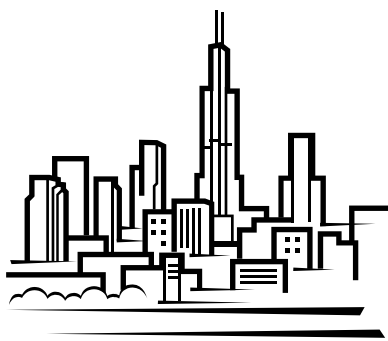




# 2014 Midwest Regional Conference

Friday, March 14, 2014 🍀 Chicago Hilton 🍀 720 South Michigan Avenue 🍀 Chicago, Illinois 60605

The Chicago Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association is pleased to announce that its annual Midwest Regional Conference will be held in Chicago on Friday, March 14, 2014—Saint Patrick’s Day Weekend! The conference will cover administrative and legislative changes in immigration law and practice, employment-based immigration issues (including PERM and BALCA updates, InfoSys and compliance, and options for investors and entrepreneurs), consular issues, updates on VAWA, U visas, and SIJS, issues facing students, and hot topics in litigation (including federal court and BIA updates, challenging the NTA in Immigration Court, and asylum). The conference also includes 1.0 credit for professional responsibility.



Conference Chair: Kathryn R. Weber  
Conference Vice-Chair: Ian Wagreich

Location:  
Chicago Hilton  
720 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Friday, March 14, 2014  
7:45 AM to 5:00 PM  
(check-in starts at 7:15 AM)

**CLE Credit:** 7.0 CLE hours, 1.0 of which is for professional responsibility. The conference will be seeking CLE accreditation for the following states: Illinois, California, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin. Registrants from other states requiring CLE credit should contact Marjorie Baltazar at [mbaltazar@sidley.com](mailto:mbaltazar@sidley.com).

**REGISTER ONLINE:** <https://www.etches.com/aila2014mrc>

<b>Registration Fees Information</b>	Before March 1, 2014	On or after March 1, 2014
AILA Chicago Chapter Member (or Member’s Paralegal)	\$295	\$345
Any other AILA Member (or Member’s Paralegal)	\$320	\$370
Nonmember <sup>1</sup>	\$395	\$445
Law Student <sup>2</sup> or Representative of Accredited Non-Profit Organization <sup>1&amp;3</sup>	\$145	\$195

<sup>1</sup>**Attention Non-AILA Members:** AILA will not accept conference registrations from persons who provide representation without authorization in violation of 8 CFR 292 such as for profit “immigration consultants” and “notarios”.

<sup>2</sup>Requires signed statement from accredited law school certifying full-time student status.

<sup>3</sup>Requires signed statement from accredited non-profit organization certifying full-time employment.

\*Register 4 members from your firm and receive a 5<sup>th</sup> free registration!

Registration for the conference will close on March 10, 2014. No registration will be accepted after this date. No payments or registrations will be accepted at the door. No phone, fax, or mail registrations will be accepted. In accordance with Illinois MCLE requirements, a hardship waiver is available. Contact Kathryn R. Weber at [kweber@lawfirm1.com](mailto:kweber@lawfirm1.com).

Notice: All registrations are subject to acceptance. Registration date is determined by date payment is received. Registrations received without payment will not be honored. In the event the Conference nears capacity, registrations with payment will be accepted in the order received. Registrations are not transferable and cannot be split among conference attendees. Any and all liability of AILA with respect to registration, reservations, cancellations, and refunds is limited to a sum no greater than the fee paid. Submission of registration and payment constitutes acceptance of conditions herein.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received by March 1, 2014, entitle registrants to a full refund (less \$50.00 processing fee). All cancellation requests must be received in writing. No cancellation requests will be accepted after this date, but registrants may still receive conference materials electronically.

**All materials will be distributed electronically prior to the conference. No printed materials will be provided at the conference.**

*The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) is the national association of over 11,000 attorneys and law professors who practice and teach immigration law. AILA Member attorneys represent U.S. families seeking permanent residence for close family members, as well as U.S. businesses seeking talent from the global marketplace. AILA Members also represent foreign students, entertainers, athletes, and asylum seekers, often on a pro bono basis. Founded in 1946, AILA is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization that provides continuing legal education, information, professional services, and expertise through its 38 chapters and over 50 national committees.*



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## OPENING REMARKS OF THE AILA CHICAGO CHAPTER CHAIR Derek Strain – Minsky McCormick & Hallagan, P.C. – Chicago, IL

