2022 BORDER ISSUES VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Immigration attorneys continue to face challenges when their clients cross the border or enter via a designated port of entry into the United States. Staying informed on the latest information regarding these issues is, therefore, more important than ever. To this end, the 2022 AILA Border Issues Virtual Conference, a comprehensive two-day event, will include two tracks: business and family-removal. Participants can attend intermediate— to advanced-level sessions in either track, and all sessions will be available OnDemand after the conference. Nationally recognized experts will lead panels designed to educate attendees on the most pressing border issues facing attorneys and provide essential tips and best practices for how to deal with them. If you are working with clients entering the United States through the border, then this conference should not be missed!

- **Business Track:** features sessions dedicated to the latest pandemic updates, specific business travel categories (B-1, TN, L), and strategies for overcoming inadmissibility.
- **Family Removal Track:** includes updates on the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP), what to expect from rocket dockets, ethical considerations for asylum-related representation, and shifting burdens of proof along the extended border. Also includes sessions on redress for border delays, forms of lawful admission, the application of prosecutorial discretion to prior removal orders, obtaining release from detention, and assisting vulnerable populations seeking entry.

**MARCH 30-31, 2022**
**ALL TIMES LISTED ARE EASTERN STANDARD TIME**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022**

**TRACK I: BUSINESS**

10:25 am–10:35 am  **WELCOME ADDRESS**  
W. Scott Railton, Conference Program Co-Chair, Bellingham, WA

10:35 am–11:35 am  **HOT TOPICS: BREAKING NEWS AND EMERGING TRENDS**  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) technology tools can bring both measures of convenience and new risks. What new technologies are being applied to your clients today? What risks do these bring to petitions and

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applications that will be filed in future months and years? Does the reach of the right to privacy penumbra extend to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) ports of entry? Learn from our panel of experts the breaking news, emerging trends, and best practices necessary to protect your clients today and into the future.

- CBP One Mobile Application: Where Is This Going?
- Trending: DNA Swabs, Facial Comparisons, Social Media Monitoring, and Robots
- Searches of Laptops, Phones, and Other Electronic Devices
- Essential vs. Non-Essential Travelers: Documents to Provide at a Land Border
- L-2/E-2 Spouse Work Authorization Documentation
- Trusted Traveler and Preclearance Updates: Best Practices in Restricted Times

Faculty:
Nell Barker (DL), AILA CBP Liaison Committee Vice Chair, Chicago, IL
Kathleen Campbell Walker, AILA Past President, El Paso, TX
Mahsa Khanbabai, AILA Board of Governors/CBP Liaison Committee, Easton, MA
John Rico, CBP Supervisory Officer, Miami, FL

11:35 am–1:30 pm  VIRTUAL LUNCH BREAK

12:00 pm–1:00 pm  LEGAL RESEARCH USING AILALINK AND FASTCASE
This training session will be an in-depth look at how to use AILALink and Fastcase. AILALink, AILA’s subscription-based immigration law research database, offers fully searchable statutes, regulations, case law, agency correspondence, and $4,000-plus worth of AILA publications, including Kurzban’s Immigration Law Sourcebook and AILA’s Immigration Law Practice and Procedure Manual. Fastcase, a comprehensive case research database included as part of your AILA member benefits, offers a full range of federal case law and BIA decisions and powerful searching and sorting tools. Learn how these two research resources can help you take your immigration practice to the next level.

Erin Page, Senior Law Librarian, Fastcase, Washington, D.C
Sarah Loor, Publications Department, Washington, D.C

1:30 pm–2:30 pm  THE LATEST VARIANTS IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRAVEL: ENTERING THE UNITED STATES IN THE CURRENT COVID CLIMATE
For two years, the pandemic has dominated the global landscape, leading to bans and other restrictions on international travel. Travelers to the United States have had to overcome geographic-based travel bans and meet specific vaccination and testing requirements. In addition to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and airlines have played a prominent role in administering international travel. As a

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result of the pandemic, many lawful permanent residents (LPRs) face uncertainty about their ability to return to the United States after remaining abroad for extended periods of time. The panel of experts will discuss the current challenges of the COVID climate for employment-based immigrants entering the United States.

