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
Promotional Code: AILA18
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.)

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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

### 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 Kriezelman**, 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

***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

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**2018 Top PERM and LCA Issues**

- 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

**Speakers**

- **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

**Hot Topics in Detention**

- **Rodriguez** Bonds Outside of 9th Cir.
- Detention
  - Bond review
  - Continuances
  - Challenging scenarios
- Challenges When Bond Denied or Not Eligible for Bond

**Speakers**

- **Tess Feldman** (DL), Community Legal Services, East Palo Alto, CA
- **Genevra Alberti**, Kansas City, MO
- **Aaron Hall**, Aurora, CA

**Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue – Advanced Topics in Family-Based Immigration Part 1**

- New Forms Update
- Discovery and Due Diligence – Risk Management for Yourself and Your Client
  - FOIAs and Prior Visa Fraud
  - UPL Wild Card
- Practice Management
  - Time Management
  - Preparedness

**Speakers**

- **Hiroko Kusada** (DL), New Orleans, LA
- **Lisette Lavergne**, Los Angeles, CA
- **John Shine**, Brookfield, IL
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<td>• Rita Sostrin (DL), Los Angeles, CA&lt;br&gt;• Suzanne Seltzer, New York, NY&lt;br&gt;• Bill Schiller, Chicago, IL&lt;br&gt;• Katie Jacob, Cincinnati, OH</td>
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<td>Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue – Advanced Topics in Family Based Immigration Part 2</td>
<td>• Shirley Sadjadi (DL), Elgin, IL&lt;br&gt;• Laurel Scott, Philadelphia, PA&lt;br&gt;• Heather Prendergast, AILA/Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Liaison Committee Chair, Cleveland, OH</td>
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<td>Determining Aggravated Felonies and Crimes of Violence in light of U.S. Supreme Court cases and Circuit Court precedent</td>
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<td>Advanced H-1B and NIV (Consular) Practice; Preserving issues for litigation</td>
<td>• Beata Leja (DL), Chicago, IL&lt;br&gt;• Eric Ledbetter, Chicago, IL&lt;br&gt;• Leslie Dellon, American Immigration Council, Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>Consular Practice in the New Era</td>
<td>• Cathy Higgins-Mora (DL), Wheeling, IL&lt;br&gt;• Steven Heller, East Sussex, United Kingdom&lt;br&gt;• Heather Segal, Toronto, Canada</td>
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<td>Expedited Removal: Issues Under the New Administration</td>
<td>• Kristin Macleod-Ball (DL), American Immigration Council, Washington, D.C.&lt;br&gt;• Claudia Valenzuela, NIJC, Chicago, IL&lt;br&gt;• Anne Relias, Chicago, IL</td>
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| 4:15 to 5:00 p.m. | **We’ll See You In Court! Challenging Denials Through Litigation** | • Leslie Dellon (DL), American Immigration Council, Washington, D.C.  
• Noelia Rodriguez, Chicago, IL  
• Scott Pollock, Chicago, IL |
|              | **Central American and Mexican Clients**          | • Katie Vannucci (DL), Chicago, IL  
• Manoj Govandaiah, San Antonio, TX  
• David Thronson, Lansing, MI |
|              | **Federal Court Update and 1326(d) Challenges**   | • Maria Baldini-Potermín (DL), Chicago, IL  
• Andrew Free, Nashville, TN  
• Kari Converse, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Albuquerque, NM*  
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