

Ninth Annual Northern Border U.S./Canada Immigration Law Conference: Advising Clients and Dealing with Change

8:25 am: Welcome and introduction

Conference coordinators:

Richard Link, Chair, Upstate NY Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (Rochester)

Sergio R. Karas, Karas Immigration Law PC (Toronto)

8:30 am – 9:30 am: Updates from the Border: Entering the U.S.

- New trends and developments in border practice
- Permissible searches at the border

Moderator: Richard Link, Chair, Upstate NY Chapter of the AILA (Rochester)

Panelists: Rosanna Berardi, Berardi Immigration Law (Buffalo), AILA Upstate NY CBP Liaison
Danielle Rizzo, Harris Beach PLLC (Buffalo), Chair of AILA's CBP Liaison Committee

9:40 am – 10:40 am: Updates from the Border: Entering Canada

- New trends and developments in border practice
- Entering Canada from the U.S. to seek asylum

Moderator: Sergio R. Karas, Karas Immigration Law PC (Toronto)

Panelists: David Garson, Guberman Garson LLP (Toronto)

Naseem Malik, McCarthy Tetrault (Toronto)

Chantal Desloges, Desloges Law Group PC (Toronto)

10:40 am – 11:00 am: Coffee break

11:00 am – 12:00 pm: Overcoming Inadmissibility in the U.S. and in Canada

- Canada: Temporary Resident Permits to overcome inadmissibility at the port of entry; criminal rehabilitation applications at a visa post
- U.S.: Waivers of inadmissibility; 212(d)(3), 212(i), 212(h), I-601 for 3/10 year bar; when, where, how to apply; tips for success

Moderator: Richard Link, Chair, Upstate NY Chapter of the AILA (Rochester)

Panelists: Randy Hahn, Guberman Garson LLP (Toronto)

Nisha Fontaine, Serotte Reich Wilson (Buffalo)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch

- Juan Alsace, Consul General, U.S. Consulate, Toronto (invited)

1:10 pm – 2:10 pm: Treaty-Based Immigration Options

- Future of NAFTA and how immigration may be impacted
- US: current TN issues, E visa update
- Canada: NAFTA work permits, investment options

Moderator: Richard Link, Chair, Upstate NY Chapter of the AILA (Rochester)

Panelists: Nan Berezowski, Chair, Canada Chapter of the AILA (Toronto)

Andrew Wilson, Serotte Reich Wilson, LLP (Buffalo)

2:20 pm – 3:20 pm: Loss of Nationality

- Losing U.S. citizenship: the formal process in Canada
- Effect of loss of nationality

Moderator: Daniel Joyce, Hodgson Russ LLP (Buffalo)

Panelists: Sarah Welborne, U.S. consulate, Vancouver, Canada (invited)

3:20 am – 3:40: Coffee break

3:40 pm - 4:40: Ethical Issues Coming to the Forefront

- Hot topics in professional responsibility
- Advising clients in light of more restrictive visa eligibility criteria
- Practicing across borders: what is required, what is permissible

Moderator: Richard Link, Chair, Upstate NY Chapter of the AILA (Rochester)

Panelists: Barbara Jo (BJ) Caruso, Corporate Immigration Law Firm (Toronto)

Jerry Kreindler, Kreindler Law (Toronto)

David Brock, Kavinoky Cook (Buffalo) (invited)

4:45 – 7pm: Social and networking