- Current Travel Restrictions, Vaccination and Testing Requirements, Acceptable Proof
- The Roles of CBP, Regional Carrier Liaison Groups (RCLG), the CDC, and Airlines; How to Troubleshoot When Travelers Are Denied Boarding
- Exceptions to the Vaccination Requirement (Immigrant vs. Nonimmigrant)
- National Interest Exceptions (NIEs), Essential vs. Non-Essential Travel, and Satisfactory Departure: Are They Still a Thing?
- Extended Absences for LPRs and Conditional Permanent Residents (CPRs): Reentry Permits, Returning Residents (SB-1), I-407s

Faculty:
Sylvia Siew Jen Yong (DL), Conference Program Committee, Toronto, ON, Canada
Janice Flynn, AILA CBP Liaison Committee, London, UK
Margaret D. Stock, AILA Author, Immigration Law & the Military, 2nd Ed., Anchorage, AK
*Kevin W. Jones, Orlando, FL

2:30 pm–3:00 pm  VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK

3:00 pm–4:00 pm  VISITING THE UNITED STATES FOR WORK OR PLEASURE: WHAT ARE THE RULES, AND HOW CAN I EFFECTIVELY COUNSEL MY CLIENTS?
Unfortunately, the ability to visit the United States remains significantly restricted for many. B-1/B-2 nonimmigrant visa appointments at the U.S. consulates abroad have been deprioritized. New issues have arisen with the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) and the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Determining permissible entry for visitors remains a problem. Panelists will address the new, the bad, and the long-standing issues regarding visiting the United States.

- B-1/B-2 Permissible Activities: Key Takeaways from the Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM) and CBP Guidance
- Strategies and Considerations for Preparing B-1/B-2 Admission Packages
- Form I-94 for B-1/B-2 Visitors and Periods of Authorized Stay, Including Departure During I-539 Extensions
- VWP and ESTA: The Latest Updates
- Consular Processing Appointments and Third-Country National Options
- Humanitarian Parole, I-193s, and Other Entry Strategies

Faculty:
Elise A. Fialkowski (DL), Philadelphia, PA
Ashima Duggal, AILA Santa Clara Chapter Chair, Santa Clara, CA
Michael P. O’Rourke, Toronto, ON, Canada

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Jacqueline Villalba, Miami, FL

4:00 pm–4:30 pm  VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK

4:30 pm–5:30 pm  ADVANCED TN ISSUES
While the list of Trade NAFTA (TN) occupational classifications seems straightforward, not all TN categories are created equal. These more complex and heavily scrutinized TN professionals include healthcare workers, management consultants, scientific technicians, computer systems analysts, economists, and any job that may have sales or supervisory/managerial responsibilities. Our panel of experts will discuss specific examples of complex TN categories and provide practice pointers and drafting advice for presenting the best case (or rehabilitating a denied one). Panelists will also cover issues that could impact success.

Drafting and Evidentiary Tips for Preparing Cases in Tricky TN Categories: Healthcare Workers; Management Consultants vs. Managers; Economists; Computer Systems Analysts; Scientific Technicians
Interesting Uses for Common TN Categories: Engineer (e.g., When Licensure Requirements Are Used to Qualify), Scientist, Accountant
Top Issues to Consider When Using TNs: NAFTA/USMCA Definitions, Immigrant Intent, Dependents (Other Nationality, Employment, Children), Venue, Documentation and Support Letters (e.g., Title vs. Job Duties)
Tips for Rehabilitating Cases That Have Gone Wrong: Port Shopping, Appealing Expedited Removal
Consular Processing for Mexican TNs, Filing Options for Canadians, Interview Preparation

