

MidSouth Chapter Conference
“Where the Newest Rubber Meets the Road”
November 2 & 3, 2001 at Hyatt Hotel in Louisville, KY

Friday, November 2

- 8:00-8:30 Registration
- 8:30-12:00 **Late Breaking Topics in Business and Family Practice**
Carlina Tapia-Ruano, Chicago, IL: V & K Regs, 245(i) fallout, and other developments in family and asylum
Paul Zulkie, Chicago, IL: Premium Processing, Mergers/Acquisitions, and other Business Topics
Christine Davis, INS New Orleans District Director, Q & A and update on the District
Dale Zeigler, Chief of Div. of Foreign Labor Cert., Washington, D.C.:** RIR Conversion Regs, PERM program & required advertising for RIR
Paul Soreff, Seattle, WA: AC21/Portability and DOL Regs
- 12:00-1:30 **Lunch with Speaker**
Introduction by Dave Armstrong, Mayor of Louisville
Judy Golub, AILA National Office: The Impact of Sept. 11 on Immigration Practice & Advocacy
- 1:30-3:15 **Detention/Bond/QRTs/Removal Practice Post-Sept. 11**
Craig Robinson**, Supervisor of DD&P, INS New Orleans (or Christine Davis, DD)
Tom Adams** and/or Mal Burnett, New Orleans
David Funke, Louisville, KY
- 3:30-5:00 **Practice Tips Discussion** (focusing on local practices in our region)
Christine Davis, District Director: DD Perspective
Mike Conway, OIC, INS Louisville: Local Office Perspective
Ron Russell, Louisville, KY: Louisville INS
Hiroko Kusuda, New Orleans, LA: New Orleans INS
Cheryl Williams, Nashville, TN: Memphis INS and TN DOL
Arminda Ferguson, Rogers, AL: Fort Smith INS
- 5:30-7:00 **Reception at Law Offices of Dennis Clare**

Saturday, November 3

- 7:00-8:15 **MidSouth Chapter Meeting**
- 8:30-10:30 **Attorney-Client Communications & Conflicts** (retainer agreements, waivers, dual representation letters, etc)*
Charla Haas, Nashville, TN
Robert Divine, Chattanooga, TN
Jeri Flynn, Baton Rouge, LA
Lynn Susser, Memphis, TN
- 10:45-12:30 **Leveraging Technology in the Firm**
Greg Siskind, Memphis, TN
[Additional speaker possible]
- 1:00-5:00 **Lunch & Afternoon at the Races--** Terrace dining room overlooking track at Churchill Downs

*Both of these sessions might qualify for Ethics credit.

**Speaker not confirmed

Registration Form

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Fax this form to Donna Galchus, Chapter Treasurer, at (501) 371-0035 or by email at dgalchus@cgwg.com

The following will attend:

<input type="checkbox"/> AILA members @\$175	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-AILA attorneys @\$250	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Law students @\$75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Paralegals of AILA Attorney attending: @\$75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra per attendee who registers after Oct. 15: \$25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Per attendee at Churchill Downs Saturday afternoon: @\$30	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Payment

Check sent by mail today, attaching this registration form, to: Donna Galchus at Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Galchus, 500 East Markham, Suite 200 , Little Rock, AR 72201

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Registration is non-cancelable after October 25.

I/we will be staying:

At the Hyatt (Call 800-233-1234, mention AILA \$109 conf. rate, see www.louisville.hyatt.com)

Elsewhere

Make sure to indicate above if you will be with us at the famous race track on Saturday afternoon (This is a unique opportunity arranged by Rusty O'Brien and Dennis Clare!)

Name, phone and email of primary registrant: _____

Names of other persons attending (for name tags)

Make your hotel reservations NOW !! The Hyatt believes it will fill up, and the block of rooms reserved for AILA are going fast. Call 800-233-1234, mention the AILA \$109 conference rate (for a limited number of rooms), and see www.louisville.hyatt.com for background on the hotel.

Please return the attached registration form to Donna Galchus so we can plan accordingly. Note also the tuition increases by \$25 per person after October 15.

Rusty O'Brien and Dennis Clare have set up a wonderful social agenda, starting with a reception at their offices overlooking the river on Friday evening (followed by impromptu dinners at any of several nice places they will describe for us), and concluding Saturday with a terrace buffet dinner overlooking the race tracks at the famous Churchill Downs, where the horses will be running all afternoon. This is a unique opportunity to sample this world-class venue at its finest (but without the Breeder's Cup crowd). Lynn Susser, our Vice-Chair, has organized a great substantive program that is designed to provide real value to practitioners at every level.

This year we have two highly respected "marquis" speakers who hold AILA national office: Carlina Tapia-Ruano and Paul Zulkie. Carlina, AILA's national Secretary, has written a host of excellent, and very practical, family practice advisories in AILA's "Immigration Law Today" (monthly mailing), and she has great expertise in asylum and other areas. She will speak on the new V and K visas, 245(i) fallout, and other family and asylum developments. Paul was on the focus group that helped INS devise the "premium processing" program and is AILA's Second Vice President. He will speak on premium processing, mergers and acquisitions, and other business immigration topics. Paul Soreff is flying in from Seattle to speak with them on business topics. We have invited Dale Zeigler, DOL's Labor Certification Chief, to join Paul's discussion on RIR conversion, ever-coming PERM regulations, and the mounting effort to establish consistency among the DOL regional offices' requirements for RIR advertising.

Judy Golub, who leads AILA's advocacy effort, will speak over lunch about the impact of Sept. 11 on our clients, our practices, and our advocacy efforts. She will be introduced by Louisville's mayor, Dave Armstrong, who has reiterated his support for immigration.

Christine Davis, the much appreciated INS New Orleans District Director, is definitely coming, and she will provide a helpful insight into changes in INS in the post-September 11 flurry. She may be accompanied by her DD&P, Craig Robinson, who is known for his straightforward presentation of substantial knowledge. By then Congress will probably have passed new detention legislation, and the latest on the present dragnet, and the increasing use of existing provisions to justify detention and removal will be covered. Mike Conway, Officer in Charge of the INS Louisville sub-office, will discuss matters from a local perspective. Since our last CLE conference, "Quick Response Teams" have made local immigration enforcement a new daily reality for those of us not located in New Orleans and Memphis, and this session will catch us up on strategies for handling those calls from criminal lawyers and family members concerning aliens apprehended locally. We will finish our work Friday with our liaisons comparing notes on practices of local and regional INS, SESA and DOL offices affecting our 5-state area, but these are insights into the similar workings of offices everywhere.

In our Saturday morning program some of our own members will confront the "nitty gritty" problems of attorney-client communications and conflicts, hashing through retainer agreements, conflict waivers, dual representation letters, etc. Then Greg Siskind, internet guru from our own chapter, will give us a sneak preview on his upcoming ABA book on technology for immigration law by discussing and comparing the tools that are available for government forms, word processing forms and document assembly, case management, internet projection of case status, email, and the rest. This is invaluable information for new practitioners and for established firms considering technology upgrades to keep up with the "big boys."

Again, plan on going to Churchill Downs with us Saturday afternoon. You would have a hard time ever setting up an arrangement this nice at the seat of horse racing tradition.