

## AILA Chicago Fall Family & Removal Conference

### *Resilience and Reinvention*

#### *Addressing Challenges and Change in the U.S. Immigration System*

October 29, 2021  
Presented Virtually  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

9:00 - 10:15 am:

**Beyond the BIA**

- Petitions for Review
- Creative Motions to Reopen/Reconsider
- Prosecutorial Discretion and Joint Motions to Reopen
- Clients that Cannot be Removed

*Speakers:*

*Shannon Shepherd, Immigration Attorneys, LLP, Chicago, IL (DL)*  
*Brad Baniyas, Wasden Baniyas, AILA National High Impact Litigation Committee, Charleston, SC*  
*Davorin Odracic – Odracic Law Group, LLC, Milwaukee, WI*  
*Lauren McClure – Krizelman Burton & Associates, LLC, Chicago, IL*

10:15 - 10:30 am:

**Break**

10:30 am to 11:45pm:

**Consular Processing: Pitfalls and How to Prevent Them**

- Screening for Pitfalls (Intake; FOIA's)
- Difference between Expedited removal and catch/release
- Reason to Believe Determination (Gang/Drug Trafficking)
- National Interest Exemptions
- Medical Refusals
- Testing positive for marijuana
- Inconsistent consulates

*Speakers:*

*Kate Radder, Law Offices of Shirley Sadjadi, Elgin, IL*  
*Heather Drabek Prendergast, Aljijakli, Kosseff & Prendergast, LLC, Cleveland, OH*  
*R. Andrew Free, Law Office of R. Andrew Free, Nashville, TN*  
*Michael Ibrahim, Ibrahim Law Office, LLC, Chicago, IL*

11:45 am - 12:15 pm

**Lunch Break**

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm:

**Navigating the Pinball Game of Asylum**

- Gender & Gang-Based Asylum in the Biden Administration
- Funky Procedural Postures including the Mendez Rojas Class Settlement; Jurisdictional Issues with Late Filed NTAs; and Migrant Protection Protocols
- Prosecutorial Discretion in lieu of Asylum

*Speakers:*

*Kathryn Weber, Scott D. Pollock & Associates, P.C., AILA National Asylum, Chicago, IL (DL)*  
*Lisa Koop, National Immigrant Justice Center, Goshen, Indiana*  
*Uzoamaka Emeka Nzelibe, Northwestern Bluhm Legal Clinic, Chicago, IL*  
*Nicole Hallett, University of Chicago Immigrants' Rights Clinic, Chicago, IL*

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm:

**Break**

1:45 - 3:00 pm: Unique Adjustment of Status Strategies

- Widow/Widower Petitions
- Merging Family and Employment Options
- Creative 245(i)
- VAWA
- SIJS
- Overcoming 204(c) findings

*Speakers:*

*Cathy Higgins-Mora, Law Office of Cathy Higgins-Mora, Wheeling, IL (DL)*

*Lia Kim-Yi, North Suburban Legal Aid, Highland Park, IL*

*Jenny Grobelski, Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors, Chicago, IL*

*Margaret O'Donoghue, Law Offices of Robert D. Ahlgren and Associates, Chicago, IL*

**Register Online:**  
<https://na.eventscloud.com/646331>

Registration Fee Information:

	<b>By October 27, 2021</b>
<b>AILA Members &amp; their staff</b>	<b>\$199</b>
<b>Non-members &amp; their staff*</b>	<b>\$324</b>

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Registration closes Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 11:59 PM.

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

**All panels will be available online after the conference concludes.**

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