Faculty:
Lisa Marie Sotelo (DL), Conference Program Committee, Dallas, TX
Joel H. Paget, Seattle, WA
Heather N. Segal, Toronto, ON, Canada

TRACK II: FAMILY/REMOVAL

10:25am–10:35 am  WELCOME ADDRESS
Matthew G. Holt, Conference Program Co-Chair, San Diego, CA

10:35 am–11:35 am  THE EXTENSION OF THE MIGRANT PROTECTION PROTOCOLS: A COVID-19 ISSUE … OR SOMETHING ELSE?
Our panel of experts will examine the vicious relationship between the MPP and COVID-19. Speakers will discuss the current legal challenges to the MPP, updated COVID-19-related border restrictions, who is being permitted to enter, and what to expect regarding entry and docketing.

• The MPP Defined
• The COVID-19 Border
  o Travel Bans
- Title 42 Expulsions
- Avoiding Abandonment After Extended Stays
- Public Charge Issues Regarding Vaccinations

Faculty:
Leah Chavarria (DL), San Diego, CA
Shalyn Fluharty, Brownsville, TX
Diego Javier Aranda Teixeira, San Ysidro, CA
Caroline Walters, Senior Attorney, American Immigration Council, Washington, DC

11:35 am–1:30 pm  VIRTUAL LUNCH BREAK

1:30 pm–2:30 pm  LET'S TALK ABOUT VICTIMS AT THE GATE
While economic migration is usually presented as a “choice” in the press, we know firsthand that, for many coming to the United States, such migration is instead a last-ditch act of desperation. Panelists will delve into the various groups seeking refuge in the United States, and they will identify the remedies potentially available to them as victims.
- Credible (CFI) and Reasonable (RFI) Fear Interviews: Developing the Asylum Claim for Presentation, the Attorney’s Role During the Interview
- Seeking Judicial Review and/or Parole Following a CFI or RFI
- What you Need to Know About Unaccompanied Minors
- The Rise of the Underused “T” Visa and How to Identify Situations to Utilize It
- Options for Material Witnesses: U Visas, T Visas, Claims Based on Fear

Faculty:
Elina Magaly Santana (DL), AILA Southern Florida Chapter Chair, Miami, FL
Nicolas Palazzo, El Paso, TX

2:30 pm–3:00 pm  VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK

3:00 pm–4:00 pm  ETHICAL INSIGHTS AS APPLIED TO THE ASYLUM PROCESS (ETHICS)
In recent years, much has been said of immigration lawyers helping asylum seekers make their claims. Panelists will discuss the ethical duties and potential pitfalls to ethical representation unique to, and specifically within, the asylum process. For attorneys concerned with zealously representing their clients while not overstepping ethical bounds, attending this panel is essential.
- Ethical Obligations in Preparing an Applicant for Presentation at a Port of Entry, CFI, or RFI
- Ethical Issues When Representing Multiple Relatives
- Ethical Questions Regarding Representation When There Is No Shared Common Language
- Ethical Considerations When Filing an Affirmative Asylum Application Beyond the One-Year Filing Deadline

Faculty:
Noemy Cruz (DL), San Diego, CA

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Tammy Lin, San Diego, CA  
Theodore J. Murphy, West Chester, PA

4:00 pm–4:30 pm  **VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK**

4:30 pm–5:30 pm  **LET’S TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER ENTRY**
To detain or not to detain? What will the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) do? Panelists will discuss hypothetical detention scenarios and how to work with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) to minimize or avoid detention. They also will discuss how to temper client expectations related to the role custody may play on the path to freedom.

