



# 2015 Midwest Regional Conference

Monday, March 9, 2015 🍀 Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel 🍀 221 North Columbus Drive 🍀 Chicago, Illinois 60601

The Chicago Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association is pleased to announce that its annual Midwest Regional Conference will be held in Chicago on Monday, March 9, 2015! The conference will cover administrative and legislative changes in immigration law and practice, employment-based immigration issues (including PERM and BALCA updates, I-9 compliance, and options for investors and entrepreneurs), consular issues, updates on U visas and Humanitarian Parole for U-derivatives, and SIJS, issues facing students, and hot topics in litigation (including federal court and BIA updates, strategies for challenging the orders in Immigration Court, and considerations for administrative relief). The conference also includes 1.0 credit for professional responsibility.



Conference Chair: Olga Rojas  
Conference Vice-Chair: Ian Wagreich

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

Monday, March 9, 2015  
7:45 AM to 5:00 PM  
(check-in starts at 7:15 AM)

**CLE Credit:** 7.0 CLE hours, 1.0 of which is for professional responsibility. The conference will be seeking 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 Pawel Boruch at [Boruchlaw@gmail.com](mailto:Boruchlaw@gmail.com).

REGISTER ONLINE: <http://www.etches.com/aila2015mrc>

Registration Fees Information	Before Feb. 23, 2015	On or after Feb. 23, 2015
AILA Chicago Chapter Member (or Member's Paralegal)	\$295	\$345
Any other AILA Member (or Member's Paralegal)	\$320	\$370
Nonmember <sup>1</sup>	\$395	\$445
Law Student <sup>2</sup> or Representative of Accredited Non-Profit Organization <sup>1&amp;3</sup>	\$145	\$195

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<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.

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

Registration for the conference will close on March 3, 2015. 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 Olga Rojas at [olgarojasesq@gmail.com](mailto:olgarojasesq@gmail.com).

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.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received by February 23, 2015, entitle registrants to a full refund (less \$50.00 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.**

The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) is the national association of over 11,000 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 38 chapters and over 50 national committees.

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## OPENING REMARKS OF THE AILA CHICAGO CHAPTER CHAIR

**Kathryn R. Weber**, Scott D. Pollock & Associates, Chicago, IL

	MORNING TRACK	BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS
8:00	<p><b>Hot Topics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paul L. Zulkie (DL)</b>, President of AIC &amp; AILA Past President, Zulkie Partners LLC, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Leslie A. Holman</b>, AILA National President, Holman Immigration Law, Burlington, VT</li> <li>• <b>Crystal Williams</b>, Executive Director, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Washington, DC</li> <li>• <b>Melissa Crow</b>, Legal Director, American Immigration Council, Washington, DC</li> </ul>	<p><b>Discussion of Executive Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Carlina Tapia-Ruano (DL)</b>, AILA Past President, Tapia-Ruano &amp; Gunn P.C., Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Steve Navarre</b>, Navarre Law Firm, Chicago, IL.</li> </ul>
8:45	<p><b>Intergovernmental Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marketa Lindt (DL)</b>, AILA National Secretary, Sidley &amp; Austin, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Lucas Guttentag</b>, Senior Counselor to Director Leon Rodriguez, USCIS, Washington, DC</li> <li>• <b>Juan Osuna</b>, Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Washington, DC</li> <li>• <b>Margaret Gleason</b>, Senior Advisor, DHS-CIS Ombudsman's Office, Washington, DC</li> <li>• <b>Riah Ramlogan</b>, Acting Principal Legal Advisor, ICE, Washington, DC</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tax and Social Security Issues for the Immigration Practitioner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Esther Contreras</b>, Masuda, Funai, Eifert &amp; Mitchell, Ltd., Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Cameron R. Monti</b>, Howard &amp; Howard Attorneys PLLC, Chicago IL</li> </ul>
9:30	<p><b>Local Government Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kathryn R. Weber (DL)</b>, AILA Chicago Chapter Chair, Scott Pollock and Associates, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Thomas Cioppa</b>, District Director, Chicago District Office, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Karen E. Lundgren</b>, Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Joseph Kolb</b>, Program Manager, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Matthew S. Davies</b>, Port Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Ricardo Wong</b>, Field Office Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, ICE, Chicago, IL (invited)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Employment-based Immigration Experts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Robert White</b>, Masuda, Funai, Eifert &amp; Mitchell, Ltd., Schaumburg, IL</li> <li>• <b>Susan M. MacLean</b>, Zulkie Partners, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Tracy Schauff</b>, Fragomen Del Rey, Bernsen &amp; Loewy, LLP, Troy, MI</li> </ul>

