  
*Charity Anastasio, Practice Management Advisor, AILA Practice and Professionalism Center*  
*Emily Amara Gordon, Brookline, MA*

02:40 – 05:00 PM

**Concurrent Workshop Tracks**

05:30 – 08:00 PM

**AIC Event at SIP Café (Post Office Square)**

\*Invited, not confirmed.



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## Track 1: Business & Employment Immigration *Main Auditorium*

1:40 – 2:40 PM

### **DOL Practice: Hearing from the Experts**

- *The New 9089: Lessons Learned So Far*
- *All Things Virtual*
- *Recruitment in the Shadow of the Facebook Settlement*
- *Avoiding Common Mistakes with the PERM Process*

Moderator: Sara Mailander, AILANE Chapter Secretary  
*Adrienne Vaughan, AILANE Immediate Past Chapter Chair, Boston, MA*  
*Vincent Lau, AILA DOL Liaison Committee Chair, Boston, MA*

2:40 – 3:40 PM

### **Effective Representation of Clients at USCIS**

- *Current Practice at Local USCIS Field Offices*
- *Managing Processing Delays, Backlogs and Other Snags*
- *Overcoming RFEs, NOIDs and Denials*
- *Preparing for FY2025 H-1B Cap Season*

Moderator: Miki Matrician, AILANE Chair-Elect  
*Robin O'Donoghue, AILA USCIS HQ Liason Committee Chair, Cambridge, MA*  
*Beatriz T Ballerini, AILA Field Operations Committee Chair, Houston, TX*

3:40 – 4:00 PM

### **Networking / Snack Break**

4:00 – 5:00 PM

### **Answers to "Quick Questions" and Other Conundrums**

- *Options for Out of Status Foreign Nationals*
- *How to Advise Employers Regarding the NIV Remote Workforce and Employees Relocating Without Notice*
- *Maintaining Status and Work Authorization for Nonimmigrant Dependents*
- *Best Practices for Filing I-140s Based on an Approved PERM and Maintaining AC21 Eligibility*

Moderator: Matthew Maiona, Boston, MA  
*Bennet Savitz, Boston, MA*  
*Michael Nowlan, Detroit, MI*

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## Track 2: Family and Removal *Lower-Level Meeting Room*



1:40 – 2:40PM

### **When Court Gets (Extra) Tough... The Tough Get Litigating**

- *Contesting NTAs & Requesting Termination with MTR of Fernandes*
- *Advocating Before IJs Biased for DHS and/or Against Your Client*
- *Objecting to DHS Tactics and Complaints Against DHS or IJs*
- *Strategic Termination of Proceedings and Prosecutorial Discretion Requests*
- *How Administrative Closure Impacts the Attorney-Client Relationship*

Moderator: Annelise Maia Jatoba de Araujo, Boston, MA  
*Shantanu Chatterjee, Boston, MA*  
*Tania Martinez Palumbo, AILANE Vice-Chair*

2:40 – 3:40PM

### **Putting Your Best Foot Forward in Family-Based Immigration and Getting Back Up When Things Go Wrong**

- *Protecting I-130 and I-360 Petitions from Re-Adjudication*
- *Case Preparation Strategies to Avoid RFEs and Non-Mandatory Interviews*
- *Rough Interviews:*  
*Requesting a Supervisor, Pausing an Interview, and Filing a Complaint*
- *When to file an Appeal Versus a New Petition*
- *Effective Use of I-601A Waivers in Removal Proceedings*

Moderator: Eliana Nader, Boston, MA  
*Audrey Robert-Ramirez, Boston, MA*  
*Zoila Gomez, Lawrence, MA*

3:40 – 4:00PM

### **Networking / Snack Break**

4:00 – 5:00PM

### **All Things Humanitarian: Nuggets and Pitfalls in Asylum, VAWA, and U-Visa Relief**

- *Identifying Who Benefits from DOL's New WhistleBlower Program*
- *Determining How Much Harm Is Enough for U-Visa and VAWA Eligibility*
- *Risks and benefits of Applying for Multiple Forms of Relief*
- *How tricky are T-Visas Really?*

Moderator: Melanie Shapiro, Norwood, MA  
*Kira Gagarin, Framingham, MA*  
*Leah Glowacki, Portland, ME*  
*Rekha Sharma-Crawford, AILA Secretary, Kansas City, MO*

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