- Who Is Subject to Possible Detention?
- Who Is Subject to Mandatory Detention?
- What Can Be Done to Avoid Detention?
- What to Do When Notices to Appear Are Not Filed with the Court
- Jurisdictional Issues Between DHS and the U.S. Department of Justice

**Faculty:**
- Nerea Sholl Woods (DL), San Diego, CA
- Juliana Lamardo, Miami, FL
- Cassandra Borjon, San Diego, CA
- Carlos Moctezuma Garcia, McAllen, TX

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022**

**TRACK I: BUSINESS**

10:30 am–11:30 am  **ADVANCED L-1 INTRACOMPANY TRANSFER ISSUES: EXECUTIVES, MANAGERS, AND SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE INDIVIDUALS**
Over the past few years, the L-1 visa category has experienced profound procedural and systemic changes—along with increased scrutiny and inconsistent adjudications—forcing attorneys to reconsider the best course of action for these intracompany transferees and their employers. Our panel of experts will discuss best practices and strategies on how to navigate the constantly changing climate of L-1 adjudications.

- L-1A and L-1B Adjudication Trends and Updates (Including Choice of Forum)
- The “Difficult” L-1 Types and Critical Evidentiary Documents: Functional Managers, Specialized Knowledge Individuals, De Facto Employees, New Offices, Start Ups, etc.
- Intermittent L-1s: Initial vs. Renewals, Canadian Applicants, and Dependent L-2s
- Strategizing L-1 Reclassifications and Timing for Permanent Residency
- CBP Errors and Rehabilitating Denied Applications
- COVID Considerations and Compliance Issues

Faculty:
James Prappas (DL), Houston, TX
Jessica Jensen, AILA Canada Chapter Chair, Manitoba, Canada
Anita Koumriqian, Mountain View, CA
Danielle M. Rizzo, AILA Business Section Steering Committee Vice Chair, Buffalo, NY

11:30 am–12:00 pm  **VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK**

12:00 pm–1:00 pm  **DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS: PASSPORTS, VISAS, AND I-94S**

A wide variety of documents may be needed to support your client’s entry into the United States ... but which ones? The answer depends on who is asking to enter, and what paperwork and data support their request. Your client may need to rely on a trusted traveler program robot, a treaty signed in 1794, and maybe even paper!

- Passport Validity, Periods of Authorized Stay, the Six-Month Club
- I-94 Issue Spotting: Composition of the Admission Record (Electronic/Paper/Passport Stamp), Admission Record Retrieval, Abbreviated Validity Periods
- Deferred Inspection: Procedures for Correcting Errors and Omissions
- Trusted Traveler Programs: Global Entry, TSA PreCheck®, SENTRI, NEXUS, and FAST; Revocations and Appeals; How to Enter Using the Kiosks
- World Hemisphere Travel Initiative and REAL ID: Valid Documentation for Travel
- The Jay Treaty: Right of Free Travel for Native Americans

Faculty:
Hana Boston (DL), Austin, TX
Devin O’Neill, AILA CBP Liaison Committee, Toronto, ON, Canada
Robert Nadalin, Conference Program Committee, San Diego, CA
Jonathan Grode, AILA CBP Liaison Committee, Philadelphia PA

1:00 pm–1:30 pm  **VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK**

1:30 pm–2:30 pm  **NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, AND WEST: REGIONAL UPDATES AND TRENDS IN PORT OF ENTRY/PREFLIGHT INSPECTION ADJUDICATIONS**

Given the constant changes that have occurred in the past year, it is difficult for immigration attorneys to keep up with the latest developments and adjudication trends at the different U.S. ports of entry (POEs). Our panel of experts will provide updates on the current state-of-play at their regional POEs, offer cutting-edge advice on how to adapt to changes and trends, and contemplate potential future developments.

- Preparing for the POE/Preflight Inspection (PFI): Documents, Appointments,
and What to Expect Depending on Choice of Forum

- “I Want a Lawyer!”: Attorney Representation at the Border
- Examining Automatic Visa Revalidation: What Works, What Doesn’t, and Where
- Troubleshooting Errors and Omissions: Contacting Local Ports and Deferred Inspection
- POEs in the COVID Era: NIEs, Satisfactory Departure, and Expired Advance Paroles
- Port-Specific Travelers (e.g., “Commuter Aliens,” Canadian Physicians, etc.)

