



Three-Part Telephone & E-mail Seminar:

Removal For Experts

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Seminar Outline

FIRST Phone Session on February 19: Right to Counsel in Removal Proceedings

- Statute/regulations explaining the right to representation in removal proceedings
- EOIR attorney disciplinary regulations
- Lozada vs. Compean

SECOND Phone Session on March 19: The Changing Definition of Crimes of Moral Turpitude

- The Categorical and Modified Categorical Approaches
- BIA Case Law with a Focus on Matter of Silva-Trevino
- Federal Circuit Court Case Law

THIRD Phone Session on April 16: Litigation Tactics in Removal Proceedings

- Motions to Continue, Administratively Close or Terminate
- Motions to Change Venue
- Motions to Suppress
- Discovery
- Contesting Charges in the Notice to Appear
- Objections
- Authentication of Documents and Responding to FDL Reports

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About the Speakers

Elizabeth Rompf Bruen (Discussion Leader) is an immigration attorney with Scott D. Pollock and Associates, P.C., in Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Bruen represents clients in all areas of immigration law including family based immigration, employment based immigration, naturalization, waivers of inadmissibility, deportation defense, VAWA applications, U visas, T visas, immigration litigation and appeals. She currently co-chairs the Executive Office of Immigration Review Liaison Committee of the American Immigration Lawyers Association's Chicago Chapter, is a member of the Midwest Conference Planning Committee for the Chicago Chapter, and is a former chair of its Asylum Office Liaison Committee. Ms. Bruen is also a past chair of the Immigration & Nationality Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association. She previously was a staff attorney and clinical instructor for the DePaul College of Law Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic in Chicago. She also served as a judicial law clerk for the Executive Office of Immigration Review and was a case manager and legal coordinator for the Marjorie Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture. Ms. Bruen graduated, cum laude, from DePaul College of Law, and she received her B.A. degree, cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame in Government and International Affairs.

Maria Andrade is an immigration attorney in private practice in Boise, Idaho. Her practice focuses on removal defense, family immigration, employer sanctions and federal litigation. Ms. Andrade's litigation experience is draws from both immigration and non-immigration matters including handling petitions for review, habeas petitions, mandamus actions and affirmative civil litigation in immigration, employment and fair housing matters. Ms. Andrade frequently lectures and advises criminal defense attorneys on immigration consequences of criminal convictions and increasingly on the subject of employer compliance with immigration-related employment laws. Ms. Andrade presently serves on AILF's Legal Action Center Advisory Committee, AILA's Amicus Committee and the board of directors of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild and has served as faculty at the American Immigration Law Foundation's (AILF) 2007 litigation institute. She also serves on the board of directors of the Northwest Worker Justice Project. Ms. Andrade obtained her J.D. from the University of Notre Dame, her office includes three lawyers and can be reached at (208) 472-5690.

Maria Baldini-Potermin represents noncitizens in deportation defense, family-based immigration, asylum, waivers of inadmissibility, citizenship and naturalization, federal court litigation and appeals, including petitions for review before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Baldini-Potermin has been recognized as a Leading Lawyer in Illinois since 2004. She is active in the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) on the local and national levels, and she has served on several committees. In 2004, she was awarded the Chicago AILA Chapter's Minsky Mentor Award. A frequent lecturer on immigration consequences of crimes, she has written manuals on the effects of criminal convictions for noncitizens in Illinois and Minnesota and articles for the Indiana Defender. She is the author of a chapter in A Judge's Benchbook to Immigration Law in Criminal Proceedings (American Bar Association, 2004). She served as the Chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Immigration Law Committee. She is currently completing a book for criminal defense attorneys Defending Non-citizens in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. She is the co-author of Immigration Trial Handbook published by Thomson Reuters (June 2008).

Andres Benach is partner in Duane Morris LLP. Mr. Benach practices in the area of immigration law, concentrating his practice on litigation matters before the federal courts and the immigration courts, specifically in complex matters regarding removability, inadmissibility, citizenship and the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. Mr. Benach has over ten years of experience handling sensitive, complex and challenging matters involving naturalization, asylum, complex removal, adjustment of status, federal litigation and waivers of inadmissibility. Mr. Benach has developed a highly regarded immigration litigation practice in the capital area, identified as being at the "forefront of an emerging generation of litigators" in the immigration field by Chambers International. Mr. Benach was the inaugural chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association Washington, D.C. Chapter Litigation Committee in 2007 and co-chairs the committee in 2008 with Thomas Ragland. Mr. Benach is a 1998 cum laude graduate of George Washington University Law School and a graduate of Boston College. Mr. Benach is fluent in Spanish.

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Richard Hanus has dedicated his practice to helping unravel the complexities of immigration law for individuals and businesses. His areas of practice include naturalization and citizenship, deportation, asylum, and visas.

Thomas Ragland is a partner in Duane Morris, LLP. Mr. Ragland practices in the area of immigration law. Mr. Ragland represents clients in all aspects of immigration-related litigation, including complex removal proceedings, administrative and federal court appeals, petitions for writ of mandamus, habeas corpus actions, petitions for review, preliminary injunctions and petitions for hearings on naturalizations. He has specific experience in defense against removal, immigration consequences of criminal convictions, waivers of inadmissibility, asylum, adjustment of status, naturalization, detention and bond issues, and defense against terrorism- and security-related bars to admission.