**TEXAS, OKLAHOMA & NEW MEXICO CHAPTER**

**FALL CONFERENCE – November 16-18, 2017**

**PLAYA DEL CARMEN, MEXICO**

Thursday (11/16)

5:30pm **BUSINESS FUNDAMENTALS: Immigration Pathway for a Typical Foreign Student**

* CPT, OPT and STEM OPT
* H-1B and H-1B Alts
* Best time to file a PERM
* Naturalization

6:15pm **FAMILY FUNDAMENTALS: Basics of FB Practice**

* Practical Advice
* Fiancé Visas
* Consular vs. Adjustment
* What if they entered as a tourist
* Marriage Fraud

**7:00 - 8:00pm Welcome Reception/Cocktail Hour at Hotel Bar**

Friday (11/17)

8:15am Opening Remarks (Maggie Murphy)

8:30am **HOT TOPICS**

* SB-4 Litigation (and related driver license issues);
* Detainer Litigation;
* I-9 and E-verify Compliance Issues
* H-2B Update
* High Skilled Workers – Buy American, Hire American?

**10:00am Break**

10:15am **THE NEW I-485:**

There are now five pages of potential inadmissibility questions which can make it difficult for family-based, employment-based clients and others.

* Five pages of inadmissibility questions!?!?!
* Tips and Practical Guidance.
* Supplement J.
* Portability Memo
* What have we seen since the new form became effective?
* How are we advising our clients to answer these questions?

11:15am **SMALL BUSINESS VISAS**

* Consular processing trends for E-1/2 visas
* Trade issues and Sales of Service
* New office Ls
* LPR Challenges

**12:15pm LUNCH at the Resort – 1 hour 15 min break for lunch**

1:30pm **STILL DREAMING: TPS & DACA**

* Haiti and El Salvador TPS.
* New Senate DACA Bill Update.
* How long will they last under the new Administration?
* What options are available to clients who currently hold TPS or DACA?
* Is Parole in Place still an option?
* Will travel with advance parole help?

2:30 **ENTRY & ENFORCEMENT**

* What is extreme vetting? Travel Ban!
* How has it impacted our practice – consular processing and at the port of entry?
* Will CBP look at your client’s cell phone or laptop?
* Will your client be admissible with a DWI?
* Can he/she renew their visa overseas?
* L-1, TN, E-2 – NIV Cluster at Border
* I-94 Corrections

**3:30 – 3:45 Break**

3:45pm **PERM: Latest Updates from BALCA and PERM Alternatives**

* Review of 2016-2017 BALCA Decisions
* Latest trends in DOL processing
* PERM audits
* Defining and demonstrating Business Necessity
* NIW processing after Dhanasar
* National importance vs. National Scope
* EB-1 Outstanding Researcher and Extraordinary Ability trends
* Schedule A

**5:15 – 5:45 Chapter Business Meeting**

**6:00 Networking Happy Hour**

Saturday (11/18)

8:45am **EOIR PRACTICE: TIPS FROM THE TRENCHES**

Panel of experts will discuss the latest trends and offer tips on navigating the minefield of EOIR practice.

* Who is subject to Mandatory Detention and who is eligible for bond? The law versus actual practice.
* Does prosecutorial discretion still exist?
* Increased arrests without criminal records + check-in and I-130 detentions

**10:15am Break**

10:30am **ASK THE EXPERTS!**

* + - OCHAO Update
* AILA and AIC Hot Topics
* Visa Bulletin Updates
* EB-5

11:30am **ETHICS – ATTORNEY SELF-CARE**

* Managing the stress of managing your immigration practice
* Strategies and tactics for time and stress management
* Resources available to attorneys

12:30pm **Conference concludes – lunch on the beach!**