

**Texas New Mexico Oklahoma AILA Chapter
Spring Conference 2017
South Padre Island, Texas**

Thursday, APRIL 20, 2017

5:00 - 7:00 PM REGISTRATION

6:00 - 7:00 PM ROUNDTABLE

*U.S. Immigration in an Alternate Reality. Let's Talk.
What has Changed since 1/20 and how best to represent your client (with ethics).
Laura Bachman, Tulsa, OK & Jennifer Minear, Richmond, VA & Michelle Saenz-Rodriguez, Dallas, TX*

7:00 - 9:00 SOCIAL NETWORKING

Friday, APRIL 21, 2017

6:30 - 7:30 BEACH YOGA w/Maria McIntyre

7:00 - 8:00 REGISTRATION

8:00 - 8:30 WELCOME, Jason Mills, Chapter Chair
STATE OF IMMIGRATION, Kathleen Walker, El Paso, TX

8:30-9:30 **Business Track**

Status of Trade Agreement Visas - H1-B1, E-1/E-2, NAFTA. What is the state of the nation with regard to our trade agreements?

Kathleen Walker, El Paso, TX, Jose Barbeito, McAllen, TX, Brian Wingate, NIV Deputy Chief at U.S. Consulate Cd. Juarez

- How to calm investor clients
- What you need to know when applying at USCIS, Ports of Entry and US Consulates

8:30-9:30 **Family/Deportation Track**

Redefining Relief - What are the options for individuals and families—where do we go from here?

Olsi Vrapic, Albuquerque, NM; Gary Frost, Dallas, TX; Frances Valdez, Houston, TX

- DACA future/updates
- Waivers
- Prosecutorial Discretion
- Parole Authority

9:30-10:20 **Business Track**

What's in Your Arsenal? On the defensive- strategies and considerations for non-litigators.

Kevin Lashus, Austin, TX; Leslie Dellon, AIC, Washington, DC

- Litigation for Business Immigration Lawyers
- What's in the Record? What's Next?
- Mandamus - Thoughts and Strategies

9:30-10:20 **Family/Deportation Track**

Locked Up At Home - The "new" raids under the Trump administration; reports, updates, pushing back

Lisa Brodyaga, San Benito, TX; Jodi Goodwin, Harlingen, TX

- Port of Entry Issues and Border Searches
- Detention- interior and border issues
- FIOA - brief overview of this tool

Break 10:20 - 10:35

10:35- 11:30

Business Track

Stick a Fork in Me- 3 new NIW prongs - New memo explained

Matt Gaffron, Houston, TX; Delisa Futch, Austin, TX; Pam Nieto, Houston, TX

- *Matter of Dhanasar - what changed*
- *Still an NIW - practical tips*
- *If not NIW, then what? Other options to skip PERM*

10:35- 11:30

Family/Deportation Track

Children- All of them (with ethics) - Representing juveniles within families, or on their own.

Javier Dominguez, Houston, TX; Juan Carlos Rodriguez, San Antonio, TX

- *SIJ updates*
- *Stepchildren, Adopted children*
- *CSPA*

11:30-12:30

JOINT SESSION

HOT TOPICS

Javier Maldonado, San Antonio, TX Jennifer Minear, Richmond, VA; Robert Crane, Weslaco, TX

- *New Legislation*
- *New Litigation*

12:30-1:30

LUNCH/BUSINESS MEETING

1:30 - 2:30

Business Track

Worksite Enforcement

Rick Gump, Dallas, TX; Magali Candler, Houston, TX

- *What you need to know about the new I-9*
- *Documenting ever changing employment authorization rules and regs*
- *Current trends in enforcement, penalties and litigation*

1:30 - 2:30

Family/Deportation Track

Vulnerable Populations Update

Olsa Alikaj-Cano, Houston, TX; Lauren Joyner, Edinburg, TX; Claire Antonelli, Edinburg, TX

- *Who is protected*
- *How to protect*
- *When there is no protection*

2:30- 3:20

Business Track

Things I Wish I'd Known ...

