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PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY MAY 12, 2017

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION

8:15 – 8:30 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

*Hon. Lawrence O. Burman,
Immigration Law Section Chair*
*Hon. Michael J. Newman,
U.S. Magistrate Judge, FBA President*
*Barry L. Frager,
Immigration Law Section Vice-Chair*

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

EDUCATIONAL CLE TRACKS

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.

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10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

EDUCATIONAL CLE TRACKS

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

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11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL CLE TRACKS

12:45 – 2:15 p.m.

LUNCH

*Keynote: Hon. Paul Wickham Schmidt
(ret.) (Life at EOIR)*
Crystal Ballroom

2:15 – 3:30 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL CLE TRACKS

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

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3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL CLE TRACKS

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5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL CLE TRACKS

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION
AWARDS RECEPTION
The Colorado Supreme Court

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Silverton Ballroom 1

2:15 – 3:30 p.m.

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EDUCATIONAL CLE SESSIONS

EDUCATIONAL CLE TRACKS

Educational CLE Sessions have been divided into five tracks to provide a clearer path for those with specific interests. Following only one track is NOT required!

TRACK 1: Asylum

TRACK 2: Humanitarian Issues

TRACK 3: Basic Immigration (Friday) and Criminal (Saturday)

TRACK 4: Litigation

TRACK 5: Business and Visas

FRIDAY MAY 12, 2017

** Appearing in personal capacity.*

8:30 – 9:45 A.M.

**TRACK 1:
ASYLUM**

IMMIGRATION REFORM 2017: Overview of Reform Initiatives Under the New Administration
CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Christine Lockhart Poarch, Principal, Poarch Law, Salem, VA
Daniel M. Kowalski, Editor-in-Chief, Bender's Immigration Bulletin (LexisNexis), Centennial, CO
Carl Shusterman, Attorney, Law Offices of Carl Shusterman, Los Angeles, CA

**TRACK 2:
ISSUES**

CLIENT OPTIONS: Determining Appropriate Relief-DACA, SIJ, Asylum, U-visa, etc.
SILVERTON BALLROOM 3

Moderator: Lena Graber, Senior Projects Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, San Francisco, CA
Gina Amato Lough, Senior Staff Attorney, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, CA
Esther Limb, Senior Staff Attorney, Her Justice, New York, NY

**TRACK 3:
BASIC**

IMMIGRATION COURT—NUTS AND BOLTS: Basics of Practice Before the Immigration Court
SILVERTON BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Linda Kenepaske, Attorney, Law Office of Linda Kenepaske, New York, NY
*Ozlem Barnard, Federal Immigration Attorney, Washington, DC
Karen T. Grisez, Special Counsel, Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP, Washington DC
Michael S. Vastine, Professor of Law and Director of Immigration Clinic, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami Gardens, FL

**TRACK 4:
LITIGATION**

HABEAS AND PROLONGED DETENTION: Federal Court Remedies for Prolonged Detention
CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Helen L. Parsonage, Partner, Elliot Morgan Parsonage, Winston-Salem, NC
Gary L. Anderson, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, TX
Hon. Gustavo A. Gelpí, U.S. District Judge, District of Puerto Rico; FBA Past President, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Gisela Westwater, Assistant Director, OIL District Court Section, Washington, DC

EDUCATIONAL CLE SESSIONS

8:30 – 9:45 A.M. CONT.

TRACK 5:
VISAS

EMPLOYMENT BASED IMMIGRATION: Categories, Labor Certifications, Portability, Retention of Priority Dates
CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1

Moderator: Elaine Kimbrell, Managing Partner, Ware | Immigration, Metairie, LA
Beatriz Trillos Ballerini, Principal Attorney, Trillos Ballerini Law Firm, Houston, TX
Kevin Lashus, Partner, FisherBroyles LLP, Austin, TX

10:00 – 11:15 A.M.

TRACK 1:
ASYLUM

ASYLEES AT THE BORDER: Procedures and Standards Affecting Arriving Asylum Seekers; Including Credible Fear, Parole and Bond, Expedited and Reinstated Orders
CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Stephen Manning, Founding Partner, Immigrant Law Group PC; Director, Innovation Law Lab, Portland, OR
Jodi Goodwin, Attorney, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin, Harlingen, TX
*Derek Julius, Assistant Director, OIL Appellate Section, Washington, DC
Paromita Shah, Associate Director, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Boston, MA
Elizabeth “Betty” Stevens (ret.), Treasurer, FBA Immigration Law Section, Fairfax, VA

TRACK 2:
ISSUES

U, T AND VAWA BASICS: Eligibility Comparison and Best Practices for U and T-visas, VAWA, and DV-based I-751s
SILVERTON BALLROOM 3

Moderator: Lena Graber, Special Projects Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, San Francisco, CA
Gina Amato Lough, Senior Staff Attorney, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, CA
Cecelia Friedman Levin, Senior Policy Counsel, ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Suffield, CT
Jessica Salsbury, Policy Analyst, Family Immigration & Victim Protection Division, USCIS, Washington, DC

TRACK 3:
BASIC

REMOVAL AND INADMISSIBILITY: What Renders an Alien Subject to Removal Proceedings?
SILVERTON BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Aaron C. Hall, Partner, Director of Removal, Litigation, & Family Immigration, Joseph Law Firm, P.C., Aurora, CO
Justin Burton, Partner, Kriezelman Burton & Associates LLC, Chicago, IL
Jessica Dawgert, Senior Litigation Counsel, OIL, Washington, DC

TRACK 4:
LITIGATION

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (USCIS) HOT TOPICS PANEL
CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Prakash Khatri, Chief Executive Officer, Khatri Law Firm, LLC, Bethesda, MD
Kelli J. Duehning, Senior Counsel, Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP, San Francisco, CA
Gary Merson, Acting Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman, Chief of Staff, Office of USCIS Ombudsman, Washington, DC
Angelo Paparelli, Partner, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Los Angeles, CA

TRACK 5:
VISAS

PERM- BASICS AND BEYOND: Labor certifications, PERM, Procedures, Appeals, and Hot Issues
CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1

Moderator: David A.M. Ware, Founding Partner, Ware | Immigration, Metairie, LA/Seattle, WA

10:00 – 11:15 A.M. CONT.

Pamela Partenheimer Mick, Managing Principal, Partenheimer Mick
Immigration Law LLC, Chicago IL
Kevin Miner, Partner, Fragomen, Del Ray, Bernson & Loewy LLP,
Atlanta, GA

11:30 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.

**TRACK 1:
ASYLUM**

**TRAUMA VICTIMS: Representing Victims of Torture and Trauma,
Working with Mental Health Professionals**

CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Lisa Johnson-Firth, Principal, Immigrants First PLLC,
Manassas, VA
Catherine A. Chan, Managing Attorney, Chan Law Firm, Denver, CO
Dr. Gwen Mitchell, Clinical Psychologist, University of Denver-MAIDP,
Denver, CO

**TRACK 2:
ISSUES**

DACA UPDATES AND PRACTICE POINTERS

SILVERTON BALLROOM 3

Moderator: Gail Pendleton, Executive Director, ASISTA Immigration
Assistance, Suffield, CT
Lena Graber, Special Projects Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resource
Center, San Francisco, CA

**TRACK 3:
BASIC**

**RELIEF FROM REMOVAL: Overview of Removal Defenses- Asylum,
Cancellation, Adjustment of Status, Waivers, etc.**

SILVERTON BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Nancy Fellom, Partner, Law Offices of Fellom & Solorio, San
Francisco, CA
Bob Beer, Attorney, Robert H. Beer, P.C., Marietta, GA
Eileen Blessinger, Attorney, Blessinger Legal PLLC, Falls Church, VA
Kelli Stump, Attorney, Stump & Associates, Oklahoma City, OK

**TRACK 4:
LITIGATION**

**U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (USICE) HOT
TOPICS PANEL**

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Barry L. Frager, Managing Partner, Frager Law Firm,
Memphis, TN
Corina Almeida, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, USICE,
Denver CO
Sarah Fabian, OIL District Court Section, Denver, CO
Jeffrey Lynch, Acting Field Office Director, Enforcement and Removal
Operations, USICE, Denver, CO
Paromita Shah, Associate Director, National Immigration Project of the
National Lawyers Guild, Boston, MA

**TRACK 5:
VISAS**

**STATE DEPARTMENT HOT TOPICS: Practical Guide to the Intricacies
of Consular Processing in Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Visas
Abroad**

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1

Moderator: Jan M. Pederson, Attorney & Shareholder, Maggio + Kattar,
Washington, DC
Hon. William P. Joyce (ret.), Managing Director, Joyce & Associates PC,
Boston, MA
Charles Oppenheim, Chief, Immigrant Visa Control and Reporting
Division, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC
Nick Perry, Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, Visa Office, Bureau of
Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC
Jeffrey Pilgreen, Consular Officer/DOS Post Liaison, National Visa
Center, U.S. Department of State, Portsmouth, NH

EDUCATIONAL CLE SESSIONS

12:45 – 2:15 P.M.

KEYNOTE LUNCHEON
CRYSTAL BALLROOM

Keynote: Hon. Paul Wickham Schmidt (ret.) (*Life at EOIR*)

2:15 – 3:30 P.M.

TRACK 1:
ASYLUM

ASYLUM ON A SHOESTRING: Best Practices on Presenting a Claim with Limited Resources

CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Dr. Alicia Triche, Triche Immigration Law, Memphis, TN
Eileen Blessinger, Attorney, Blessinger Legal PLLC, Falls Church, VA
*Regina Germain, former author of AILA's *Asylum Primer*,

Silver Spring, MD

Stephen Manning, Founding Partner, Immigrant Law Group PC;
Director, Innovation Law Lab, Portland, OR

TRACK 2:
ISSUES

SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILES: Basics of Application, Procedures, and Recent Trends

SILVERTON BALLROOM 3

Moderator: Christine Lockhart Poarch, Principal, Poarch Law, Salem, VA
Elizabeth Dallam, Policy Analyst, Family Immigration & Victim
Protection Division, USCIS, Washington, DC

Kathleen Glynn, Senior Associate, Grob & Eirich LLC, Lakewood, CO
Nickole Miller, Managing Attorney, Immigrant Defenders Law Center,
Los Angeles, CA

TRACK 3:
BASIC

INTRODUCTION TO CRIMMIGRATION: Overview of the Effect of Criminal Convictions on Immigration Status

SILVERTON BALLROOM 2

Moderator: H. Raymond Fasano, Attorney, Youman Madeo & Fasano
LLP, New York, NY

Jessica Dawgert, Senior Litigation Counsel, OIL, Washington, DC
Hon. Michael J. Newman, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Southern District of
Ohio; FBA President, Dayton OH

Kelli Stump, Attorney, Stump & Associates, Oklahoma City, OK

TRACK 4:
LITIGATION

EFFECTIVE PRACTICE BEFORE THE BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Hon. Lory Rosenberg (ret.), Attorney and Coach, IDEAS
Consultation and Coaching; Senior Advisor, Immigration
Defenders Law Group, Darnestown, MD

Karen T. Grisez, Special Counsel, Fried Frank Harris Shriver &
Jacobson LLP, Washington, DC

Hon. Paul W. Schmidt (ret.), Immigration Judge, Alexandria, VA

TRACK 5:
VISAS

INCOME TAX AND ALIENS: Tax Issues in Immigration Cases

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1

Moderator: Samuel Rock, Attorney, Rock Law Group PLC, Lexington, KY
Robert Alcorn, R. W. Alcorn, CPA, Lewisville, TX

3:45 – 4:45 P.M.

TRACK 1:
ASYLUM

TORTURE CONVENTION: Applications for Withholding and Deferral of Removal Under the Convention Against Torture

CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Ofelia L. Calderon, Partner, Calderon Seguin PLC, Fairfax, VA
*Derek Julius, Assistant Director, OIL Appellate Section, Washington, DC
Hiroko Kusuda, Clinical Professor and Director of Immigration Law
Section, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law,
New Orleans, LA

Hon. Bertha Zuniga (ret.), San Antonio, TX

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TRACK 2: ISSUES

PROVIDING HOLISTIC SERVICES TO SURVIVORS: Practice Tips on Screening for Trauma and Violence and Working with Mental Health, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault Professionals

SILVERTON BALLROOM 3

Moderator: Gail Pendleton, Executive Director, ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Suffield, CT

Rita Cotter, Supervisor of Legal Advocacy, Family Tree Domestic Violence Services, Denver, CO

Nickole Miller, Managing Attorney, Immigrant Defenders Law Center, Los Angeles, CA

Catherine Seitz, Legal Director, Legal Services for Children, San Francisco, CA

TRACK 3: BASIC

ASYLUM LAW: Overview of Asylum Law, Withholding of Removal, and Relief Under the Torture Convention

SILVERTON BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Glenda McGraw Regnart, