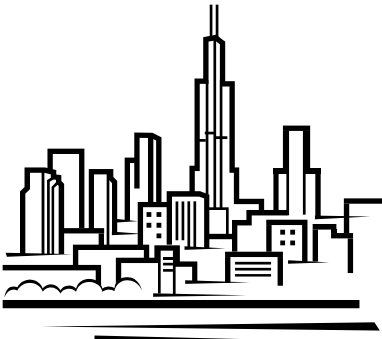




2018 Midwest Regional Conference

Monday, March 12, 2018 🍀 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 12, 2018! The full conference agenda follows on page 2. The conference also includes 1.0 credit for professional responsibility.



Conference Chair: Kristen Harris
Conference Vice-Chair: Theresa Corcoran

Location: Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel
221 North Columbus Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60601
Booking Link:
<https://www.radissonblu.com/reservation/itineraryEntrance.do?hotelCode=ILCHIAQU&promotionalCode=AILA18>
Promotional Code: AILA18

CLE Credit: 7.0 CLE hours, 1.0 of which is for professional responsibility. The conference will request CLE accreditation for Illinois and certain other states upon registration and request. Registrants from states other than Illinois requiring CLE credit should contact CLE Committee Chair Shelly Principe at spincipe@principeimmigrationlaw.com with their inquiries.

Special Room Rates available from Sunday, March 11, 2018 to Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Contact Ali Foster at 312-234-0105 with any issues.

Monday, March 12, 2018
7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(check-in starts at 7:15 a.m.)

REGISTER ONLINE: <http://www.etches.com/aila2018mrc>

Registration Fees Information	Before or on Feb. 12, 2018	On or after Feb. 13, 2018
AILA Chicago Chapter Member (or Member's Paralegal)	\$360	\$410
Non-Chicago Chapter AILA Member (or Member's Paralegal)	\$385	\$435
Nonmember ¹	\$460	\$505
Law Student ² or Representative of Accredited Non-Profit Organization ^{1&3}	\$170	\$230

¹**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" or "notarios".

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

³Requires signed statement from accredited non-profit organization certifying full-time employment.

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

Registration for the conference will close on **March 5, 2018**. 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, see this link for details: <https://ailachicago.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/AILA-Chicago-Affidavit-of-Financial-Hardship.pdf>.

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, 2018**, 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 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.

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OPENING REMARKS OF THE AILA CHICAGO CHAPTER CHAIR

Michael Jarecki, Chair, AILA Chicago Chapter, Chicago, IL

7:45
a.m.

MORNING TRACK

8:00 Hot Topics

- **Marketa Lindt** (DL), AILA National First Vice President, Chicago, IL
- **Anastasia Tonello**, AILA National President-Elect, New York, NY
- **Benjamin Johnson**, Executive Director, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Washington, DC

9:00 National Government Conversation

- **Jennifer Minear** (DL), AILA National Second Vice President, Richmond, VA
- **Rob Cohen**, AILA USCIS HQ Benefits Liaison Committee Chair, Columbus, OH
- **Betsy Lawrence**, AILA National Director of Government Relations, Washington, DC
- **Susan Im**, AILA Service Center Operations Liaison Committee Vice-Chair, Grand Rapids, MI

10:00

15 MINUTE BREAK

10:15 Local Agency Conversation

- **Nell Barker** (DL), AILA Chicago Chapter Secretary, Chicago, IL
- **Matthew Krizelman**, AILA/USCIS District Director Liaison Committee Co-Chair, Chicago, IL
- **Matthew S. Davies**, Port Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Chicago, IL
- **Bryan Christian**, Acting District Director, U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services, Chicago, IL
- **Karen Lundgren**, Chief Counsel, ICE Office of Chief Counsel, Chicago, IL
- **Manda Walters**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Community Liaison*
- **Judge Sheila McNulty**, Assistant Chief Immigration Judge, EOIR*

*invited

11:15 Ethics in the World of Extreme Vetting

- Social Media
- CBP Review of Cellphone/Laptop; Protecting our Clients Protecting Themselves
- Changes to Adjustment of Status Application and Process

- **Melissa Chavin** (DL), London, UK
- **Jeff Joseph**, Aurora, CO
- **Reid Trautz**, AILA National, Director of Practice and Professionalism, Washington, D.C.



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LUNCH: OPTIONAL DISCUSSION WITH SUBJECT MATTER LEADERS on HOT TOPICS IN IMMIGRATION LAW

12:15 p.m. ***Grab your boxed lunch and pick a table to ask a question or join the discussion!

Topics to be determined. Potential topics include:

- Challenging Violations of the Trust Act Under Illinois Law
- I-485 Problem Solving
- Immigration Court Primer
- Conrad 30 J Waivers
- Affidavits of Support
- General Family Immigration Law
- Filing Complaints for UPL
- Using media to assist clients--strategies
- How to screen for S & T visas
- I-9 Audits and the Aftermath
- General Business Immigration

AFTERNOON TRACKS

	EMPLOYMENT TRACK	FAMILY/HUMANITARIAN TRACK	LITIGATION TRACK
1:15	<p>1:15 to 2:15 p.m.</p> <p>2018 Top PERM and LCA Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current PERM Audit and Denial Trends • Managing Current Prevailing Wage Issues • Key BALCA Decisions to Assist in Overcoming PERM Denials and Erroneous PWDs • WHD LCA Enforcement Priorities • Reviewing LCA Issues <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vince Lau (DL), AILA/USDOL Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Boston, MA • Sarah Peterson, AILA/USDOL Liaison Committee Chair, Minneapolis, MN • Bob White, AILA/USDOL Liaison Committee Member, Schaumburg, IL 	<p>1:15 to 2:15 p.m.</p> <p>Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue – Advanced Topics in Family-Based Immigration Part 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Forms Update • Discovery and Due Diligence – Risk Management for Yourself and Your Client <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FOIAs and Prior Visa Fraud ○ UPL Wild Card • Practice Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Time Management ○ Preparedness <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiroko Kusada (DL), New Orleans, LA • Lisette Lavergne, Los Angeles, CA • John Shine, Brookfield, IL 	<p>1:15 to 2:15 p.m.</p> <p>Hot Topics in Detention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rodriguez</i> Bonds Outside of 9th Cir. • Detention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bond review ○ Continuances ○ Challenging scenarios • Challenges When Bond Denied or Not Eligible for Bond <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tess Feldman (DL), Community Legal Services, East Palo Alto, CA • Genevra Alberti, Kansas City, MO • Aaron Hall, Aurora, CA

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2:15	<p>2:15 to 3:15 p.m.</p> <p><u>The Road Less Traveled: Alternatives to Perm, including Litigation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIWs & <i>Dhanasar</i> update • L-1A & I-140 • Recent Trends with Extraordinary Ability & Outstanding Researcher Petitions <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rita Sostrin (DL), Los Angeles, CA • Suzanne Seltzer, New York, NY • Bill Schiller, Chicago, IL • Katie Jacob, Cincinnati, OH 	<p>2:15 to 3:15 p.m.</p> <p><u>Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue – Advanced Topics in Family Based Immigration Part 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grounds of Inadmissibility • Lessons from CDJ • Preparing Your Clients for Issuance of an NTA • New Developments <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirley Sadjadi (DL), Elgin, IL • Laurel Scott, Philadelphia, PA • Heather Prendergast, AILA/Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Liaison Committee Chair, Cleveland, OH 	<p>2:15 to 3:15 p.m.</p> <p><u>Determining Aggravated Felonies and Crimes of Violence in light of U.S. Supreme Court cases and Circuit Court precedent</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggravated Felony Determinations since <i>Nijhawan</i> in 7th, 8th & 9th Circuits (National litigation w/ local application) • Pending national litigation on categorical approach <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin M. Crabtree (DL), Oakland, CA • Raymond Bolourtchi, St. Louis, MO • Chuck Roth, NIJC, Chicago, IL
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3:15

15 Minute BREAK

3:30	<p>3:30 to 4:15 p.m.</p> <p><u>Advanced H-1B and NIV (Consular) Practice; Preserving issues for litigation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1 wage RFEs one year later • Specialty occupation challenges • Advising clients in advance about potential challenges to cases “on the cusp” of H-1B classification • Tips for preserving the record for litigation/pre-litigation strategies • Strategies for Adverse Consular Adjudications in Business Immigration Cases <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beata Leja (DL), Chicago, IL • Eric Ledbetter, Chicago, IL • Leslie Dellon, American Immigration Council, Washington, D.C. 	<p>3:30 to 4:15 p.m.</p> <p><u>Consular Practice in the New Era</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent trends at consulates • Navigating the ever-changing travel ban • Preparing clients for interviews with social media in mind • Consular action after visa approval • Third country national processing <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy Higgins-Mora (DL), Wheeling, IL • Steven Heller, East Sussex, United Kingdom • Heather Segal, Toronto, Canada 	<p>3:30 to 4:15 p.m.</p> <p><u>Expedited Removal: Issues Under the New Administration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear of return • Reasonable fear vs. credible fear • Motions to Reopen/Rescind • Challenges for judicial review • Potential expansion of Expedited Removal • Basic overview of reinstatement • Challenges for judicial review <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristin Macleod-Ball (DL), American Immigration Council, Washington, D.C. • Claudia Valenzuela, NIJC, Chicago, IL • Anne Relias, Chicago, IL
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We'll See You In Court! Challenging Denials Through Litigation

- Recent trends ripe for litigation
- To sue or not to sue
- Drafting & serving a complaint
- Responding to Motions to Dismiss & Summary Judgment
- Preparing for oral argument
- Trends in government's response to litigation

Speakers

- **Leslie Dellon** (DL), American Immigration Council, Washington, D.C.
- **Noelia Rodriguez**, Chicago, IL
- **Scott Pollock**, Chicago, IL

4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

Central American and Mexican Clients

- SIJ
- Asylum Updates
- TPS Rumors
- CAM and requesting parole

Speakers

- **Katie Vannucci** (DL), Chicago, IL
- **Manoj Govandaiah**, San Antonio, TX
- **David Thronson**, Lansing, MI

4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

Federal Court Update and 1326(d) Challenges

- Trends for challenges to prior removal orders under 18 USC 1326(d) in illegal reentry prosecutions
- Recent decisions and critical issues before the U.S. Supreme Court and Circuit Courts of Appeals
- Emerging trends in state and federal FOIA litigation

Speakers

- **Maria Baldini-Potermin** (DL), Chicago, IL
- **Andrew Free**, Nashville, TN
- **Kari Converse**, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Albuquerque, NM*
- **Sejal Zota**, National Immigration Project, Durham, NC*
- **Mark Fleming**, NIJC, Chicago, IL *

*invited