

New Members Division met at 11:15 a.m.

NMD Topic: I-9 Audits

Speaker: Ryan Helgeson, VedderPrice

Educational Presentation: TPS and Adjustment: Challenges, Victories, and Pending Litigation

Speaker: David Wilson and Brittan Bakken, Wilson Law Group

- I. Educational presentation
 - a. Reviewed cases pending throughout the country
 - b. ZRCC – at the end they state that they will treat everything as parole
 - i. Has opportunities to push back on CIS
 - c. Should file adjustment while in TPS status to file under status quo but there is an argument that once "admitted" under TPS always admitted
 - d. 1st circuit case 20-1510 out of first circuit
 - e. They are willing to help with filing a TPS based adjustment lawsuit

- II. New Business
 - a. BOG Update – Nell Barker
 - i. Spoke about recent meeting
 - ii. Went over pending litigation that AILA is involved in
 - iii. PWD issue will be challenged
 - iv. 14 regs have been issued since June
 - v. 60 practice alerts
 - vi. Revenue was down significantly
 1. AILA has a hiring freeze (13% lower staff levels)
 2. They've identified 1 million in savings
 3. Projecting a 235k deficit for 2020

 - b. Immigrants List – Nell Barker
 - i. Wildly successful we raised <15k
 - ii. Chapter put forward 10k for the effort
 - iii. Roy Berg spoke thanking Chapter for efforts

 - c. Partnership Grants – Nell Barker
 - i. Received grant requests
 - ii. We will come back in November with those awards

 - d. MRC Recap– Katie Vannucci
 - i. ~300 attendees
 - ii. 25 speakers from across the country

- iii. Thank you to cochairs and committee
- iv. You can still view the sessions on the website by Wednesday
- v. Materials are temporarily down but will be back up and live sometime today
- vi. Make sure you report CLE credits by Nov 1

e. Cook County Public Defender's Office – Erin Cobb

- i. Hena Mansoori is now working with the PDs office
- ii. We will invite her to come and talk within the next month or two

III. Committee Reports

a. Law Students – Rudy Monterrosa

- i. Lunch panel with each of the law schools
- ii. If you are an alum of one of the law schools reach out to the committee if you'd like to present
- iii. Zoom event being planned for the spring
- iv. Mentorship is still being developed (career mentorship)
- v. If you know of a law student who would like to get involved further
 - 1. Encourage them to join as law student member
- vi. Nell stated that law student members can now join for free until Jan

b. Asylum– Amanda Crews Slezak

- i. Interim final rule went into effect – required to use USCIS interpreter now
- ii. Questions were sent to asylum office
- iii. They are trying to plan a meeting for the future

c. Media – Fiona McEntee and Alex George

- i. If you would like to participate in voting initiative send a photo to Media along with why you vote
- ii. ailasocialmedia@gmail.com
- iii. They've been very busy with the media inquiries
- iv. Keep an eye on AILA Chicago social media on facebook and twitter
- v. If you want to help takeover social media handle – let them know they would like volunteers

d. District Director - Kate Radder

- i. USCIS has issued another extension for deadlines to respond – 60 days more on all responses. Any notices requests or decisions from March 1 to Jan 1, 2021.

- ii. Liaison submitted a week ago a list of military pip cases
- iii. They have been reaching out to leadership to express issues that people have been facing
- iv. Still no formal responses

e. Advocacy – Kelli Fennell

- i. AILA has a tracking page on the website which tells all the new DHS policies
- ii. Practice advisory has been circulated
- iii. If you have an update as to a new contact person let advocacy committee know

f. Secretary of State – Olga Rojas

- i. Drivers licenses are extended until Feb 1, 2021
- ii. If they don't have an expired DL they will be turned away
- iii. Offices are closed on and off so check the website before going there
- iv. Send email to Olga Rojas or Cristina Murdoch with any questions for SOS committee

IV. Meeting adjourned

Gretchen Ekerdt began practicing immigration law in Chicago in 2011 and joined Kempster, Corcoran, Quiceno & Lenz-Calvo, Ltd. in 2017. Ms. Ekerdt's focus on immigration law includes family and employment cases, as well as removal defense. She was recognized as an Emerging Lawyer in immigration law by Leading Lawyers in 2018, and selected by Super Lawyers as a 2019 Illinois Rising Star. While in college, Ms. Ekerdt studied in León, Spain. During law school, she interned at the National Immigrant Justice Center and the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender.



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Biography

Gregory Chen is Director of Government Relations for the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). Prior to joining AILA in 2010, Greg worked for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. He came to Washington, D.C. after spending five years in San Francisco at Legal Services for Children representing children in immigration matters as well as child welfare, juvenile delinquency, and education law proceedings. He is a graduate of Harvard College and NYU Law School and clerked for the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. Greg has testified before the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and is regularly quoted in major print media or on national news broadcasts.

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11/2/2020	Johnson	XXXX	XXXX	Prillaman	XXXX	Steed	XXXX	XXXX	Alexopoulos	Fleming	XXXX	Keeley	Greene	Zeld	Grover	Lonquist	Corcoran
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