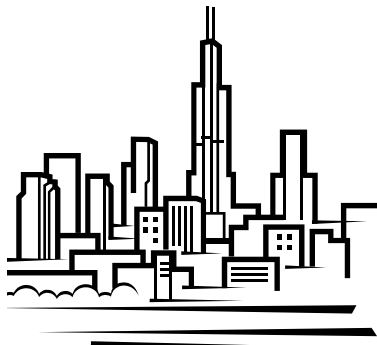




# 2017 Midwest Regional Conference

Monday, March 13, 2017 🍀 Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel 🍀 221 North Columbus Drive 🍀 Chicago, Illinois 60601

The Chicago Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) will hold its annual Midwest Regional Conference in Chicago on Monday, March 13, 2017! The full conference agenda follows on page 2. The conference also includes 1.0 credit for professional responsibility.



Conference Chair: Michael R. Jarecki  
Conference Vice-Chair: Ian Wagreich

Location: Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel  
221 North Columbus Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
Booking Link:  
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Promotional Code: AILCHI

Special Rates available from Sunday, March 12, 2017 to Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Contact Mimi Lopez at 312-234-0101 with any issues.

**CLE Credit:** 7.0 CLE hours, 1.0 of which is for professional responsibility. The conference will request CLE accreditation for the following states: Illinois, California, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin. Registrants from other states requiring CLE credit should contact Eric Ledbetter at [Eric.Ledbetter@quarles.com](mailto:Eric.Ledbetter@quarles.com)

**Monday, March 13, 2017**  
**7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**(check-in starts at 7:15 a.m.)**

REGISTER ONLINE: <http://www.etches.com/aila2017mrc>

	Before Feb. 26, 2017	On or after Feb. 27, 2017
AILA Chicago Chapter Member (or Member's Paralegal)	\$360	\$410
Non-Chicago Chapter AILA Member (or Member's Paralegal)	\$385	\$435
Nonmember <sup>1</sup>	\$460	\$505
Law Student <sup>2</sup> or Representative of Accredited Non-Profit Organization <sup>1&amp;3</sup>	\$170	\$230

<sup>1</sup>**Attention Non-AILA Members:** AILA will not accept conference registrations from persons who provide representation without authorization in violation of 8 CFR 292 such as for-profit "immigration consultants" and "notarios".

<sup>2</sup>Requires signed statement from accredited law school certifying full-time student status.

<sup>3</sup>Requires signed statement from accredited non-profit organization certifying full-time employment.

\*\*\***Note:** Register 4 members from your firm and receive a 5<sup>th</sup> registration free!

Registration for the conference will close on **March 3, 2017**. No registration will be accepted after this date. No payments or registrations will be accepted at the door. No phone, fax, or mail registrations will be accepted. In accordance with Illinois MCLE requirements, a hardship waiver is available. Contact Michael R. Jarecki at [mike@jareckilaw.com](mailto:mike@jareckilaw.com).

**Notice:** Registrations are subject to acceptance. Registration date is determined by date payment is received. Registrations received without payment will not be honored. In the event the Conference nears capacity, registrations with payment will be accepted in the order received. Registrations are not transferable and cannot be split among conference attendees. Any and all liability of AILA with respect to registrations, reservations, cancellations, and refunds is limited to a sum no greater than the fee paid. Submission of registration and payment constitutes acceptance of conditions herein.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations received by February 24, 2017, entitle registrants to a full refund (less \$75.00 processing fee). All cancellation requests must be received in writing. No cancellation requests will be accepted after this date, but registrants may still receive conference materials electronically.

**All materials will be distributed electronically prior to the conference. No printed materials will be provided at the conference.**

AILA is the national association of over 14,000 attorneys and law professors who practice and teach immigration law. AILA member attorneys represent U.S. families seeking permanent residence for close family members, as well as U.S. businesses seeking talent from the global marketplace. AILA members also represent foreign students, entertainers, athletes, and asylum seekers, often on a pro bono basis. Founded in 1946, AILA is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization that provides continuing legal education, information, professional services, and expertise through its 39 chapters and over 50 national committees.

