

AILA Chicago Chapter - Spring Ethics Conference

May 21, 2021
Presented Virtually
8:30 am to 1:00 pm

8:30 am – 8:45 am: **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

8:45 am to 9:45 am: **Substance Abuse Issues in the Legal Profession**

A recent study from the American Bar Association Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs found that attorneys are at a higher rate for alcohol abuse than all other professionals. For those struggling with substance abuse, it not only can affect their health and work, but may also impact their professional responsibility obligations. This discussion will focus on how lawyers can recognize substance abuse in themselves and others, and strategies for seeking help for oneself, and for a colleague who may be in trouble.

Speakers:

*Stephanie Villinski, Deputy Director of Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism
Katie Bellamy, MA, LCPC, BC-DMT, Substance Misuse Prevention Specialist; Office of Health Promotion and Wellness, DePaul University
Guida Brown, Executive Director, Hope Council on Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse*

9:45 am – 10:45 am: **Ethics Under the Biden Administration**

This panel will discuss the ethics and professional responsibility issues that can arise when changing Presidential administrations. The panelists will discuss fast changing policies, changing how you advise clients, midstream policy and/or adjudication changes, as well as a lawyer's obligations and responsibilities in relation to competency, due diligence, and management of client expectations in the face of disparate approaches to immigration.

Speakers:

*Reid Trautz, AILA National, Senior Director, Practice and Professional Center
Michele Carny, Carney & Marchi, P.S., Seattle, Washington, AILA National Ethics Committee
Nneka Umeh, Quarles & Brady LLP, Chicago, IL
Mary K. Neal, Law Office of Mary K. Neal, Chicago, IL*

10:45 am – 11:00 am: **Break**

11:00 am – 12:00 pm: **Succession Planning for All**

The pandemic reminded many firm owners of the essential function of succession planning to protect their clients, colleagues, and family in the event of the lawyer's disability/death or the sale of the practice. This panel will discuss the ethical implications of an effective plan including written instructions regarding client information and transition, business accounts, current liabilities, and compensation.

Speakers:

*John Cesario, Senior Counsel, ARDC-Chicago
Bernard Henry, Rieck & Crotty, Chicago, IL
Ruby Powers, Powers Law Group, Houston, TX*

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: **Scope of Representation Issues**

With the constant changes in immigration during the last presidential administration, in addition to the current administration's undoing of many of those restrictive policies, it can be difficult to keep track of how we need to advise our clients in their immigration cases. This panel will help immigration practitioners identify the extent to which they need to keep their clients informed about changes in immigration law and avenues of available relief, as well as providing tips on how to keep track of those changes. Furthermore, it will examine ethical ways of advertising services to former clients and others who may be eligible for expanded immigration remedies.

Speakers:

Zachary Nightingale, Van Der Hout, San Francisco, CA
Sui Chung, Immigration Law & Litigation Group, Miami, FL
**Meghan Moore, Avanti Law Group, Wyoming, MI*
**Farshad Owji, Owji Law Group, San Francisco, CA*

**Invited*

Register Online:

<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=616170&>

Registration Fee Information:

AILA Members & their staff	\$165
Non-members & their staff*	\$240

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.”

No phone, fax, or mail registrations will be accepted. All registrations, including payment, must be completed through our online registration system: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=616170&>

In accordance with Illinois MCLE requirements, a hardship waiver is available. Please find the guidelines and application at <https://ailachicago.org/conferences/> and contact Elizabeth Rompf Bruen at erompfbruen@drbimmigration.com to apply no later than May 14, 2021.

Registration closes Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 11:59 PM.

Notice:

All registrations are subject to acceptance. Registration date is determined by the 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 they are 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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Cancellations received by May 19, 2021, 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 May 19, 2021, but registrants may still receive conference materials electronically.

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

All panels will be available online after the conference concludes.

Thank you to our Spring Ethics Conference Planning Committee for all their hard work in organizing this great event!

Jake Kanyusik and Nicole Minnis, *Ethics Committee Chairs*

Elizabeth Rompf Bruen, *Executive Board Representative*

Tu Castillo, Jenny Grobelski, Angela Hernandez, and Shelly Principe, *Ethics Committee Members*