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## Service Center Updates

- **Betsy Lawrence (DL)**, Director, Liaison and Information, AILA, Washington, DC
- **Alexis Axelrad, Chair**, AILA Vermont Service Center Liaison Committee, Barst, Mukamal & Kleiner LLP, New York, NY
- **Dagmar Butte**, Chair, AILA Nebraska Service Center Liaison Committee, Parker Butte & Lane, P.C., Portland, OR
- **Susanne B. Seltzer**, Chair, AILA Service Center Operations Liaison Committee, Seltzer Firm, PLLP, New York, NY
- **Marjorie Baltazar**, AILA California Service Center Liaison Committee, Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, IL

## Litigation Experts: Practical Advice before EOIR

- **Justin Burton**, Kriezelman, Burton & Associates, LLC, Chicago, IL
- **Lisa Koop**, National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL

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## The Ethics of Administrative Relief and Group Presentations

Confidentiality; Ethical considerations upon the announcement of Executive Action; Group presentations, nonprofit events & assistance: Is it representation or not?; Recent updates on BIA Accreditation

- **Leah Duckett (DL)**, Law Offices of Robert D. Ahlgren & Associates, P.C., Chicago, IL
- **James Grogan**, Chief of Litigation and Professional Education, Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, Chicago, IL
- **Sioban Albiol**, DePaul College of Law Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic, Chicago, IL
- **Annaluisa Padilla**, AILA National Second Vice President, Law Office of Annaluisa Padilla, La Habra, CA

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**LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNCIL**  
Honoring Billy Lawless: Irish immigrant and restaurateur, he owns The Gage, Acanto and The Dawson, and is a tireless advocate for immigrant rights



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## AFTERNOON ADVANCED & SPECIALTY TRACKS

