

Georgia-Alabama Chapter Conference

Keeping Up: Immigration Practice During the Transition

Program

MARCH 25, 2021 LIVE WEBCAST SCHEDULE

8:00am-3:30pm Check-In Zoom Room Hosted by New Members Division

8:00am-3:30pm Exhibitor Zoom Rooms

9:00am - 10:00am Session:

LOCAL AGENCY UPDATES

This panel will cover recent and anticipated changes coming in the Chapter's region (Georgia and Alabama) as they pertain to agencies such as CBP, EOIR, ICE, and USCIS. Join the panelists as they discuss these updates so that you and your clients will be more prepared to navigate these complex times.

Speakers:

- Kerri-Ann Griggs (DL), Atlanta, GA
- Danielle Claffey, Atlanta, GA
- Jennifer Hamamoto, Atlanta, GA
- Carrie Toth, Alpharetta, GA
- Michael Urbina, Marietta, GA

10:00am - 11:00am Session:

PROFESSIONALISM

Since our last Chapter conference in August 2020, there have been many changes that impact immigration, including a new Supreme Court Justice, an election, Immigration Court closures due to civil unrest, the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, and more. Speakers will distinguish ethics from professionalism and discuss how they have managed to stay committed to the principles of the Lawyer's Creed in a rapidly changing legal landscape. Panelists will invite discussion about how our community's aspirational ideals for professionalism might guide us through the new dawn of immigration law. The discussion will be based on the Lawyer's Creed, the Aspirational Statement on Professionalism, and Georgia-specific written materials including hypothetical scenarios relevant to principles of professionalism in immigration law.

Speakers:

- Scott Titshaw (DL), Macon, GA
- Emily Davis, Atlanta, GA
- Laine Posel Atlanta, GA
- Lino Rodriguez, Suwanee, GA

11:00am - 11:10am

Coffee Break

11:10am - 12:10pm Session:

National Agency Updates

Several of President Biden's 17 Executive Orders issued on his first day in office involved immigration. More changes are expected, including proposed legislation. Panelists will discuss all recent and anticipated changes and how these Orders will impact your representation before various agencies (i.e., CBP, DOL, EOIR, ICE, and USCIS).

Speakers:

- Tracie Klinke (DL), Marietta, GA
- Robert Cohen, Columbus, OH
- Janora Hawkins, Atlanta, GA
- Sarah Owings, Atlanta, GA

12:10pm - 12:45pm

Lunch Break

12:45pm - 1:45pm Session:

Ethics & Technology

As practitioners have been working remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the use of digital technologies has surged. Attorneys inevitably have access to private and sensitive information on clients – information generally stored in some form of web/cloud database. This panel will discuss the related ethical issues and tips for using technology to help practitioners work efficiently while protecting clients' information. Conversations will include issues unique to smaller/solo practices as well as those particular to larger firms.

Speakers:

- Reid Trautz (DL), Annandale, VA
- Layli Eskandari Deal, Atlanta, GA
- Greg Siskind, Memphis, TN
- Jessica Stern, Atlanta, GA

1:45pm – 2:00pm

Coffee Break

2:00pm – 3:30pm Session:

Federal Litigation Updates

As Forbes reported in November 2019, no president has been sued more than President Trump over immigration policies. Many of the lawsuits remain pending in federal courts. Panelists will discuss the latest developments, including case law updates, upcoming potential issues, and arguments you can make to preserve issues.

Speakers:

- Carolina Antonini, Atlanta, GA
- Jesse Bless, Washington, DC
- Charles Kuck, Atlanta, GA
- Helen Parsonage, Winston-Salem, NC

CLE credit summary

Georgia*:

1 hour of Ethics CLE
1 hour of Professionalism CLE
3 hours of General CLE

Alabama:

4 hours of CLE
1 hour of Ethics CLE

Florida*:

6.6 hours of CLE, including 1 hour of Ethics/Technology and 1 hour of Professionalism

*CLE APPROVAL PENDING

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Many Thanks to our 2021 Conference Committee:

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