Faculty:
Helena Tetzeli (DL), Miami, FL
Robert Oliver Branch, AILA NMD Steering Committee Vice Chair, Toronto ON Canada
Cody Nunn, Seattle, WA
Lauren Ross, San Diego, CA

2:30 pm–3:00 pm VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK

3:00 pm–4:00 pm BARRIERS TO ENTRY IN EMPLOYMENT-BASED CASES: INADMISSIBILITY, WAIVERS, AND REHABILITATION

Everyone has a past, some more interesting than others. Our panel of experts will discuss strategies for overcoming denials, inadmissibility issues, and expedited removals for employment-based cases. They will provide practical advice for determining what went wrong and ways to move forward, including Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, DHS Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (TRIP), and other forms of relief. They also will discuss strategies for preparing successful I-192 and I-212 waiver applications, electronic searches at the border, and customs violations.

- Turned Away: The Denied Entry and Rehabilitation
- DHS TRIP, FOIAs, Agency Appeals, Post-Conviction Remedies, and Port Parole
- INA §212(d)(3) Waivers, I-192s, E-Safe, and the Admissibility Review Office
- Expedited Removals: Seeking Administrative Review and the I-212 Application
- Consular Processing of Waivers and U.S. State Department/CBP Authority
- Electronic Searches, Customs Violations, and Immigration Implications
- Managing Client Expectations: Adjudication Trends and Timelines in Determining When (and When Not) to File

Faculty:
Zabrina Reich (DL), AILA CBP Liaison Committee, Conference Program Committee, Buffalo, NY
Leonard D.M. Saunders, Blaine, WA
John Klow, Stacy, MN

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LEGALIZED CANNABIS AND THE BORDER
The expanding legalization of cannabis in U.S. states and foreign countries presents serious challenges at the border. Admissions to use and seizures are as big a concern as ever, and so, too, are the issues with a fast-growing industry requiring professionals and investors of all sorts. Expert panelists will discuss the problems arising in this rapidly legalizing environment, and they will provide helpful tips about working with clients to address them. They also will present an overview of inadmissibility factors with cannabis legalization, and then conduct a practical review of increasingly complex situations related to business—e.g., cannabis industry workers, family investors, and consular processing.

- Cannabis, Inadmissibility, and the Immigration and Nationality Act
- Current Status of Federal Legalization, Including Hemp’s Evolving Position
- The Business of Cannabis: Finding the Line on Trafficking, Other Industry Worker Challenges
- All in the Family: Familial Concerns Related to the Industry
- Consular Processing, the DS-160, Admissions, and Misrepresentations
- Foreign Legalization of Cannabis, Search and Seizure, Social Media

Faculty:
W. Scott Railton (DL), Conference Program Co-Chair, Bellingham, WA
Henry Chang, Toronto, ON, Canada
Vincent Sliwoski, Cannabis Law Expert, Los Angeles, CA
Michael Mehr, Santa Cruz, CA

TRACK II: FAMILY/REMOVAL

LET’S TALK ABOUT INADMISSIBILITY ISSUES AT PORTS OF ENTRY
Figuring out what actually happened and how to fix it is how we, as attorneys representing clients who enter the United States, earn our keep. Panelists will discuss how to uncover all the necessary facts about our clients’ stories through robust discovery methods. They also will address ethical considerations when determining whether to take a case, identify which services to include, and advise on how to overcome past errors of fact or law.

