

## AILA Chicago Fall Employment Conference

### *Breaking Down Barriers*

#### *Innovative Strategies in U.S. Employment-Based Immigration*

November 19, 2021  
Presented Virtually  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

9:00 - 10:15 am:

#### **International Update: What is the state of global immigration in 2021?**

- Border updates
- Health requirements for international travel
- NIE update
- Post travel ban - Where are the bottlenecks?
- Department of State update on visa issuance and backlogs
- Alternatives to U.S. Immigration: countries favorable to global nomads & where people are being parked

#### ***Speakers:***

*Ellen Freeman, Ellen Freeman Immigration Law Group PLLC, Pittsburgh, PA*

*Chris Richardson, Cooper Richardson P.A., Greenville, SC*

*Ana Maria Tyrrell, Fragomen, Chicago, IL*

*Molly McGregor, Publicis Groupe, Boston, MA*

10:15 - 10:30 am:

#### **Break**

10:30 am to 11:45pm:

#### **Fasten your Seatbelts: Legislative, Litigation and Policy Updates**

- H-1B specialty occupation rule
- H-2B proposed legislation
- H-4 and L-2 EAD class action
- CSPA class action (NAKKA)
- Use of petitions for writs of mandamus for EAD issuance
- Flexibility in I-9 documentation during pandemic
- OPT consent order and updates
- Class action for EB-5 delays
- Schedule A
- Reconciliation bill

#### ***Speakers:***

*Danielle Claffey, Kuck Baxter Immigration LLC, Atlanta, GA (DL)*

*Tejas Shah, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Chicago, IL*

*Jennifer Pernas, J. Pernas Law, PLC, Detroit MI*

*Brian Scott Green, Law Office of Brian Green, Highlands Ranch, CO*

11:45 am - 12:15 pm    **Lunch Break**

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm:    **Adjustment of Status: How complicated could this be?**

- Processing times
- EB-3 Downgrades
- Layoffs, changing employers, and changing jobs
- Same or similar occupation
- When to submit or interfile medical exams with reminders or RFE's
- I-360 timelines and H-1B and/or PERM alternatives
- Mandamus
- My green card's approved: can I leave my employer?

***Speakers:***

*Susan Fortino-Brown, Law Offices of Susan Fortino-Brown, Chicago, IL – DL*

*Charlie Wintersteen, Wintersteen Law Group, Chicago, IL*

*Nick Coenen, Kempster, Corcoran, Quiceno & Lenz-Calvo, Ltd., Chicago, IL*

*Tahreem Kalam, Minsky McCormick Hallagan PC, Chicago, IL*

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm:    **Break**

1:45 - 3:00 pm:    **H-1Bs & the New Normal: Strategies for Remote Work & Other Complex H-1B Topics**

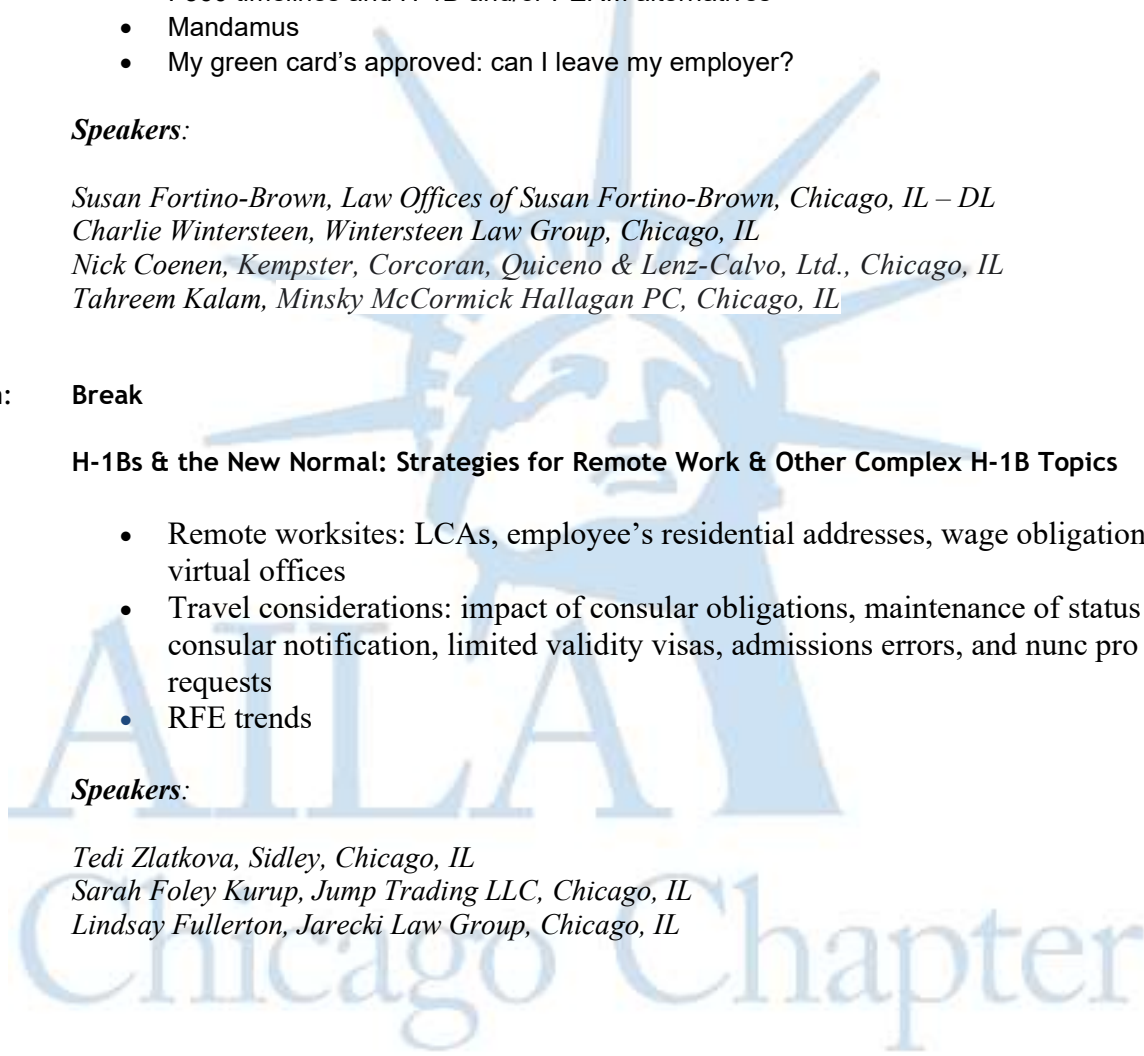
- Remote worksites: LCAs, employee's residential addresses, wage obligations and virtual offices
- Travel considerations: impact of consular obligations, maintenance of status and consular notification, limited validity visas, admissions errors, and nunc pro tunc requests
- RFE trends

***Speakers:***

*Tedi Zlatkova, Sidley, Chicago, IL*

*Sarah Foley Kurup, Jump Trading LLC, Chicago, IL*

*Lindsay Fullerton, Jarecki Law Group, Chicago, IL*



**Register Online:**<https://na.eventscloud.com/falleb2021>Registration Fee Information:

<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, November 17, 2021, at 11:59 PM.

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

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