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**Registration Deadline: November 12, 2014**

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### SEMINAR OUTLINE

**First Phone Session on Thursday, October 9th from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time): "GET ME OUT OF HERE!": STRATEGIES RELATED TO THE CESSATION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS**

- Motions to Terminate
- Motions to Administratively Close
- Prosecutorial Discretion
- DACA - Deferred Action
- Provisional Waivers
- Voluntary Departure

**Second Phone Session on Thursday, November 13 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time): "GET ME IN THERE!": STRATEGIES RELATED TO INITIATION OF REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS**

- Motions to Reopen
- Requests to the OCC to Join Motions
- Issuance of the NTA - who, what, where when and why
- Motions to Re-calendar
- NTA in lieu of Reinstatement of Removal
- Administrative Removal

**Third Phone Session on Thursday, December 4th from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time): Physician Hardship and Persecution Waivers and Green Cards**

- Orders of Supervision
- Applications for Employment Authorization
- Bond refunds
- Mandatory Detention
- Travel documents
- Stateless considerations



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### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**Stephen Berman** is a Managing Attorney at the Immigration Attorneys, LLP. He practices in the firm's Chicago and Milwaukee offices where he concentrates his work in the area of immigration and nationality law and handles all aspects of immigration law including employment and family based, temporary visa processing, applications for permanent residence and naturalization, humanitarian applications, removal defense, and both immigration court and federal court litigation, criminal aliens and appeals. He assists corporate clients in maintaining compliance with U.S. immigration laws and he works with foreign investors, entrepreneurs and executives to facilitate entry to the U.S. Stephen also works with individuals and families to secure legal status and U.S. citizenship.

**Shannon Shepherd** is an attorney at the Immigration Attorneys, LLP. She practices in the firm's Chicago office and handles all types of immigration matters. Shannon has extensive experience with a broad range of immigration issues including Deportation and Removal proceedings, Employment-based petitions for immigrant visas and for non-immigrant L-1 and H-1B applicants, family-based immigrant petitions, and Naturalization and Derivative Citizenship claims. Shannon has also argued numerous immigration cases before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Eighth Circuits, and she has experience in appellate practice at the State, Board of Immigration Appeals, and Federal level. She is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education programs for the ISBA and AILA. She also has published several articles in the ISBA's International and Immigration Law Section Newsletter, The Globe.

**Krista Eyer** is an attorney at the Immigration Attorneys, LLP. She is licensed to practice law in Ohio and Florida, and is fluent in Spanish. She has been dedicated exclusively to the practice of immigration law since 2004 after visiting a detention center in South Texas. After seeing the challenges immigrants face, she realized that she wanted to focus her practice on providing fair and honest representation to the immigrant community. Her immigration practice is focused on matters involving complex family based immigration issues, inadmissibility waivers both in the United States and abroad, and removal defense in immigration court. She has traveled extensively and lived in Costa Rica, Spain, London, and Brussels. She is fluent in Spanish. Through her experience of handling immigrant visas and waivers, Mrs. Eyer has learned what it takes to present an effective case before the office of Citizenship and Immigration Services all over the world. Mrs. Eyer has extensive court experience and has represented many immigrants in their applications of cancellation of removal and bond before the Immigration Judge. She prepares extensively with her clients, in advance of the hearing, so they have an understanding of what to expect on the day of their final hearing. Mrs. Eyer also advises criminal attorneys of the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. Mrs. Eyer's experience enables her to provide her clients with an honest assessment of their cases and allows her to guide her clients through every step of the immigration journey. She prides herself on her compassionate nature and her concern for her clients. Mrs. Eyer practices immigration law because she enjoys representing immigrants, and it is this passion that drives her to represent every client to the best of her ability. She recognizes that client communication is of the utmost importance, and strives to answer all client inquiries as quickly as possible.

**John Gihon** is a partner with the law office of Shorstein, Lasnetski & Gihon and runs the Orlando Office. John practices exclusively immigration law and criminal defense. John Gihon started his legal career as an Assistant State Attorney in Jacksonville, Florida in 2002. John tried 50 criminal jury trials during his six years as a prosecutor. Those trials included first degree murders, violent felonies, gun crimes, sex crimes, drug crimes, domestic batteries and DUIs. John was promoted to the position of Division Chief, and in that capacity, supervised a felony criminal trial division. Following his service to the State of Florida, John accepted a position as an Assistant Chief Counsel with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). As an ICE attorney, John handled all forms of removal/deportation proceedings including those involving aggravated felons, drug traffickers, national security and human rights abusers, and foreign fugitives. John also handled cases involving all forms of immigration relief including asylum, withholding of removal, protection under



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the Conviction against Torture, waivers of removal, cancellation of removal for both lawful and non-lawful permanent residents, adjustment of status, 212c relief, and many others. As an ICE attorney, John obtained Top Secret Clearance and assisted federal and local law enforcement officers assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). During his six years of service to the U.S. Government, John was promoted to Senior Attorney; in that position, he trained other government attorneys from ICE, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and state prosecutors. During his time with ICE, John trained ICE officers and local law enforcement across Florida on a variety of issues including criminal grounds of removability/deportability, search and seizure law, citizenship, forms of relief from removal and many others. John has been a panelist and guest speaker at many Immigration and Criminal Law events in Florida and has provided multiple CLE-accredited trainings to attorneys throughout the State. John obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with a minor in Criminology from the University of Florida in 1999 and graduated with honors. John obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida in 2002, also with honors.

**Davorin Odracic** has been practicing immigration law exclusively since 2006. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School and has been a licensed attorney since 2001. He specializes in deportation defense, post-conviction relief for noncitizens, and immigration litigation. He has successfully litigated cases before the Chicago Immigration Court, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, as well as pursuing post-conviction relief for immigrants throughout Wisconsin. In 2010, Davon co-authored an article for the Wisconsin Lawyer on defense counsel's duty to advise noncitizens on the potential immigration consequences of criminal offenses. He has trained criminal defense attorneys, public defenders, and law students in this particular area of immigration law. He has also lectured at the University of Wisconsin Law School, Marquette University Law School, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on several immigration-related topics. Davon has also testified before the Milwaukee County Board regarding immigration detainers, and has appeared on both WGN radio and Hmong Wisconsin radio. His clients have been featured in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel and The Isthmus (a Madison, Wisconsin newspaper). In addition to maintaining his own law firm, Davon also serves as Of Counsel for Hochstatter, McCarthy, Rivas & Runde, which is the largest immigration law firm in Wisconsin. Davon is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the National Immigration Project, and the Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

**Rebecca Whiting** is an attorney at the Immigration Attorneys, LLP. She practices in the firm's Chicago office where she concentrates her practice in the area of immigration and naturalization. Ms. Whiting handles all areas of immigration law, including removal defense before the U.S. Immigration Courts and the Immigration Custom and Enforcement's Detention and Removal Office. In addition, she regularly handles administrative appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Administrative Appeals Office, as well as, judicial review before the U.S. Districts Courts. Ms. Whiting specializes in Applications for Waivers of Inadmissibility, Petitions for Battered Spouses under the Violence Against Women Act, Petitions for Special Religious Workers, and Petitions for U Visa Classification, which pertain to victims of violent criminal activity.



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