TRADITIONAL MORNING TRACK	
<p><b>8:00</b></p> <p><b>Hot Topics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paul Zulkie (DL)</b>, AILA Past President – Zulkie Partners LLC – Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Juan Osuna</b>, Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review – Washington, D.C.</li> <li>• <b>Erich C. Straub</b> – Straub Immigration LLC – Milwaukee, WI</li> <li>• <b>Crystal Williams</b>, Executive Director, American Immigration Lawyers Association – Washington, D.C.</li> </ul>	<p><b>BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS</b> <i>Running parallel with the traditional morning track, panels will feature experts who will lead discussions.</i></p>
<p><b>9:00</b></p> <p><b>Intergovernmental Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kathleen Campbell Walker (DL)</b>, AILA Past President – Cox Smith – El Paso, TX</li> <li>• <b>Mariela Melero</b>, Associate Director of Customer Service and Public Engagement, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Washington, D.C.</li> <li>• <b>Juan Osuna</b>, Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review – Washington, D.C.</li> <li>• <b>*Christine Kagarise</b> – Deputy-Director, National Visa Center, U.S. Department of State – Portsmouth, NH</li> <li>• <b>*Karen E. Lundgren</b> – Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>*Lori Pietropaoli</b> – District Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>*Matthew S. Davies</b> - Area Port Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Chicago, IL</li> </ul>	<p><b>Breakfast with the Experts: (9:00 to 10:00 a.m.)</b></p> <p><b><u>Family-based Immigration Experts:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bryon Large</b> – Joseph Law Firm, P.C. – Aurora, CO</li> <li>• <b>Mary O’Leary</b> – Law Office of Mary O’Leary – Evanston, IL</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b><u>Law Practice Management Experts:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kristen A. Harris</b> – Harris Immigration Law – Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Carlina Tapia-Ruano (DL)</b>, AILA Past President – Tapia-Ruano &amp; Gunn P.C. – Chicago, IL</li> </ul>
<p><b>10:00</b> <b>BREAK</b></p>	
<p><b>10:15</b></p> <p><b>Service Center Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Betsy Lawrence (DL)</b>, Associate Director, Liaison and Information, AILA, Washington, DC</li> <li>• <b>Alexis S. Axelrad</b>, Chair of AILA Vermont Service Center Liaison Committee – Barst, Mukamal &amp; Kleiner LLP – New York, NY</li> <li>• <b>Dagmar Butte</b>, Chair of AILA Nebraska Service Center Liaison Committee – Parker Butte &amp; Lane, P.C. – Portland, OR</li> <li>• <b>Susanne Seltzer</b>, Chair of AILA Service Center Operations Committee – Klasko , Rulon, Stock &amp; Seltzer, LLP – New York, NY</li> <li>• <b>Rita Sostrin</b>, Chair of AILA California Service Center Liaison Committee – Sostrin Immigration Lawyers LLP – Encino, CA</li> </ul>	<p><b>Breakfast with the Experts: (10:15 to 11:15 a.m.)</b></p> <p><b><u>Employment-based Immigration Experts:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stephen J. Navarre</b> – The Navarre Law Group – Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Michael F. Turansick</b> – Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen &amp; Loewy, LLP – Chicago, IL</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b><u>Immigration Litigation Experts:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Royal F. Berg</b> – Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Claudia Valenzuela</b> – National Immigrant Justice Center – Chicago, IL</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:15</b></p> <p><b>Ethics - When and Where to Draw the Line</b></p> <p>The latest Illinois Rules, the ethics of advocacy, use of media by attorneys, when to advise your client not to apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leah Duckett (DL)</b> – Law Offices of Robert D. Ahlgren &amp; Associates, P.C. – Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>David Wolfe Leopold</b>, AILA Past President, – David Wolfe Leopold &amp; Associates – Cleveland, OH</li> <li>• <b>Wendy J. Muchman</b>, Chief of Litigation and Professional Education, Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission – Chicago, IL</li> </ul>	



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## LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNCIL (Honoring Sister Pat Murphy, RSM and Sister JoAnn Persch, RSM) Williford Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

