



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

Day Coordinator: *Jenny Doyle, Raleigh, NC*

7:30 am–5:45 pm

REGISTRATION, INFORMATION, AND EXHIBITS

7:55 am–8:00 am

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

*Robert H. Cohen, AILA Conference Program Chair/USCIS HQ Liaison
Committee Chair, Columbus, OH*

8:00 am–8:30 am

A CONVERSATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

*William Thompson, Administrator, Office of Division of Foreign
Labor Certification, DOL, Washington, DC*
*Albert "Al" Herrera, Deputy Administrator, Office of Foreign
Labor Certification, DOL, Washington, DC*
*William "Bill" Rabung, Director, Division of Operations, Office of
Foreign Labor Certification, ETA, DOL, Washington, DC*
*Sarah K. Peterson, AILA Board of Governors/DOL Liaison
Committee Chair, Minneapolis, MN*

8:35 am–9:25 am

INSIDE THE BELTWAY WITH THE DOL LIAISON COMMITTEE

- Current State of PERM
 - Processing Times
 - Technology Initiatives
- Changes Coming in 2018
 - Are DOL Processing Fees Coming?
 - 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 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW

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 ABOUT USCIS

Leon Rodriguez, (Former USCIS Director), Washington, DC

Annaluisa Padilla, AILA President, La Habra, CA

Betsy Lawrence, AILA Director of Government Relations, 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 (DL), 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*

*Kari Ann Fonte, AILA USCIS Field Operations Liaison Committee
Vice Chair, Coral Gables, FL*

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 S. Newman, Director, Office of Legislation, Regulations and
Advisory Assistance, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC*
Anastasia Tonello, AILA President-Elect, New York, NY

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**

*Matthew T. Albence, Executive Associate Director, U.S. Immigration
and Customs Enforcement, Washington, DC*

**Tracy Short, Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. Immigration and Customs
Enforcement, Washington, DC*

Jeremy L. McKinney, AILA Secretary, Greensboro, NC

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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Grace Akers Woods, AILA Senior Director, Education, Washington, DC