

19TH ANNUAL
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**Immigration Law
 Conference**

Presented by the Immigration Law Section

MAY 12-13, 2016

New Orleans Marriott
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 New Orleans, LA 70130



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As today's changing political climate impacts the incredibly complex maze of immigration law and policy, the FBA Immigration Law Conference provides a venue for in-depth discussion on of-the-moment topics that are critical to immigration law practice. In more than 35 sessions over two days, three topical CLE tracks will cover Removal and Federal Court Litigation, Family and Humanitarian Law, and Business Immigration and Consular Practice. This annual conference will again feature speakers from the federal judiciary and immigration courts as well as panelists from the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, cutting edge law school clinical programs, the NGO community, and the private bar.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

1220 North Fillmore St., Ste. 444
 Arlington, VA 22201

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WELCOME TO THE 2016 IMMIGRATION LAW CONFERENCE!

The Federal Bar Association Immigration Law Section (ILS) is pleased to invite you to the annual **Immigration Law Conference in New Orleans on May 11–13**. The ILS holds symposia, networking events, and panels across the United States year-round, and is committed to both knowledge and career advancement for those who have an interest in immigration law.

This year, for the first time, the conference will be held in the vibrant city of New Orleans—a city with a fittingly rich, multicultural history. With speakers from the immigration courts, the federal courts, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, and a wide variety of private bar attorneys and representing every region of the United States (as well as overseas), the ILS aims to present the attendee with both as complete a perspective as possible and an opportunity to interact with our panelists. Breakout rooms after each session and our informal receptions allow for extensive socializing and networking opportunities. If that were not enough, the conference will also have a Hospitality Lounge available during conference hours in which attendees may continue their discussions. Those who are attending for the first time will quickly discover how well the ILS combines academic rigor, hospitality, and fun!

The ILS includes not only some of the most cutting-edge practitioners in the immigration law field, but also the most generous and approachable—at times leading to friendly, although challenging, discussions among a wide variety of perspectives. The materials will include practice pointers which are relevant to both the newer practitioner and the veteran alike.

The ILS not only encourages attendees to attend all of the wonderful social events and receptions, but also to connect with Eden House, a home for trafficking victims, which creates awareness and action on the road to eradicating human trafficking. Eden House was founded by ILS board member and conference committee member Kara Van de Carr, a former consular officer who was so affected by her work on human trafficking for the Department of State that she wanted to dedicate herself to assisting those affected.

The ILS will support Eden House through collections and donations and by providing them with a booth at the conference, a chance to have lunch with its residents on May 12, and a work project on the morning of May 14.

We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans and sharing this incredible opportunity to learn from, speak to, and socialize with our speakers and your fellow attendees.

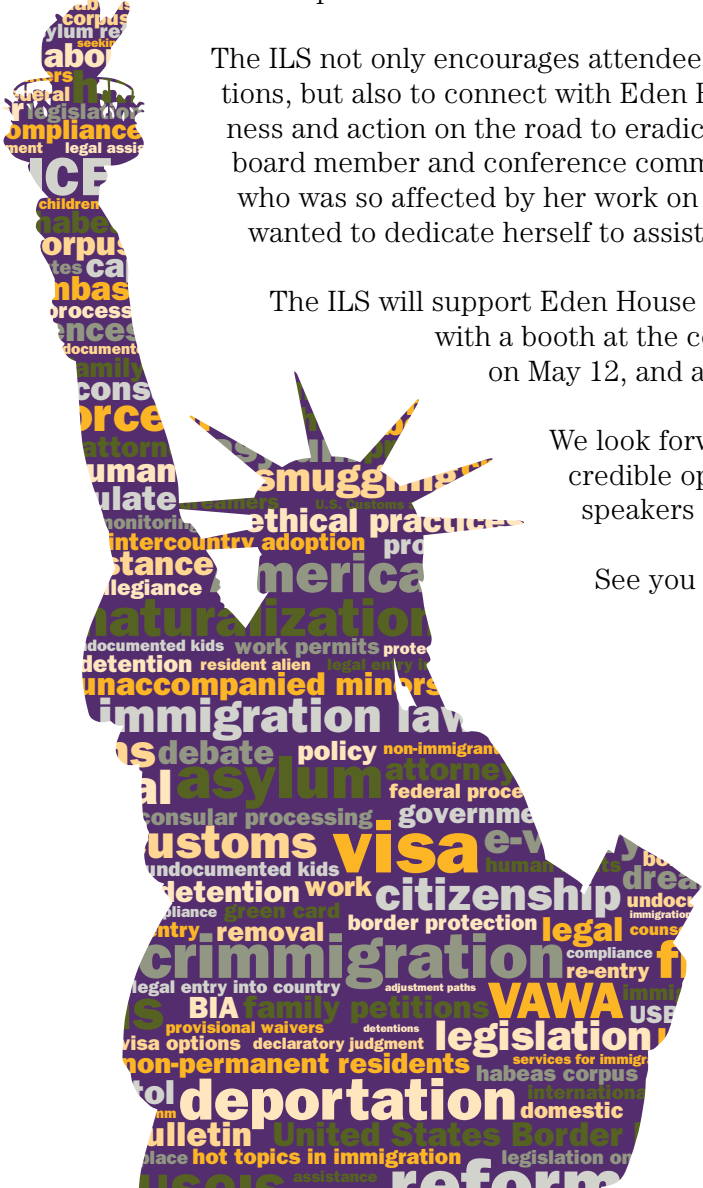
See you in New Orleans!