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## OPENING REMARKS OF THE AILA CHICAGO CHAPTER CHAIR

Mercedes Badia-Tavas, Chair, AILA Chicago Chapter, Chicago, IL

7:45a

### MORNING TRACK

8:00

#### Hot Topics

- **Paul Zulkie** (DL), President, American Immigration Council, former AILA National President, Chicago, IL
- **Melissa Crow**, Legal Director, American Immigration Council, Washington, DC
- **Benjamin Johnson**, Executive Director, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Washington, DC
- **Allen Orr**, AILA National Secretary, Washington, DC

9:00

#### USCIS Conversation/Service Center Updates

- **Jennifer Minear** (DL), AILA National Treasurer, Richmond, VA
  - **Dagmar Butte**, Chair, AILA Service Center Operations Committee, Portland, OR
  - **Martha Medina\***, Chicago Field Office Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Chicago, IL
  - **Donald Neufeld\***, Associate Director, Service Center Operations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Washington, DC
  - **Representative\***, USCIS Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Directorate
- \*invited

10:00

### 15 MINUTE BREAK

10:15

#### Enforcement & Removal Conversation

- EOIR: CFI/RFI reviews by immigration judges, detained docket numbers, new judges/staffing, court calendars
  - ICE/ERO: trends/updates on detained docket, expedited removal at borders
  - ICE/OCC: updates to prosecutorial discretion, any administration changes in enforcement affecting the detained and non-detained docket
  - CBP: any trends on officer's questioning at ports, changes to secondary inspection
  - Path of NTA, from issuance to EOIR
- **Erin Cobb** (DL), AILA Chicago Treasurer, Chicago, IL
  - **Judge Sheila McNulty\***, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, Chicago IL
  - **Matthew S. Davies\***, Port Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Chicago, IL
  - **Karen Lundgren\***, Chief Counsel, ICE Office of Chief Counsel, Chicago, IL
  - **Glenn Triveline\***, Deputy Field Office Director, ICE Enforcement & Removal Operations, Chicago, IL
- \*invited

11:15

#### Ethics: Policing the Profession

- Ethical obligations of lawyers in "policing" the profession and prevention of unlawful practice of law in a multi-jurisdiction practice
  - Reporting notary fraud, notary fraud investigations
  - After-effect of notary investigations
- **Melissa Chavin** (DL), London, UK
  - **Scott Kozlov**, Director of UPL Litigation/Senior Counsel, Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission, Chicago, IL
  - **Nicholas Milissis\***, Branch Chief Fraud Detection National Security, Chicago IL
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## BROWN BAG LUNCH OPTIONAL DISCUSSION WITH THE EXPERTS

Business Round Table

Family Round Table

Litigation Round Table

## AFTERNOON TRACKS

1:15

EMPLOYMENT TRACK	FAMILY/HUMANITARIAN TRACK	LITIGATION TRACK
<p><b>1:15 to 2:15 p.m.</b> <b><u>Top PERM Issues in 2017</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of BALCA Cases</li> <li>• PERM Modernization and the New Administration</li> <li>• Audit and Denial Trends</li> <li>• Common Mistakes Made During the PERM Process</li> <li>• Strategies and Challenges in Prevailing Wage Requests</li> <li>• <b>Using Private Wage Surveys</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sarah K. Peterson</b> (DL), Minneapolis, MN</li> <li>• <b>Theresa Corcoran</b>, former AILA Chicago Chapter Chair, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Vince Lau</b>, Boston, MA</li> </ul>	<p><b>1:15 to 2:15 p.m.</b> <b><u>Advanced U Visas</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U Visas: 1. Crimes Arising in the Workplace; 2. Victims of UPL; and, 3. Hate Crimes</li> <li>• Parole for Derivatives Abroad</li> <li>• Travel for U Waitlist or U Visa Holders</li> <li>• U Visas as “admission” for 245(a) adjustment</li> <li>• U Visas and applicants subject to reinstatement of removal</li> <li>• 212(d)(3) Waivers in Proceedings</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lisa Palumbo</b> (DL), Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Amany Ezeldin</b>, USCIS Office of Public Engagement, USCIS Chicago, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Timothy Fallon</b>, New York, NY</li> </ul>	<p><b>1:15 to 2:30 p.m.</b> <b><u>Immigration Court</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motions Court and Strategies</li> <li>• Direct testimony and cross exam</li> <li>• Subpoenas and motions to compel government testimony</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kevin Raica</b> (DL), Chicago, IL -</li> <li>• <b>Ofelia Calderon</b>, Fairfax, VA</li> <li>• <b>Judge Eliza Klein</b>, Aurora, IL</li> <li>• <b>Christine Poarch</b>, Salem, VA</li> </ul>



