



2021 AILA NE Virtual Conference
18th Annual AILA New England
Immigration Law Conference

NEW HORIZONS:
**Advanced Strategies in
Immigration Law in the
Biden & COVID Era**

March 3-5, 2021
Zoom

March 3 12:45-5:30pm
March 4 1:00 - 4:15pm
March 5 1:00 - 4:15pm

RATES:

Early-Bird Registration (by February 8, 2021)

AILA Members: \$199 / Non-AILA Members: \$219

Regular Registration (after February 8, 2021)

AILA Members: \$229 / Non-AILA Members: \$249

First-time Attendees, Law Students and Non-Profits (by February 8, 2021)

AILA and Non-AILA Members: \$149

REGISTRATION:

Online at www.ailane.org/conference

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MARCH 3

Wednesday

Day One: Plenary

12:45 – 1:00 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Eliana Nader, AILA New England Chapter Chair

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Hot Topics and Current Trends in Immigration Today

Moderator: *Eliana Nader, AILA New England Chapter Chair*

*Benjamin Johnson, AILA Executive Director**

Jennifer Minear, AILA President

Royce Murray, AIC Managing Director

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Agency Updates

Moderator: *Julio Cortes Del Olmo, EOIR Liaison*

Zoila Gomes, OCC Liaison

Adrienne Vaughan, USCIS Liaison; AILA New England Vice Chair

Jeannie Kain, ERO Liaison

Adeline Simenon, CBP Liaison

Mahsa Khanbabai, DOS Liaison; AILA New England Immediate Past Chair

3:00 – 3:15 PM

Break

3:15 – 4:15 PM

Taking the High Road: When Client Relations Go South

Moderator: *Miki Matrician, AILA New England Chapter Secretary*

Craig Dobson, AILA Ethics Committee Chair

Kerry Doyle, Graves & Doyle

- Conflict of Interest Issues Arising from Dual Representation

- When and How to Withdraw Ethically

- Returning Client Fees and Files

4:15 – 4:30 PM

Break

4:30 – 5:30 PM

The Public Charge Gauntlet: Form I-864, Form I-944 and DS-5540

Moderator: *Iris Gomez, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute*

Charles Wheeler, CLINIC

Andrew Cohen, Health Law Advocates

- Determining Public Charge Inadmissibility

- Understanding the Impact of Various Federal and State Benefits

- Documenting Cases & Effectively Arguing Positive & Negative Factors

**Invited, not confirmed.*



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Thursday Day Two: Business Immigration Track

1:00 – 2:00PM

Compliance and Enforcement in a Post-COVID World: Working Remotely All or Part of the Time

Moderator: Matt Maiona, Maiona Ward Immigration Law

Jeff Joseph, AILA Secretary

Katie Nokes Minervino, AILA Verification &

Worksite Enforcement Liaison Committee Chair

- I-9 Compliance for a Remote Workforce
- Negotiating Fines on Compliance
- Impact on Postings, Amendments, PERM Recruitment, I-140s

2:00 – 3:00PM

EB-1 and NIW Exceptional Ability: Weighing Permanent Residence Options

Moderator: Peter Rees, Rees Immigration LLC

Ian Wagreich, USCIS HQ Benefits Policy Committee

Maggie Murphy, Jackson Lewis P.C.

- Building the Case for Self-Petitioning
- Anticipating and Responding to Unreasonable RFEs and Overcoming Erroneous Denials
- Best Evidence: Collecting and Framing Letters in Support

3:00 – 3:15PM

Break

3:15 – 4:15PM

Hot Topics in Employment and Business Immigration

Moderator: Bennett Savitz, USCIS HQ Committee Chair

Vincent Lau, DOL Liaison Committee, Vice Chair

Robin O'Donoghue, USCIS Liaison Committee Member

- Business Immigration Under a Biden Administration
- H-1B Lottery Registration Tips, Tricks, and Updates
- Specialty Occupation RFEs: Significant Cases, Trends, and Resources
- State of Play: Legislation, Regulations, Executive Action, and Policy





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Day Three:
Removal Defense Track

1:00 – 2:00PM

The Continued Assault on Asylum: How to Formulate PSGs in Light of Recent Case Law

Moderator: Robin Nice, AILA New England Chapter Treasurer
Elizabeth Badger, PAIR Project
Dree Collopy, AILA National Asylum and Refugee Committee Chair
Kate Lebeaux, McHaffey and Nice

- BIA and 1st Circuit Case Law on PSG
- Regulations, Policy, and Adjudication Trends
- Strategies to Overcome Challenges for Effective PSG Arguments

2:00 – 3:00PM

Federal Court Approaches to Immigration Relief

Moderator: Annelise Araujo, AILA New England Chair-Elect
Sabrina Damast, Law Office of Sabrina Damast
Trina Realmuto, National Immigration Litigation Alliance
David W. Zimmer, Goodwin

- Understanding When and How to Take a Case to Federal Court
- Tips on How to Prepare Oral Arguments
- Effective Use of Client Testimony in Federal Court Cases

3:00 – 3:15PM

Break

3:15 – 4:15PM

Building a Record to Win: Best Practices in Evidence, Corroboration, and Credibility

Moderator: Joseph Molina Flynn, Molina Flynn Law Offices
Stefanie Fisher, Araujo and Fisher
Sarah Owings, AILA Joint EOIR/ICE Liaison Committee Vice-Chair

- Using Medical and Psychological Evaluations
- Working with Doctors and Other Experts to Prepare for Testimony
- Motions for Production of Documents
- Best Practices in Providing Select Portions of Client Criminal Records