Mark Shmueli
Immigration Law Conference
Committee Chair



Eileen Scofield
FBA Immigration Law
Section Chair



NETWORKING AND SOCIAL EVENTS

As per tradition, this year's Immigration Law Conference will feature offsite receptions on Wednesday and Thursday evenings—and new this year, BOTH will have complimentary admission for all conference attendees!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. • Tour of Port of New Orleans and Discussion with CBP
Join us for a presentation and discussion focused on the unique issues facing the Port of New Orleans compared to other international ports around the county.

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. • Welcome and Networking Reception
Come and enjoy a casual atmosphere with colleagues to kick-off the conference in style! This year admission to the welcome reception is complimentary to all conference attendees. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks to be served - Location to be announced.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

12:30 – 1:45 p.m. • Luncheon with the Residents of Eden House
Conference attendees may choose to spend their lunch hour with the residents of Eden House.

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. • Awards Reception
Each year the Immigration Law Section bestows its annual awards to individuals who have excelled within the field. Don't miss this celebratory event and congratulate your colleagues! Hors d'oeuvres and drinks to be served - Location to be announced.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. • Younger Lawyers Division Happy Hour
After the last panel of the conference, all attendees are welcome to stop by the YLD Happy Hour conveniently located at the New Orleans Marriott to debrief and celebrate. Panel members and section leaders are also encouraged to attend.

Don't miss out on the chance to explore and experience New Orleans while connecting with immigration attorneys, advocates, agency officials, and other key players in the immigration law community.

Visit www.fedbar.org/immlaw16 for updates on these events—more details will be available soon!



HOUSING

A discounted block of rooms has been reserved for conference attendees at the New Orleans Marriott at \$209/night (plus state and local taxes). Reservations must be made by **Wednesday, April 20, 2016** to receive the discounted rate. Call 1-504-581-1000 and refer to the "Federal Bar Association 2016 Immigration Law Conference" to reserve your room. The group rate is available through the weekend, based on availability.

FULL SCHEDULE • THURSDAY, MAY 12

*Appearing in personal capacity †Moderator

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

TRACK 2

Intro to Family and Humanitarian Immigration Law

†Rachel L.D. Thompson, *The Poarch Law Firm*; Salem, VA
Amir Farzaneh, *Farzaneh Law Firm PC*; Norman, OK
Tina R. Goel, *Taylor & Ryan, LLC*; Baltimore, MD
Jodi Goodwin, *Law Office of Jodi Goodwin*; Harlingen, TX

TRACK 3

Intro to Business Immigration Law

†Michael Jarecki, *Law Office of Michael R Jarecki*; Chicago, IL
Ashley Dees, *Ashley Foret Dees LLC*; Lake Charles, LA
Nathan P. Warecki, *Sheehan Phinney Bass & Green PA*; Manchester, NH

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

TRACK 1

Removability: The Notice to Appear and Pleadings

†*Hon. John F. Gossart Jr., *Baltimore MD Immigration Court (ret.)*
Glenda McGraw Regnart, *Central Louisiana Interfaith Immigration Center*; Alexandria, LA [former Chief Counsel, ICE, Oakdale, LA Detention Center Court]
Rekha Sharma-Crawford, *Sharma-Crawford Attorneys at Law*; St. Louis, MO

TRACK 2

Non-Criminal Grounds of Inadmissibility

†Kimberly Sutton, *Law Office of Kimberly Sutton, PLLC*; Springdale, AR
Kathleen Gasparian, *Gasparian Immigration*; New Orleans, LA
Neil Lewis, *Neil F. Lewis, PA*; Tampa, FL
Lisa Seifert, *Seifert Law Offices*; Olympia, WA

