



# OBA 2008 Institute of Continuing Legal Education

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Monday, February 4, 2008 | 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

## Maintaining Permanent Residence Status and Citizenship Applications

Co-Chairs: **Jacqueline R. Bart**, Bart and Associates  
**Shoshana T. Green**, Green and Spiegel

As lawyers dealing with immigration issues, we work hard to gain permanent resident status on behalf of our clients. Once this status is obtained, clients may encounter many obstacles in trying to retain their status. This practical half-day program will provide practitioners with knowledge and tools needed to protect their client's status as permanent residents and to assist their clients in obtaining Canadian citizenship. This topic is particularly timely, as 5-year Permanent Resident (PR) Cards issued after the law changed in June 2002 are now expiring and need to be renewed. Attend this program to hear senior immigration practitioners and government representatives discuss Permanent Resident Card applications and strategies for addressing refusals; strategies for successful citizenship applications; how to deal with loss of status caused by misrepresentation and criminality; and other issues arising from the introduction of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) and its impact on clients.

Introductory Remarks 1:30 pm

**Permanent Resident Card Applications:** 1:35 pm

### Renewals and Strategies for Addressing Refusals

- How do you prove your client meets the residency requirements of IRPA?
- Review of Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) procedures for renewing a PR Card
- Humanitarian and compassionate requests
- Strategies for successful residency appeals at the Immigration Appeal Division
- Review of residency case law

**Jacqueline Bart**, Bart and Associates (Moderator)

**Howard D. Greenberg**, Greenberg Turner

**Gerald Belanger**, Regional Program Advisor,  
Citizenship and Immigration Canada

**Andrew Laut**, Ministry Counsel, Hearings & Appeals, Canada Border  
Services Agency (CBSA), Greater Toronto Enforcement Centre (GTEC)

**Strategies for Successful Citizenship Applications** 2:15 pm

- When to apply and when not to apply
- When is a residency questionnaire required?
- What to do if an application is refused
- How to prepare for a hearing with a citizenship judge
- Review of citizenship case law

**Jacqueline Bart**, Bart and Associates (Moderator)

**Stephen Green**, Green and Spiegel

**Helen Siotas**, Citizenship Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Break 2:50 pm

**Loss of Status – Dealing with Misrepresentation and  
Criminality Section 40(1) Misrepresentation** 3:10 pm

- What is a misrepresentation?
- CIC and CBSA policy and procedures in regard to misrepresentation
- Review of recent case law on misrepresentation
- Practice tips for dealing with immigration in situations involving misrepresentation

**Shoshana Green**, Green and Spiegel (Moderator)

**Sergio Karas**, Karas & Associates

**Criminality** 3:45 pm

- What convictions may lead to a removal order?
- Procedures to follow when a permanent resident is convicted of a criminal conviction
- New CBSA procedures for permanent residents convicted of minor criminal convictions
- Preparing for a removal order appeal

**Shoshana Green**, Green and Spiegel (Moderator)

**Barbara L. Jackman**, Jackman & Associates

**Andrew Laut**, Ministry Counsel, Hearings & Appeals, Canada Border  
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Concluding Remarks / Question Period 4:20 pm

Program Concludes 4:30 pm



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