

AILA TEXAS CHAPTER SPRING CONFERENCE 2007
ADVANCED IMMIGRATION PRACTICE:
MAKING SURE THE ODDS ARE IN YOUR CLIENT'S FAVOR

Wednesday, April 11th, 2007

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Early Registration

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Advanced Practice Roundtables

1. **Employment Based Immigration** Discussion and Q&A on Hot Topics including Best Practices at Service Centers, Bi-Specialization Practice Pointers, and Most Common Preparation Pitfalls and How to Avoid Them.

Judy Lee, Quan, Burdette & Perez, AILA Texas Chapter Vice Chair, Houston, Texas
Rebecca Burdette, Quan, Burdette & Perez, Houston, Texas

2. **Removal Defense** Discussion and Q&A on Hot Topics in Removal Defense
Magali S. Candler, Tindall & Foster, AILA Texas Chapter Chair, Houston, Texas
Mary Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira, Cedillo-Pereira & Cedillo, Dallas, Texas

Thursday, April 12th, 2007

7:30 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 8:10

Welcome & Conference Overview

Magali S. Candler, Tindall & Foster, AILA Texas Chapter Chair, Houston, Texas

8:10 – 9:00

Non-Immigrant Visas in a World Without H-1Bs – Investors, Transferees and other Professionals

Liane Cooney, Berry, Appleman & Leiden, McLean, Virginia
Jacquelyn Maroney, Haynes & Boone, Dallas, Texas

9:00 – 10:00

Current Consular Affairs

Kathleen Campbell Walker, Kemp Smith, LLP, AILA National President-Elect, El Paso, Texas
Silvia Graves, Graves & Graves, AILA National DOS Liaison Committee, Houston, Texas
Santiago Burciaga, USDOS, IV Chief, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico
Warren Janssen, USCIS Waiver Chief, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

10:00 – 10:10

Break

10:10 – 11:15

Advanced Methodology for PERM Labor Certification Applications

Matthew Thompson, Tindall and Foster, Houston, Texas
Nancy-Jo Merritt, Fennemore Craig, Phoenix, Arizona

11:15 – 12:00

The State of USCIS Bi-specialization, Year One

Shawn Orme, Berry, Appleman & Leiden, Dallas, Texas
Mike Aytes, USCIS Associate Director, Domestic Operations, Washington, D.C.
Sharon Mehlman, Larrabee Mehlman Albi Coker LLP, AILA National SCOPS Liaison, San Diego, California

12:00 – 1:30

Lunch

Presentation: Immigration Legislation Update

Jeanne A. Butterfield, Executive Director, AILA National, Washington, D.C.

1:45 – 3:00

I-9 Compliance: Prevention and Intervention to Avoid Detention

Nicole Ezer, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, Houston, Texas (Moderator)

Jacqueline Long, Employment Verification Resources, Inc., Reno, Nevada

Steven Usiak, DHS, ICE Officer, I-9 Enforcement, Reno, Nevada (Invited)

Speaker from Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices (Invited)

3:00 – 3:10

Break

3:10 – 4:10

Exceptional - Extraordinary - Outstanding: How Good do You Have to Be?

Ronald Klasko, Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer, LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

4:10 – 5:00

The Ethical Practice of Immigration Law

Charles H. Kuck, Kuck Casablanca LLC, AILA National First Vice President, Atlanta GA

5:00

Day One Adjourns

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Happy Hour Social

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Innovative Strategies in Removal Defense

Brian Bates, Quan, Burdette & Perez, AILA Board of Governors, Houston, Texas (Moderator)

Peter Ashman, Law Office of Peter Ashman, AILA Board of Governors, Las Vegas, Nevada

Gloria Goldman, Goldman & Goldman, AILA Board of Governors, Tucson, Arizona

9:15 – 10:00

The Proposed Restructuring and Reform of the Executive Office for Immigration Review

Joseph Vail, University of Houston Immigration Clinic, AILA National EOIR Liaison, Houston, Texas

10:00 – 10:10

Break

10:10 – 11:15

Circuit Update from the 5th Circuit and Beyond

Elisabeth S. Brodyaga, San Benito, Texas

11:15 – 12:00

Federal Litigation Update: Can 245 (i) Trump the “Permanent” Bar?

T. Douglas Stump, T. Douglas Stump & Associates, AILA Board of Governors, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

William Finley, CIS Deputy General Counsel, Texas/Oklahoma/New Mexico Region (Invited)

12:00 – 1:30

Lunch

AILA Texas Chapter Business Meeting

1:45 – 3:00

**Leave No Child (or Spouse, or Parent, or Sibling) Behind
Family Immigration Practice in 2007**

Charles Wheeler, CLINIC, San Francisco, California

Nancy Falgout, Law Office of Nancy Falgout, Houston, Texas

3:00 – 3:10

Break

3:10 – 4:00

Evaluating Citizenship and Naturalization Outside the N-400 Boxes

Robert Mautino, Mautino & Mautino, San Diego, California

4:00 – 5:00

Making a Federal Case out of Security Check Delays (and Winning)

Robert Mautino, Mautino & Mautino, San Diego, California

Ronald Klasko, Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer, LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

5:00

Conference Adjourns