TRACK 3

Best Practices in Alien Labor Certification

†Roger Tsai, *Holland & Hart LLP*; Salt Lake City, UT
Vincent Lau, *Clark Lau LLC*; Cambridge, MA
Jonathan Moore, *McCandlish Holton, PC*; Richmond, VA

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

TRACK 1

Detention and Bond Issues

†Helen Lawrence, *Law Office of Helen Lawrence*; San Francisco, CA
Kenneth Mayeaux, *Mayeaux Sardi LC*; Baton Rouge, LA
Jeremy McKinney, *McKinney Immigration Law*; Greensboro, NC
Professor Elissa Steglich, *University of Texas School of Law, Immigration Clinic*; Austin, TX

TRACK 2

Waivers of Inadmissibility

†Kerry Walsh Hartington, *Hartington & Associates LLC*; Vineland, NJ
Magali Suárez Candler, *Suárez Candler Law, PLLC*; Houston, TX
B. John Ovink, *Law Office of B. John Ovink, PA*; Orlando, FL
Lizz Cannon, *Lizz Cannon Law*; Cambridge, MA

TRACK 3

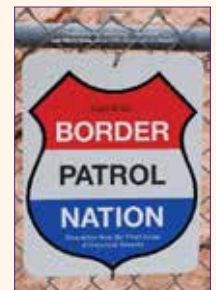
Labor Certification Updates, Trends and Reengineering

†David Ware, *Ware Immigration*; Metairie, LA
Pamela Mick, *Partenheimer Mick Immigration Law*; Chicago, IL
Maggie Murphy, *Jackson Lewis PC*; Austin, TX

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TODD MILLER

Todd Miller currently writes on border and immigration issues for NACLA Report on the Americas. He has researched and written about United States–Mexico border issues for over a decade and has worked for BorderLinks in Tucson, Arizona, and Witness for Peace in Oaxaca, Mexico. His first book, *Border Patrol Nation: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Homeland Security*, was published by City Lights Publishers in 2014.



12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

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1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

TRACK 1

Cancellation of Removal: Permanent Resident and Non Permanent Resident

†Rosanne Milano, *Barker*; Epstein & Loscocco; Boston, MA
H. Raymond Fasano, *Youman, Madeo & Fasano, LLP*; New York, NY
*Hon. Madeline Garcia, *Miami FL Immigration Court (invited)*
Charlotte Marquez, *Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security*; New Orleans, LA (invited)



TRACK 2

Representing Minors

†Christine Lockhart Poarch, *The Poarch Law Firm; Salem, VA*
John Willshire Carrera, *Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic, Harvard Law School; Cambridge, MA*
Sally Joyner, *Mid-South Immigration Advocates, Inc.; Memphis, TN*
Rebecca Salmon, *Access to Law; Atlanta, GA*

TRACK 3

Overview and Best Practices: Extraordinary, Outstanding, NIW

†Linda Rose, *Rose Immigration Law Firm PLC; Nashville, TN*
Jeremy Grzeca, *Grzeca Law Group SC; Milwaukee, WI*
Avalyn Langemeier, *Foster LLP; Houston, TX*
Lesley Salafia, *University of Connecticut, Office of the General Counsel; Storrs, CT (invited)*

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

TRACK 1

Remedies without Relief: Administrative Closure (*Avetisyan*), Prosecutorial Discretion, and Stays of Removal

†*Hon. Amiena Khan, *New York NY Immigration Court*
Matthew Archambeault, *Law Office of Matthew J. Archambeault; Philadelphia, PA*
Justin Leone, *Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, US Department of Homeland Security; Arlington, VA (invited)*
Alla Londres, *Law Offices of Alla V. Londres LLC; Metuchen, NJ*

TRACK 2

Asylum Law Nuts and Bolts

†R. Mark Frey, *Frey Law Office; St. Paul, MN*
*Hon. Lawrence O. Burman, *Arlington VA Immigration Court*
*Regina Germain, *U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services, Asylum Division; Washington, DC*
Hiroko Kusuda, *Loyola University College of Law; New Orleans, LA*

TRACK 3

Hot Topics in the Visa World and NIV Processing Worldwide

†Jan Pederson, *Maggio-Kattar; PC; Washington, D.C.*
Avi Friedman, *Wolfsdorf Rosenthal LLP; Santa Monica, CA*
John Klow, *John B. Klow Consulting Services LLC; Stacy, MN [former Director, Customs and Border Protection Admissibility Review Board]*
Daniel Parisi, *Tocci Goss Lee Shipley & Parisi; London, U.K.*
Nathan Simmons, *Visa Chief, U.S. Consulate, Canada*



