



2018 AILA SPRING CLE CONFERENCE: GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

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Join us at the AILA Spring Conference to receive an insider's view of what is happening at the agencies from the AILA Liaison Committees. Learn about the latest issues, policy changes, and hot topics in agency adjudications, and receive a summary of the most recent liaison meeting discussions. Also new this year, hear directly from the government officials whose decisions affect your practice and clients during our "Conversation with the Agencies." These keynote discussions provide an opportunity for attendees to hear one-on-one conversations about the agencies priorities for the year. The conference will wrap-up with a panel on creative solutions for attorneys practicing in this challenging environment.

Friday, April 13, 2018

<i>Day Coordinator:</i>	<i>Jenny Doyle, Raleigh, NC</i>
7:30 am–5:45 pm	REGISTRATION, INFORMATION, AND EXHIBITS
7:55 am–8:00 am	WELCOME AND GREETINGS <i>Robert H. Cohen, AILA Conference Program Chair/USCIS HQ Liaison Committee Chair, Columbus, OH</i>
8:00 am–8:30 am	A CONVERSATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR <i>*William "Bill" Rabung, Director, Division of Operations, Office of Foreign Labor Certification, ETA, DOL, Washington, DC</i>
8:35 am–9:25 am	INSIDE THE BELTWAY WITH THE DOL LIAISON COMMITTEE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current State of PERM<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Processing Times○ Technology Initiatives• Changes Coming in 2018<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Are DOL Processing Fees Coming?

* = invited, not confirmed

- 2018 SOC Changes
- ETA Form 9035 Revision
- Buy American, Hire America (BAHA) Impact
- Trending Issues
- BALCA Developments and Updates

Faculty

Sarah K. Peterson (DL), AILA Board of Governors/DOL Liaison Committee Chair, Minneapolis, MN

Loan T. Huynh, AILA DOL Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Minneapolis, MN

Vincent W. Lau, AILA DOL Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Cambridge, MA

Bob White, Schaumburg, IL

9:30 am–10:00 am

A CONVERSATION WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

**Kirstjen M. Nielsen, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC*

10:00 am–10:10 am

NETWORKING BREAK

10:10 am–11:00 am

INSIDE THE BELTWAY WITH THE EOIR LIAISON COMMITTEE

- “Hello? Is Anyone Listening?” Utilizing Local Liaison to Contact the Court Administrator
- Keeping Tabs: Why Tracking Local Trends and Reporting to the Committee Is Critical
- DOJ Efforts to Reduce the Immigration Court Backlog: Observations and Strategies
- How Could a New Immigration Court Structure Change Things?

Faculty

Kelli J. Stump (DL), AILA EOIR Liaison Committee Chair, Oklahoma City, OK

Merlyn N. Hernandez, AILA EOIR Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Los Angeles, CA

Karla R. Lammers, Miami, FL

11:05 am–11:35 am

A CONVERSATION WITH U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

**L. Francis Cissna, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Washington, DC*

11:40 am–12:30 pm

INSIDE THE BELTWAY WITH THE USCIS LIAISON COMMITTEE

- Specialty Occupation: The New Landscape
- Past and Present: H-4/EAD, Parole for Entrepreneurs, STEM OPT
- TPS and Other Memories
- Extreme Vetting, EB Adjustment Interviews and Other Initiatives
- Executive Orders and Other Directives
- Breaking News

Faculty

Robert H. Cohen, AILA USCIS HQ (Benefits Policy) Liaison Committee

Chair, Columbus, OH
Susan S. Im, AILA USCIS Service Center Operations Liaison
Committee Vice Chair, Grand Rapids, MI
Lynn Marie Lee, AILA USCIS International Operations Liaison
Committee Co-Chair, Springfield, VA
David J. Long, AILA USCIS Field Operations Committee Chair,
Jamestown, NC

12:30 pm–1:15 pm

LUNCH (INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION)

1:15 pm–1:45 pm

A CONVERSATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
**David T. Donahue, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular*
Affairs. U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC

1:50 pm–2:40 pm

INSIDE THE BELTWAY WITH THE DOS LIAISON COMMITTEE

- Executive Orders, BAHA, Extreme Vetting
- Travel Ban
- Blanket L Issues
- Administrative Processing
- Post Closures/Alternative Posts
- DUI Issues (with USCIS/CBP)

Faculty

Daniel J. Parisi (DL), AILA DOS Liaison Committee Chair,
Brussels, Belgium
Kenneth J. Harder, AILA DOS Liaison Committee Chair, Vice Chair,
Houston, TX
Stephen R. Pattison, Portsmouth, NH
Fuji Whittenburg, Woodland Hills, CA

2:45 pm–3:15 pm

**A CONVERSATION WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS
ENFORCEMENT**

**Thomas D. Homan, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs*
Enforcement, Washington, DC

3:20 pm–4:10 pm

INSIDE THE BELTWAY WITH THE ICE LIAISON COMMITTEE

- Enforcement Actions
- Bond
- Detention, Custody, and Access to Counsel
- Prosecutorial Discretion
- Stays of Removal

Faculty

Heather Drabek Prendergast (DL), AILA Board of Governors/AILA
ICE Liaison Committee Chair, Cleveland, OH
Jesse A. Lloyd, AILA ICE Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Oakland, CA
Sui Chung, AILA Southern Florida Chapter Chair, Miami, FL

4:10 pm–4:20 pm

NETWORKING BREAK

4:20 pm–5:10 pm

INSIDE THE BELTWAY WITH THE CBP LIAISON COMMITTEE

- Attorney Representation at the Ports of Entry
- CBP Implementation of the Travel Ban
- Current Trends in TN and L-1 Adjudications
- Admissions Issues: Automatic Visa Revalidation vs. I-94 Revalidations, Admission Periods, etc.

Faculty

Danielle M. Rizzo (DL), AILA CBP Liaison Committee Chair, Buffalo, NY

Leslie A. Holman, AILA Past President, Burlington, VT

Alexis S. Axelrad, AILA Board of Governors/CBP Liaison Committee Vice Chair, New York, NY

Ramon E. Curiel, San Antonio, TX

5:15 pm–6:05 pm

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR CLIENTS IN THIS CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

- Advocacy
- Media
- Litigation

Faculty

Betsy Lawrence (DL), AILA Director of Government Relations, Washington, DC

Greg Chen, AILA Director of Government Relations, Washington, DC

George P. Tzamaras, AILA Senior Director, Strategic Communications and Outreach, Washington, DC

Leslie K. Dellon, Staff Attorney (Business Immigration), American Immigration Council, Washington, DC

6:05 pm

CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

Conference Program Committee

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