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<p><b>2:15 to 3:15 p.m.</b> <b><u>Alternatives to PERM – NIWs, EB-1, EB-2</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Going straight to I-140</li> <li>• L-1A</li> <li>• NIWs for businesspeople and entrepreneurs &amp; <i>Matter of Dhanasar</i></li> <li>• Outstanding researchers for companies: where is the line</li> <li>• Schedule A – Group II</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lori Chesser</b> (DL), Des Moines, IA</li> <li>• <b>Leila Freijy</b>, Troy, MI</li> <li>• <b>Kyle Knapp</b>, Naperville, IL</li> <li>• <b>Jeff Joseph</b>, Aurora, CO</li> </ul>	<p><b>2:15 to 3:15 p.m.</b> <b><u>Advanced Naturalization</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• False Claims to U.S. Citizenship, and distinguishing purpose vs. benefit under <i>Matter of Richmond</i></li> <li>• Voter Registration and Voting</li> <li>• Inadmissible at time of being granted LPR Status</li> <li>• Naturalization for Military Members</li> <li>• Common Pitfalls: Voter Registration &amp; Voting; Tax Issues; Failure to Register for Selective Service</li> <li>• Filing and Asking for Prosecutorial Discretion</li> <li>• Delays in Adjudication &amp; Federal Court Review</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rich Hanus</b> (DL), Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Russell Abrutyn</b>, Berkley, MI</li> <li>• <b>Saba Baig</b>, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Margaret Stock</b>, Anchorage, AK</li> </ul>	<p><b>2:30 to 3:30 p.m.</b> <b><u>Circuit Court and BIA Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A review of recent and important to know cases affecting 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit practice and beyond</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amina Najib</b> (DL), Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Mark Fleming</b>, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Heather Drabek Prendergast</b>, Cleveland, OH</li> </ul>
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## 15 Minute BREAK

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<p><b>3:30 to 4:15 p.m.</b> <b><u>Trends to Watch for in Workforce Enforcement</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mechanics of an I-9 audit</li> <li>• I-9 Audit Trends</li> <li>• Potential Penalties in I-9 Program and OCAHO Review</li> <li>• Mechanics of H-1B LCA audit</li> <li>• WHD LCA Audit Trends</li> <li>• Potential Penalties in the LCA Program and ALJ/ARB Review</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marketa Lindt</b> (DL), AILA National Second Vice President, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Mary Pivec</b>, Washington, DC</li> <li>• <b>Bob White</b>, former AILA Chicago Chapter Chair, Schaumburg, IL</li> </ul>	<p><b>3:30 to 4:15 p.m.</b> <b><u>Waivers Practice (in a Post USCIS Guidance World)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy Manual Interpretation of Extreme Hardship</li> <li>• Expanded I-601A: broader eligibility criteria, criminal issues, no more “reason to believe” denials and screening for possible grounds for revocation</li> <li>• Approved I-601A Waiver and Inadmissibility Adjudication at the Consulate</li> <li>• Filing an I-212 Waiver Concurrently with an I-601 or I-601A</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Steven D. Heller</b>, London, UK</li> <li>• <b>Cathy Higgins-Mora</b>, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Laurel Scott</b>, Philadelphia, PA</li> </ul>	<p><b>3:45 to 5:00 p.m.</b> <b><u>Federal Court Panel</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habeas             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Administrative Removal and Expedited Removal</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Declaratory Judgment</li> <li>• Mandamus/APA Actions</li> <li>• Natz</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Justin Burton</b> (DL), former AILA Chicago Chapter Chair, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Craig Oswald</b>, AUSA, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Chuck Roth</b>, Chicago, IL</li> </ul>
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**4:15 to 5:00 p.m.**

**Alternatives to H-1Bs/What if no H's are available? (Advanced Panel)**

- Returning to School – CPT and OPT
- Challenges with Other Nonimmigrant Categories – E-3, E-1/2, J's, H-3s and O
- Free Trade Classifications – TN, H-1B1, L-1

Speakers

- **Scott Cooper** (DL), Madison, WI
- **Jonathan Moore**, Richmond, VA
- **Suzanne Seltzer**, New York, NY

**4:15 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Immigration & a New Administration: Preparing for the Unknown**

- Changes in Enforcement Priorities
- Heightened Inadmissibility Standards
- Is Registry a Reality for Muslim Clients?
- Community Organizing
- Safety Planning: Minor Children and Temporary Guardianships or Powers of Attorney, Estate Planning
- Know Your Rights: Counseling Clients

Speakers:

- **Mony Ruiz Velasco**, (DL), Melrose Park, IL
- **Genia Blaser**, New York, NY
- **Fred Tsao**, Chicago, IL

5:00  
to  
7:00

**Post-Conference AILA Reception and Networking**