



Three-Part Telephone Seminar:

Removal For Experts

Speakers: Lory Rosenberg, Jeff Joseph, Matthew Kolken, Neil Lewis, Maris Liss, Thomas Ragland, and Laurel Scott

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SEMINAR OUTLINE

FIRST Phone Session on February 28 - Immigration Court Hearings and Negotiations

- Prosecutorial discretion
- DACA deferred action
- Admin. Closed cases
- Continuances
- FOIA and *Dent*
- Immigration reform update

SECOND Phone Session on March 21 - Removal Ground and Defenses

- "Common" crimes: assault and battery, identity theft, drugs
- Categorical approach update
- Post-conviction vacation and sentence modification
- Expedited removal, removal hearing waivers
- Motion to reopen strategies
- Preparing for appeal

THIRD Phone Session on April 4 - Waivers, Adjustment, and Relief from Removal

- 212(h) eligibility
- 237(a)(1)(H) standards
- Unlawful Presence and 245(i)
- Provisional I-601 waivers
- Voluntary departure strategies
- Discretionary standards

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

[Lory Rosenberg](#) (Discussion Leader) is the founder and owner of IDEAS Consultation and Coaching. She has been an immigration attorney for more than 30 years and has extensive experience as a legal writer, published author, analyst, trainer, professor, mentor, practitioner, and decision-maker in many areas involving immigration law and policy. Ms. Rosenberg has particular expertise in the areas of civil detention and bond; admissions, adjustment of status, consular visa processing, and waivers; DACA (deferred action for childhood arrivals); asylum and refugee law; right to counsel, enforcement, suppression of evidence, removal & cancellation; immigration consequences of crime, alternate pleas and sentences, post-conviction and Padilla relief; statutory interpretation and decisional analysis; jurisdictional, procedural and substantive issues in administrative appeals and judicial review; agency disciplinary practices; and, matters relating to advocacy, prosecutorial discretion, legislative amendments and comprehensive immigration law reform. Over the past 7 years, while consulting with immigration lawyers, defenders, and other colleagues, Ms. Rosenberg has branched out to study success & business coaching, marketing and business practices for heart-centered entrepreneurs, as well as meridian energy tapping, all of which have enriched her legal consulting and mentoring practice.

[Jeff Joseph](#) is a graduate of the University of Denver, College of Law and is a member of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association (AILA). He currently serves as an elected director on the AILA National Board of Governors, and also serves on the AILA National Liaison Committee with the headquarters of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service. Last year, he chaired the AILA National 2011 Annual Conference. He is a former Chapter Chair of AILA Colorado. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the American Immigration Council. Mr. Joseph has served on the AILA National Liaison Committee with the headquarters of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, as chair of the AILA Amicus Committee, and as a member of the National Immigration and



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[Matthew Kolken](#) is a trial lawyer with experience in all aspects of United States Immigration Law – including deportation defense before Immigration Courts throughout the United States, appellate practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the U.S. District Courts, and U.S. Courts of Appeals. He is admitted to practice in the courts of the State of New York, the United States District Court for the Western District of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and has been a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) since 1997.

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[Maris Liss](#) was an experienced litigator and trial attorney when she joined the firm in 2003, having eight years of commercial and housing litigation experience. For the past seven years, she has exclusively focused her practice on immigration litigation and appeals. Maris handles litigation in the U. S. Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the District Courts along with appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals. In the U.S. Courts of Appeal, she litigates asylum applications, issues involving noncitizens convicted of crimes, and applications for immigration benefits such as adjustment of status, cancellation of removal, and 212(c) relief. In the District Courts, Maris litigates issues involving denied or delayed applications for naturalization and adjustment of status and other immigration benefits, and petitions for writ of habeas corpus challenging prolonged detention in immigration custody. Maris also has a large administrative appellate practice litigating appeals at the Board of Immigration Appeals and has a strong motion practice in Immigration Court.

[Thomas Ragland](#) is a founding partner of Benach Ragland LLP. Thomas has practiced immigration law for more than 18 years. Prior to joining private practice, Thomas worked for 10 years in the U.S. Department of Justice, joining directly after graduating from law school through the Attorney General's Honor Program. At DOJ, Thomas represented the government in the Boston Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Civil Division's Office of Immigration Litigation. Since leaving the government in 2004, Thomas has devoted himself to guiding individuals and companies through the complex, often overwhelming U.S. immigration system. He brings an unwavering commitment to help his clients and a genuine desire to help them achieve their goals and dreams – whether it be obtaining U.S. citizenship or permanent residence, avoiding deportation, obtaining visas for employees or family members, or challenging agency decisions in federal court. Having worked on both sides of the system, Thomas brings wide-ranging experience and a deep understanding of this country's immigration laws. He is highly regarded as a top litigator, a creative legal thinker and a tireless advocate for his clients.

[Laurel Scott](#) is the Founding Attorney at Scott and Associates. She received a BA from Simon's Rock College, a Master's Degree from Duke University, and a Law Degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA where she completed the Temple University Immigration Law Clinical. She spent a year studying at the Queen's University of Belfast and completed an internship at the European Parliament. She started work on her first waiver of inadmissibility in 2003 and quickly realized that waivers were an ideal niche for her new firm. Over the years, she emerged as one of the nation's leading experts in this type of case, publishing numerous articles on the subject and speaking at many events for immigration lawyers. Licensed in Texas.



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