- Personal Freedoms at POEs: Social Media, Documents, Bags and Other Personal Belongings
- Alleged False Claims, Implied Misrepresentation, and Imputed Unlawful Intent
  - Potential Qualifying Relatives for Waivers
- Potential Trafficking Issues and Other Criminal Grounds
  - Drug Trafficking
  - Human Trafficking
• Freedom of Information Act Requests and How to Get the Whole Story
• Delayed Challenges to Inadmissibility or Exclusion

Faculty:
Maria Chavez (DL), San Diego, CA
Lauren D. Cusitello, San Diego, CA
Aaron Hall, AILA EOIR/ICE Joint Liaison Committee, Aurora, CO

11:30 am–12:00 pm VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK

12:00 pm–1:00 pm LET’S TALK ABOUT LAWFUL ENTRIES
Admitted? Inspected? Was it considered a procedurally regular admission? What proof is there? These are the questions we all need to be asking, and the panelists will explain why. They will provide tips on best practices and identify how to avoid easy pitfalls when it comes to lawful entry.
• Quilantan Entry
  o How to Prove It Via FOIAs, Witnesses, and Polygraph Tests
  o Will USCIS Accept It, or Is It Better to Go Through an Immigration Judge?
• Advance Parole
• Humanitarian Parole
• Parole in Place Versus Deferred Action Relating to Military Families
• Automatic Visa Revalidation

Faculty:
Robert Bell, Hollywood, FL
Danielle Rosche, Seattle, WA

1:00 pm–1:30 pm VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK

1:30 pm–2:30 pm WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE EXTENDED BORDER
What is “the border” exactly? In this panel, the speakers will discuss the border as it is defined by statute, and what it actually is in practice. Beyond the wall, a couple horizontal wood beams, or even a river, the border is more nebulous than many believe. What is it to actually “cross” the border? Where and how does the burden of proof shift along the border corridor’s roving patrols, checkpoints, and ports of entry? Just what is an “arriving” alien? All of this, and more, will be discussed in this panel.
• Where the Extended Border Ends, Who It Affects
• Internal Checkpoints
• Roving Patrols
• Classifying an Arriving Alien Encountered Within the Extended Border
  o Motions to Suppress and Terminate Based on Profiling
• Reasonable Suspicion, Probable Cause, and Unjustified Search and Seizure

Faculty:
Matthew H. Green (DL), Tucson, AZ
Erin Thorn Vela, Alamo, TX
Jesse Evans-Schroeder, Tucson, AZ

2:30 pm–3:00 pm  VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK

3:00 pm–4:00 pm  LET’S TALK ABOUT BOATS AND PLANES
Travel is fun, and often even necessary. But it sometimes results in handcuffs for your clients. Panelists will discuss how to counsel clients on issues involving travel while in removal proceedings, what is means to leave U.S. boundaries by air or water, what options are available for crew members who jump ship, and more.

- How Boating That Results in Inadvertent Departure Can Affect an Overstay, an LPR in Removal Proceedings, and Other Foreign Nationals
- C1/D1 Crewmember Overstay: What It Means for Future Relief, Adjustment of Status
- Using or Stowing Away on Watercraft to Arrive on U.S. Shores
- Defining Rights Against Self-Incrimination and Unlawful Searches Triggering Inadmissibility at Airports
- Clarifying Remedies for Travelers Wrongfully or Unlawfully Delayed, or Detained at Airports

Faculty:
Sui Chung (DL), AILA EOIR-ICE Joint Committee Chair, Miami, FL
Matthew Kushner, Charlotte, NC
Mary E. Kramer, AILA Author, Immigration Consequences of Criminal Activity, 8th Ed., Miami, FL

4:00 pm–4:30 pm  VIRTUAL COFFEE BREAK

4:30 pm–5:30 pm  LET’S TALK ABOUT REDRESS
Righting wrongs is part of the many important things we, as attorneys, do for our clients. Panelists will discuss the practical considerations and litigation tools available when clearing a prior adverse order. They also will advise on using prosecutorial discretion for joint motion practice and smoothing out travel for clients caught in CBP’s "suspicious individuals’ web.

- How to Undo a Bad Expedited Removal or Immigration Judge Order
- Prosecutorial Discretion Requests and Joint Motions
- Obtaining Documents for Travel
- Being Held Too Long and Missing Flights
  - DHS’s Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (TRIP)

Faculty:
Michelle Mendez (DL), Silver Spring, MD
Ginger Jacobs, San Diego, CA

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