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September 25, 2015

1000 Islands Harbor Resort – Clayton, New York



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TIME: All day; registration 7-8:25AM

COST (Includes CLE credit, breakfast, lunch & reception)

- \$495
- \$395 AILA member
- \$295 not-for-profit employee & law student

* Financial assistance is available for New York attorneys who wish to attend this CLE program co-sponsored by Mackenzie Hughes LLP, but who are unable to attend due to cost considerations can contact Jennifer Murphy at jmurphy@mackenziehughes.com or (315) 233-8206 for an application. All information will be kept confidential.

Resort AILA Room Rates:

- 9/24 Only: \$155
- 9/25-9/26 Only: \$249
- 3-Night Discount: 9/24-9/26: \$217 per night

AIRPORT: Watertown International Airport

Up to 8.5 CLE Credits!

Conference Summary: Leading immigration lawyers and other professionals discuss substantive and practical issues in Employment-based Canada/U.S. border immigration. This year's focus is on the employment-based immigration law.

THIS PROGRAM IS FOR:

1. Immigration lawyers & paralegals
2. Cross-border professionals
3. Not for profit employees & volunteers
4. Law Students



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

7:00am- 8:25am

Registration, Full Breakfast, and Networking

7:30am – 8:25am (55 minutes) (1 CLE Credit – Areas of Professional Practice)
New Member Division Panel (Picton Board Room)

- **Employment-Based Fundamentals: The Alphabet Soup**

Speaker(s): David Wilks, Esq. and Lucrecia Knapp, Esq., Harter Secrest (Rochester)



8:25am - 8:30am (5 minutes)

Welcome

- **Upstate AILA Chair, CLE Co-Chair**

Speaker: Leonard J. D'Arrigo, Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, LLP (Albany)

8:30am – 10:00am (90 minutes) (1.5 CLE Credits – Areas of Professional Practice)



Canada/US Border Update: Practice & Policy in the U.S.

- **New trends/developments in border practice**

Panel Members/Leaders: Rosanna Berardi, Berardi Immigration Law, (Buffalo) & Danielle Rizzo, Law Office of James D. Eiss (Buffalo)

Speakers: CBP Officials

10:00-10:15 (15 minutes)

Break/Networking

10:15am - 11:05am (50 minutes) (1 CLE Credit – Areas of Professional Practice)

Work Authorization Options under NAFTA

- *Intra-company Transferee (L-1 Visas) – Demonstrating “Specialized Knowledge” under USCIS’ March 2015 Memorandum*
- *B-1’s - What is permissible?*
- *The under-used “B-1 in Lieu of H-1B”*
- *“U.S. Employer” under NAFTA?*
- *Canadian Equivalent Issues*

Panel Member/Leader: Andrew Wilson, Serotte, Reich, Wilson (Buffalo)

Speakers: Jennifer Behm, Berardi Immigration (Buffalo); Sergio Karas, Karas Immigration Law Professional Corporation (Toronto)

11:05am - 12:00pm (55 minutes) (1 CLE Credit – Skills)

Employment-Based Consular Processing Update and E-Visa Issues:

Panel Member/Leader: Daniel Joyce (Buffalo)

Speakers: Russel Brown, the Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs
Katie Latos-Tecza, Investor Visa Unit, U.S. Consulate - Toronto
Scott Renner, Consular Section Chief, U.S. Consulate - Toronto

12:00-1:00 (60 minutes)

Lunch-Keynote Speaker

*Leslie Holman, Holman Immigration Law & AILA National Immediate Past President
(Burlington, VT)*

1:00-1:50 (50 minutes) (1 CLE Credit – Skills)

Business and Corporate Tax and Finance for Foreign Investors and Businesses

Panel/Discussion Leader: Michele A. Santucci, Esq. (Niskayuna, NY)

Speakers: Scott Shimick/Nathaniel Dorfman, Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, LLP (Albany)
Kevin C. Hill, EFP Rotenberg (Rochester, NY)

1:50pm - 2:00pm (10 minutes)

Break

2:00pm - 3:00pm (60 minutes)(1 CLE Credit – Areas of Professional Practice)

EB-5 Overview – The Basics

Panel/Discussion Leader: Kristal Ozmun, Miller Mayer (Ithaca)

Speakers: Panel Members: Nick Hinrichsen, Miller Mayer (Shanghai, China); Lauren A. Cohen, Esq., eCouncil, Inc.(Toronto and FL)

3:00pm - 3:15pm (15 minutes)

Break/Networking

3:15pm - 4:05pm (50 minutes) (1 CLE Credit – Ethics)

- **Ethics in Employment-Based Immigration**
- **Dual Representation**
- **UPL**

Panel/Discussion Leader: Barbara Brenner, Copland and Brenner (Latham, NY)

Speakers: Jojo Annobil, *The Legal Aid Society, New York, NY, Adjunct Professor - NYU*
Robert Juceam, *Fried, Esq., Fried Frank (New York)*

4:05pm - 5:00pm (50 minutes) (1 CLE Credit – Skills)

Pro-Bono Forum

- Managing an active practice while fulfilling pro-bono activities
- Developing and managing a pro-bono program/policy
- Pro-Bono activities available through AILA and ABA
- Representation of Unaccompanied Minors

Panel/Discussion Leader: Gary Liao, Upstate NY AILA Pro-Bono Chair

Speakers: Robert Juceam, *Fried, Esq., Fried Frank (New York)*
Susan Timmons, *AILA National (invited)*

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Cocktail and Hors D'oeuvre Reception (Guests with RSVP welcome)

- Announce recipient of AILA Chapter's 2015 Pro Bono Award (Peter J. Murrett III Pro Bono Award)

Hosts: L.J. D'Arrigo, Chair and Brian Wang, Vice Chair

Moderator:

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Q: WILL I UNDERSTAND THE MATERIALS?

A: YES. THIS PROGRAM IS "DING" ENABLED.

The "dinger" introduced in last years' program will good-naturedly remind speakers to explain complicated commentary. For example, we ask speakers to avoid or explain acronyms.

The usual "basic vs advanced" descriptor is less useful for this comparative law program. Much information will be new to even experienced practitioners, for two reasons:

1. Attendees practice in different national legal systems.
2. Immigration law is notoriously specialized. E.g., a business immigration lawyer typically knows little about proving an asylum case.

Organization information:

- AILA: www.aila.org
- Upstate NY AILA:
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