Andrew Thorley, Austin, TX; Gary Ilagan, Houston, TX

- *I-129s*
- *I-824s*
- *I-140s*
- *9061s*
- *9089s*

2:30- 3:20 **Family/Deportation Track**

Things I Wish I'd Known ...

Michelle Saenz-Rodriguez, Dallas, TX; Melissa Lopez, El Paso, TX; Melissa Lujan, Oklahoma City, OK

- *I-130s*
- *I-129Fs*
- *I-821s*
- *I-824s*
- *I-864s*
- *N400s*

Break 3:20 - 3:35

3:35-4:30 **Business Track**

Preference Categories

Judy Lee, Houston, TX; Kathryn Karam, Houston, TX; Annie Banerji, Houston, TX

- *Flipping between categories*
- *Tips and Pitfalls*
- *Priority Date Retention*

3:35-4:30 **Family/Deportation Track**

Preference Categories

Nancy Shivers, San Antonio, TX; Robert Crane, Weslaco, TX

- *Flipping between categories*
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4:45- 5:45

JOINT SESSION

This is Our Fight Song

Javier Maldonado, San Antonio, TX, Moderator; Beth Werlin, AIC, Washington, DC; John Wheat Gibson, Dallas, TX

- *Right to counsel/Role of Counsel*
- *Due Process and the Foreign National*
- *Motions to Suppress*
- *Can the government DO this?*

6 PM Networking and Happy Hour

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

6.30 AM - 7.30 AM YOGA w/Maria McIntyre

8:30-9:30 Business Track

PERM- The good, the bad, the US Worker, Tips, trends and traps for the unwary

David Ware, Metairie, LA; Maggie Murphy, Austin, TX; Susan Bond, Dallas, TX

- Recent developments in recruitment
- Practice Tips & Updates
- New audit format
- What new PERM?

8:30-9:30 Family/Deportation Track

Update on Waiver Practice: Everything you want to know and need to know about Waivers

Jackie Watson, Austin, TX; Amber Weeks, Albuquerque, NM; Maria McIntyre, Dallas, TX

- Family Waivers in the US & Abroad
- Medical Waivers
- I-601A Report Card
- Practice Tips by Consular Post

9:30 - 10:20 Business Track

Tricky Little Visas - Uncommon options; useful tips for short term solutions

Beatriz Ballerini, Houston, TX; Kevin Lashus, Austin, TX

- H-3, H-2A, H-2B
- Timing and Tips
- Common Mistakes
- Family/Deportation Track

9:30 - 10:20 Family/Deportation Track

Specifically Circumstance Specific: Is the BIA/court's reach is expanding (negatively) into other areas? The "circumstance specific approach" vs the categorical approach and a discussion of plea agreements and evidence outside the record

Lawrence Rushton, Houston, TX; Simon Azar-Farr, San Antonio, TX

- What did the SCOUS give us via Nijhawan?
- BIA "creep" - what else is expanding?
- What do you know about plea agreements?

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Business Track

Anatomy of Small Business and Entrepreneur Cases - Drafting, documenting and winning cases for small companies and entrepreneurs

Ramon Curiel, San Antonio, TX; Debra Rodriguez, Corpus Christi, TX

- *E, L, H*
- *Consultants*
- *Franchisees*

10:35 - 11:30

Family/Deportation Track

Misrepresentation, Ineffective Assistance & Rehabilitation: Critical Messy topics that affect your client AND you (Ethics)

Laura Bachman, Tulsa, OK; Lance Curtright, San Antonio, TX

- *What it is*
- *Who's involved*
- *Who it affects*
- *How it affects*

11:30-12:30

JOINT SESSION

Consular and Border Practice Updates and Strategies

Ken Harder, Houston, TX; Petra Horne, Port Director Port of Brownsville; Paul Minton, Watch Commander, Port of Brownsville

- *What can you do?*
- *Client expectation/exposure*

CONFERENCE CONCLUDES FOR THE DAY
