The Chicago Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) is pleased to announce that its annual Midwest Regional Conference will be held in Chicago on Monday, March 11, 2019! The conference will cover administrative changes in immigration law and practice, employment-based immigration issues, consular issues, hot topics in litigation and more. The conference also includes 1.0 credit for professional responsibility.

Conference Chair: Erin Cobb  
Conference Vice-Chair: Bob White

Location:  
Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel  
221 North Columbus Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Monday, March 11, 2019  
7:45 AM to 5:00 PM  
(check-in starts at 7:15 AM)

REGISTER ONLINE:  
http://www.eiseverywhere.com/aila2019mrc

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2Requires signed statement from accredited law school certifying full-time student status.

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***Register 4 members from your firm and receive a 5th free registration!***

Registration will close on March 4, 2019. Absolutely no late registrations will be accepted. 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. The hardship waiver policy is available on the Chapter website at https://ailachicago.org/conferences/.

Notice: All 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 registration, 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.

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

The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) is the national association of over 15,000 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.
### OPENING REMARKS OF THE AILA CHICAGO CHAPTER CHAIR

Kristen Harris, Chicago, IL

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#### MORNING PLENARY SESSION

**8:00**

**Hot Topics**

- **Benjamin Johnson (DL)**, AILA Executive Director, Washington, DC
- **Marketa Lindt**, AILA National President-Elect, Chicago, IL
- **Anastasia Tonello**, AILA National President, New York, NY
- **Beth Werlin**, Executive Director, American Immigration Council, Washington, DC

**9:00**

**National Impact Litigation**

An update on class action lawsuits and impact litigation nationwide, including D/S Accrual of Unlawful Presence; new asylum standards & CFI/RFI delays; H-1B off-site employment; detention post-*Jennings*; TPS and more.

- **Jeremy McKinney** (DL), AILA National Treasurer, Greensboro, NC
- **Paul Hughes**, Washington, DC
- **Trina Realmuto**, Directing Attorney, American Immigration Council, Washington, DC
- **Jonathan Wasden**, Washington, DC

**10:00**

**BREAK**

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**10:15**

**Local Agency Conversation**

- **Nell Barker**, AILA Chicago Second Vice Chair, Chicago, IL
- **Mirash “Mick” Dedvukaj**, District Director, Great Lakes District, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Detroit, MI
- **Karen E. Lundgren**, Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Chicago, IL
- **Matthew S. Davies**, Area Port Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Chicago, IL
- **Kenneth Madsen**, Director, Chicago Asylum Office, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, Chicago, IL
- **KiKi Mosley**, AILA Chicago Asylum Liaison Committee Chair, Chicago, IL

**11:15**

**Ethics: How to Stay Sane in an Insane World**

Taking care of yourself in stressful times; recognizing and preventing burn-out and compassion fatigue; recognizing warning signs in friends and colleagues. *Applying for one hour of Illinois Mental Health/Substance Abuse Credit.*

- **Bethany Hoffman** (DL), Chicago, IL
- **Robin Belleau**, Executive Director, ILAP, Chicago, IL
- **Tish Vincent**, LJAP Program Administrator, State Bar of Michigan
- **Noelle McWard**, LCSW, Chicago, IL

*Invited, not yet confirmed
^Tentative confirmation
12:15 PM

**LUNCH**

Optional Roundtable Discussions with the Experts – Choose one:

- The Landscape of Immigration Law, with AILA Exec. Dir. Ben Johnson
- New H-1B Quota Challenges
- Employment-Based AOS Interview Update
- Dealing with H-1B/L-1 RFEs and Denials
- Detention at the Border
- Solo & Small Practice Firm Management
- Physician Roundtables
- Consular Processing Worldwide – Business
- Hurtles in Representing Consulting Companies
- E, L, O, and EB-1: When is it possible?
- Employment-based options for DACA, TPS & Undocumented
- Religious Workers
- Immigration Court Hot Topics
- Consular Processing Worldwide – Family
- BIA Late-Breaking Cases