4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

TRACK 1

View from the Bench

†Barry Frager, *The Frager Law Firm, PC; Memphis, TN*
*Hon. Joseph LaRocca, *New Orleans LA Immigration Court (invited)*
*Hon. Earle B. Wilson, *Atlanta, GA Immigration Court (invited)*
*Hon. Javier Balasquide, *Miami, FL Immigration Court (invited)*
*Hon. Randa Zagzoug, *New York Immigration Court*

TRACK 2

Overview of Ethical Issues in Immigration Practice

†Karen Grisez, *Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver; & Jacobson LLP; Washington DC*
*Hon. Eliza Klein, *Aurora IL Immigration Court (ret.)*
Tammy Pruet Northrup, *Deputy Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Louisiana Attorney Discipline Board; Baton Rouge, LA*
Robert Watt, *Law Offices of Joseph J. Voccola; Providence, RI*

TRACK 3

Charlie Chat: Deciphering the Visa Bulletin

†Prakash Khatri, *Khatri Law Firm, LLC; Bethesda, MD [former USCIS Ombudsman]*
Charlie Oppenheim, *Immigrant Visa Control & Reporting Division, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC*
Wendy Padilla-Madden, *Global Immigration, Tesla Motors Inc; Fremont, CA*
Jay Solomon, *Arnal, Golden, Gregory LLP; Atlanta, GA*

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†Moderator

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

TRACK 1

Holistic Lawyering

†Lisa Johnson-Firth, *Immigrants First PLLC; Manassas, VA*
Donusia L. Lipinski, *Myrtle Beach Immigration Law Office; Myrtle Beach, SC*
Lory Rosenberg, *IDEAS Consultation & Coaching; Darnestown, MD [former BIA Board Member]*

8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

TRACK 1

Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions

†Helen Parsonage, *Elliot Morgan Parsonage; Winston-Salem, NC*
Deborah Smith, *Law Office of Deborah Smith; Helen, MT*
*Hon. A. Ashley Tabaddor, *Los Angeles Immigration Court*
George A. Terezakis, *Law Offices of George A. Terezakis; Mineola, NY*

TRACK 2

Pitfalls in the Naturalization Process

†Mark Shmueli, *Law Office of Mark J Shmueli; Takoma Park, MD*
Agnieszka Haupt, *Haupt Immigration Law, PLLC; Nashville, TN*
Linda Kenepaske, *Law Office of Linda Kenepaske PLLC; New York, NY*
Margaret Stock, *Cascadia Cross Border Law Group LLC; Anchorage, AK*

TRACK 3

Litigating Your Business Immigration Case in Federal Court

†Russell Abrutyn, *Marshall E. Hyman & Associates, PC; Troy, MI*
Leslie Dellon, *American Immigration Council; Washington, DC*
Zachary Nightingale, *Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale, LLP; San Francisco, CA*
Denyse Sabagh, *Duane Morris LLP; Washington, DC*

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

TRACK 1

Advanced Panel on Implications of Criminal Convictions on Immigration

†*Hon. Steven Morley, *Philadelphia PA Immigration Court*
Maria Andrade, *Andrade Legal; Boise, ID*
Brian Bates, *Reina & Bates Immigration & Nationality Lawyers; Houston, TX*
Maureen Sweeney, *Immigration Clinic, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law; Baltimore, MD*

TRACK 2

Remedies for Stuck Cases at USCIS

†Jeri Flynn, *Jeri Flynn & Associates APLC; Baton Rouge, LA*
Kelli Duehning, *Chief, Western Law Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; San Francisco, CA*
Cindy Gomez, *District Director Southeast Region, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; New Orleans, LA (invited)*
Allison Posner, *Chief of Casework, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of the CIS Ombudsman; Washington, DC*



TRACK 3

The Smart I-9, E-Verify (State and Federal), and TALs—Updates for Practitioners

†Kevin Lashus, *Jackson Lewis P.C.; Austin, TX*
Greg Boos, *Cascadia Cross-Border Law; Bellingham, WA*
Rick Gump, *Law Offices of Richard A Gump Jr PC; Dallas, TX*
Jeff Joseph, *Joseph Law Firm; Aurora, CO*

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

TRACK 1

Effective Practice Before the Board of Immigration Appeals

†Marc Prokosch, *Karam Law; Bloomington, MN*
Elena Albamonte, *Albamonte Immigration Law; Americus, GA [former Deputy Chief Counsel, ICE, Stewart GA Detention Center Court]*
Jeffrey Chase, *Senior Legal Advisor, Board of Immigration Appeals; New York, NY*
Lory Rosenberg, *IDEAS Consultation & Coaching; Darnestown, MD [former BIA Board Member]*