	EMPLOYMENT TRACK	FAMILY/STUDENT TRACK	LITIGATION TRACK
1:45	<p><b>PERM &amp; BALCA Updates</b> BALCA updates, degree requirements, audits, and travel and telecommuting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kevin Miner (DL)</b>, Co-Chair of the AILA National DOL Liaison Committee – Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen &amp; Loewy, LLP – Atlanta, GA</li> <li>• <b>Robert Cohen</b>, Porter Wright Morris &amp; Arthur LLP – Columbus, OH</li> <li>• <b>Pamela Mick</b>, Co-Chair of the AILA National DOL Liaison Committee – Clark Hill PLC – Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Sarah Peterson Stensrud</b> – Aronson &amp; Associates, P.A. – Minneapolis, MN</li> </ul>	<p><b>Worldwide Consular Processing Update – 2014</b> Waivers, including provisional waivers, TCN processing in Canada, consular processing updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Michael H. Davis (DL)</b> – Davis &amp; Goldfarb, PLLC – Minneapolis, MN</li> <li>• <b>Joel S. Guberman</b> - Guberman Garson Immigration Lawyers, Toronto, Canada</li> <li>• <b>Jason C. Mills</b> – Law Offices of Jason C. Mills – Fort Worth, TX</li> </ul>	<p><b>Federal Court and BIA Updates</b> Supreme Court update, Seventh Circuit and BIA update, and categorical approach post-<i>Moncrieffe</i> and post-<i>Descamps</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maria Baldini-Potermin (DL)</b> – Maria Baldini-Potermin &amp; Associates, P.C. – Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Mark Barr</b> – Lichter Immigration – Denver, CO</li> <li>• <b>Lisa Brodyaga</b> – Refugio del Rio Grande – San Benito, TX</li> </ul>
2:45	<p><b>Lessons from InfoSys and Other Compliance Issues</b> Impact of <i>InfoSys</i> on B-1 programs and other corporate compliance issues, DOL enforcement and H-1B-related class actions, and current trends in I-9 enforcement and compliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marketa Lindt (DL)</b>, Chair of the AILA Verification &amp; Documentation Liaison Committee – Sidley Austin LLP – Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Angelo Paparelli</b> – Seyfarth Shaw LLP – Los Angeles, CA</li> <li>• <b>William A. Stock</b>, AILA National Second Vice President – Klasko, Rulon, Stock &amp; Seltzer, LLP – Philadelphia, PA</li> <li>• <b>Mary E. Pivec</b> – Williams Mullen – Washington, D.C.</li> </ul>	<p><b>I-360s (VAWA), U visas, and SIJS</b> Latest on VAWA self-petitions, tips for special immigrant juvenile status, certification process for labor-based U visas, and responding to difficult requests for evidence for U visa petitions and waivers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annaluisa Padilla (DL)</b>, AILA National Treasurer – Law Office of Annaluisa Padilla – La Habra, California</li> <li>• <b>Angelica Lopez</b> – DePaul University Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic, Chicago, IL</li> <li>• <b>Anna Lucero</b>, U Visa Coordinator, U.S. Department of Labor – Chicago, IL</li> </ul>	<p><b>Challenging Charges in the NTA</b> Issuance and service of the NTA, marriage fraud allegations, criminal convictions, and insufficient allegations and charges of removability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Geoff Heeren (DL)</b> – Valparaiso University – Valparaiso, IN</li> <li>• <b>Davorin John Odrčić</b> – Odrčić Law Group, LLC – Milwaukee, WI</li> <li>• <b>Trina Realmuto</b> – National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild – Boston, MA</li> </ul>

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## Options for Investors and Entrepreneurs

H-1Bs for entrepreneurs, O-1s for business owners, E visas, and L-1s.

- **Romy K. Kapoor (DL)** – The Kapoor Law Group – Atlanta, GA
- **\*Malcolm Goeschl** – Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP – San Francisco, CA
- **Loan Huynh** – Fredrikson & Byron PA – Minneapolis, MN
- **Allen Orr** – Orr Immigration Law Firm – Washington, DC

## Immigration 201: J and F Updates You Better Know

Contest for the longest CPT focused RFE, OPT unpaid employment tug of war, maximizing OPT/CPT/AT time to beat the H-1B quota, COS to F/J – challenges to approval, and reinstatements – how to overcome the CSC hurdle.

- **Robert S. White (DL)** – Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell, Ltd. – Schaumburg, IL
- **Scott F. Cooper** – Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, PLLC – Troy, MI
- **Kara Johnson**, Associate Director, International Office, Illinois Institute of Technology, and 2013 Chair NAFSA: Association of International Educators Region V
- **Elizabeth Matthews**, Associate Director, International Office, Michigan State University, and Regulatory Liaison to USCIS for NAFSA: Association of International Educators Region V

## Updates on Asylum Precedent and Credible/Reasonable Fear Claims and Parole Requests

Credible fear and reasonable fear interview and parole process, cutting edge issues in asylum, withholding of removal and CAT claims, and BIA standard of review: lessons from *Rosiles v. Holder* and findings of fact versus legal conclusions.

- **Ashley Huebner (DL)** – National Immigrant Justice Center – Chicago, IL
- **Emily Good** – Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights – Minneapolis, MN
- **Bryon Large** – Joseph Law Firm, P.C. – Aurora, CO

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**Post-conference reception will be held in the Normandie Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.**

🍀 🍀 🍀 **Please join us at 6:00 p.m. at The Gage (24 S. Michigan Ave.) 🍀 🍀 🍀  
for the beginning of our St. Patrick's Day pub crawl.**

*AILA has secured a block of hotel rooms at the Chicago Hilton for the nights of Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The room price is \$169 per night. Please call the Chicago Hilton directly at 312-922-4400 or the central reservations line at 877-865-5320 to reserve a room in this block. The block will only be available until February 12<sup>th</sup>.*