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<td>PERM Issues and Trends; Wage &amp; Hour policies; Latest audit trends; BALCA trends; H-2 updates</td>
<td>Creative use of FOIA &amp; other requests for information; What to do with large redactions or exemptions; Challenging inaccurate information; Appealing; Introduction to FOIA litigation</td>
<td>A discussion of important decisions, including <em>Matter of Castro-Tum</em>, <em>Matter of S-O-G-</em> &amp; <em>F-D-B-</em>-, <em>Matter of Bermudez-Cota</em>, and other late-breaking cases, including federal court challenges to those decisions</td>
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| **2:15**         | Managing Bizarre U & VAWA RFEs & Denials | Putting it into Practice |
| Worksite Enforcement | Best practices to avoid an RFE; Responding to boilerplate RFEs, Responding to bizarre or just-plain-wrong RFEs; Dealing with denials | Motions practice, pre-hearing statements and briefs, and preserving the record; Immigration Court trends |
| I-9 Audit strategies and practical knowledge; Negotiating effectively for your client; Best practices for I-9 compliance; Conducting non-discriminatory internal audits; Raids: how to prepare & advise; DOJ IER scrutiny of I-9 practices | • Tess Feldman (DL), East Palo Alto, CA | • Saadia Siddique (DL), Chicago, IL |
| • Marketa Lindt (DL), AILA National President-Elect, Chicago, IL | • Lisa Palumbo, Chicago, IL | • Ava Benach, Washington, DC |
| • Andrew Karabetsos, Oakbrook Terrace, IL | • Sonia Parras Konrad, Des Moines, IA | • Sarah Owings, Atlanta, GA |
| • Kevin Lashus, Austin, TX | | • Rachel Yamamoto, Omaha, NE |
| • Paul Virtue, Washington, DC | | |

**3:15**

BREAK
### 3:30

**Admissibility & Removability for Business Practitioners**
F-1 and J-1 Unlawful presence; Immigration intent, the 90-day rule, and Imperfect Dual Intent; New NTAs policies; Consequences of overstay and unauthorized employment

- Scott Pollock (DL), Chicago, IL
- Robert Cohen, Columbus, OH
- Theresa Corcoran, Chicago, IL
- Jeff Joseph, Denver, CO

**Introduction to T visas**
What exactly is trafficking?; Who is eligible and what does it waive?; Screening for eligibility; Potential pitfalls; Procedure from filing to LPR

- Saba Baig (DL), Madison, WI
- Margaret Jennings, Wilmington, NC
- Helen Tarokić, Wilmington, NC

**Issues in Detention**
Deferred inspection to detention; working with criminal defense counsel; bond hearing with *Matter of M-G-G*; POCR

- Monica Eav Glicken (DL), Santa Ana, CA
- Hon. Eliza Klein (Ret.), Chicago, IL
- Liset Lefebvre, Dallas, TX
- Diana Rashid, Chicago, IL

### 4:15

**The Effects of Buy American, Hire American**
Consular implementation of BAHA; Preparing clients for backlash; USCIS implementation; B-1/B-2 proposed regulations; Effect on F-1 and STEM OPT

- Anastasia Tonello (DL), AILA National President, New York, NY
- Amanda Brill, London, UK
- Melissa Chavin, London, UK

**The New Public Charge**
Spotting issues early in the case; New forms, new processes; Handling a finding at a Consulate or a Field Office; Avoiding & overcoming most common pitfalls

- Michael Santomauro (DL), Chicago, IL
- Heather Prendergast, Cleveland, OH
- Susan Schreiber, Chicago, IL

**Social Group in Asylum**
Presenting PSG asylum claims after *Matter of A-B-*; preserving the record; winning arguments; effects on CFIs/RFIs

- Ashley Huebner (DL), Chicago, IL
- Blaine Bookey, San Francisco, CA
- Manoj Govindaiah, San Antonio, TX

### 5:00 PM

**Close of Conference**