TRACK 2

Providing Persuasive Evidence in Asylum Cases

†*Hon. Robin E. Feder, *Boston MA Immigration Court (invited)*
Shuting Chen, *Law Office of Shuting Chen; San Francisco, CA*
Jonathan Ryan, *Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES); San Antonio, TX*
Alicia Triche, *Triche Immigration Law; Memphis, TN*

TRACK 3

Worksite Enforcement

†Eileen Scofield, *Alston & Bird, LLP; Atlanta, GA*
Kevin Lashus, *Jackson Lewis PC; Austin, TX*
Rachel Ross, *Section Chief, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Washington, DC*
Alberto Ruisanchez, *Deputy Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices, U.S. Department of Justice; Washington, DC*

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Litigation Before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

†Hassan Ahmad, *The HMA Law Firm; McLean, VA*
Raed Gonzales, *Gonzalez Olivieri LLC; San Antonio, TX*
Lori Warlick, *Trial Attorney, US Department of Justice Office of Immigration Litigation; Washington, DC*
*Hon. O. Rogeriee Thompson, *U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Providence, R.I. (invited)*

TRACK 2

Derivative and Acquired Citizenship

†Tarik Sultan, *Wolf and Sultan PC; Tucson, AZ*
Joshua Bardavid, *Bardavid Law; New York, NY*
Marlene Dougherty, *Law Ofc of Marlene A. Dougherty; Brownsville, TX*
Elizabeth Joanne Stevens, *Assistant Director, US Department of Justice Office of Immigration Litigation; Washington, DC*

TRACK 3

Advanced Issues in Ethics

†David Simmons, *The Immigration Law Office of David N. Simmons; Denver, CO*
Melinda M. Basaran, *Law Offices of M Basaran; Paterson, NJ*
Amy Sette Paulick, *Assistant Bar Counsel, Maryland Attorney Grievance Commission; Annapolis, MD*

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

TRACK 1

U.S. District Court Litigation

†Justin Burton, *Kriezelman Burton & Associates, LLC; Chicago, IL*
*Hon. Gustavo A. Gelpi Jr., *U.S. District Court Judge, District of Puerto Rico, San Juan PR*
Kate Goettel, *Senior Litigation Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice: Office of Immigration Litigation; Chicago, IL*
*Hon. Gerald Bruce Lee, *U.S. District Court Judge, Eastern District of Virginia; Alexandria, VA*

TRACK 2

Immigration Options for Crime Victims: The T and U Visas

†Kara Van de Carr, *Eden House New Orleans; New Orleans, LA*
Sabrina Balgamwalla, *Professor, University of North Dakota School of Law; Grand Forks, ND*
Robin Dalton, *RISE Law Center; Madison, WI*
Sonia Parras Konrad, *Law Office Of Sonia Parras, PLLC; Des Moines, IA*
Arturo Rios, *Law Office of Arturo R. Rios PA; St. Petersburg, FL*

TRACK 3

Trends in Immigrant Visa Processing

†Anna Hysell, *North County Immigration; Escondido, CA*
Miguel Chavez, *Field Office Director; USCIS, Ciudad Juarez (invited)*
Chloe Dybdahl, *Visa Office, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Washington, D.C.*
Christine Kagarise, *Immigrant Visa Unit Chief, US Consulate; Ciudad Juarez, Mexico (invited)*

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

TRACK 1

Immigration Practice in Federal Court: Unlawful Re-entry, Marriage Fraud and Smuggling

†Kristin Kimmelman, *Assistant Federal Public Defender; Western District of Texas; El Paso, TX*
*Hon. Robert Brack, *U.S. District Court Judge, District of New Mexico; Las Cruces, New Mexico*
Milagros Cisneros, *Assistant Public Defender; Phoenix AZ*
Mark K. Vincent, *Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Utah [President, Federal Bar Association] (invited)*

TRACK 2

Hot Topics in Asylum Law

†Derek Julius, *Senior Litigation Counsel, US Department of Justice Office of Immigration Litigation; Washington, DC*
Deborah Anker, *Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic; Cambridge, MA*
Jon Bauer, *The Asylum and Human Rights Clinic, University of Connecticut School of Law; Hartford, CT*
Karen Musalo, *Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, UC Hastings College of Law; Berkeley, CA*

TRACK 3

Expert Strategizing for Business

Kimberley Robidoux, *Maggio-Kattar, PC.; San Diego, CA*
Leslie Holman, *Holman Immigration Law; Burlington, VT (invited)*
Romy Kapoor, *Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP; Atlanta, GA*

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