	EMPLOYMENT TRACK	FAMILY TRACK	LITIGATION TRACK
1:45	<p><b>Update on Compliance/Audit Issues</b> I-9 audits &amp; I-9's for newly employment authorized employees; DACA/Deferred Action; DOL Wage and Hour; Where DHS goes, DOL goes also: an interdisciplinary perspective on compliance and audit issues, DOL litigation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tejas Shah (DL)</b>, Franczek, Radelet, P.C., Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Mary E. Pivec</b>, Ford Harrison, LLP Washington, DC</li> <li>• <b>Sharon Mehlman</b>, Vice Chair of AILA's Verification and Worksite Enforcement Committee, Mehlman Barnes, LLP, San Diego, CA.</li> <li>• <b>Kevin Lashus</b>, Jackson Lewis, P.C. Austin, TX</li> </ul>	<p><b>NVC &amp; Consular Processing Updates, including I-601A waivers and CEAC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cathy Higgins-Mora (DL)</b>, Law Office of Cathy Higgins-Mora, Wheeling, IL</li> <li>• <b>Philip Slattery</b>, Director, National Visa Center, Portsmouth, NH</li> <li>• <b>Jerry Grzeca</b>, Grzeca Law Group, S.C., Milwaukee, WI</li> <li>• <b>Shirley Sadjadi</b>, Law Offices of Shirley Sadjadi PC, Elgin, IL.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Federal Court and BIA Updates</b> Seventh Circuit update and trends. National Litigation update and trends around the U.S., including Supreme Court and BIA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maria Baldini-Potermin (DL)</b>, Maria Baldini-Potermin &amp; Associates, P.C., Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Thomas Moseley</b>, Thomas E. Moseley, Newark, NJ</li> <li>• <b>Ilyce Shugall</b>, Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, CA</li> </ul>
2:45	<p><b>Alternatives to H1B</b> E-1 Treaty Trader/E-2 Treaty Investor, J-1/H-3 training visas, new office L-1; F-1 OPT &amp; Stem, expanded OPT due to administrative action and other business-related Executive Actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Robert H. Cohen</b>, Vice Chair of USCIS Benefits Committee, Porter Wright Morris &amp; Arthur LLP, Columbus, OH</li> <li>• <b>Allen Orr</b>, Orr Immigration Law Firm, Washington, DC</li> <li>• <b>Cyrus D. Mehta</b>, Cyrus D. Mehta &amp; Associates, New York, NY</li> </ul>	<p><b>DAPA &amp; Expanded Deferred Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Derek Strain (DL)</b>, Minsky, McCormick &amp; Hallagan, P.C., Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Mony Ruiz-Velasco</b>, Law Offices of Mony Ruiz-Velasco, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Karolyn Talbert</b>, National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Fred Tsao</b>, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR), Chicago, IL</li> </ul>	<p><b>Litigation and Prosecutorial Discretion Requests to OCC, ERO and OPLA</b> Emergency motions for stays of removal before ICE, ERO, BIA and Seventh Circuit. Requests for prosecutorial discretion to issue Notices to Appear in Chicago, to join motions to reopen and/or administrative closure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kathleen M. Vannucci (DL)</b>, Law Offices of Robert D. Ahlgren &amp; Associates, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Juan Osuna</b>, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Washington, DC</li> <li>• <b>Riah Ramlogan</b>, Acting Principal Legal Advisor, Washington, DC</li> <li>• <b>Heather Prendergast</b>, National AILA-ICE liaison, Leopold &amp; Associates, P.C. Cleveland, OH</li> </ul>

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## PERM/I-140/I-140 Updates

Section K updates; Executive Action effects on priority date movements; The latest news on prevailing wages: Why are they so high?; travel requirements; updates on I-140 litigation

- **Pamela Partenheimer Mick (DL)**, Chair of the AILA National DOL Liaison Committee, Partenheimer Mick Immigration Law, LLC, Chicago, IL
- **Diana C. Bauerle**, Berry, Appleman & Leiden, LLP, San Francisco, CA
- **Bennett Savitz**, Savitz Law Offices, P.C., Boston, MA
- **David Ware**, Ware Gasparian, Metairie, LA

## Humanitarian Relief

SIJS, U AOS for U derivatives who enter after U visa approval, Humanitarian parole for U derivatives

- **Alexandra Vanessa Fung (DL)**, National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL
- **Sara Dady**, Dady & Hoffmann LLC, Rockford, IL
- **Elizabeth Koziol**, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- **M. Olivia Villegas**, Life Span Center for Legal Services and Advocacy, Chicago, IL

## Removal Orders without the Right to a Full Immigration Court Hearing: Strategies for Challenging the Orders and Considerations for Administrative Relief

Final administrative removal orders (FARO) under INA 238(b), expedited removal orders, reinstatement of removal orders, other options, including reasonable fear interviews.

- **Geoff Heeren (DL)**, Valparaiso University Law School, Valparaiso, IN
- **Stephen Manning**, Immigrant Law Group, P.C., Portland, OR
- **Claudia Valenzuela**, National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL

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**Post-conference reception will be held in the Foyer directly outside of the main conference rooms.**

*AILA has secured a block of hotel rooms at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel for the nights of Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. The room price is \$179 per night. Use this link [American Immigration Lawyers Booking Link](#) and use Promotional Code: **IMMIGR** or call the hotel directly at 312-565-5258 to reserve a room in this block.*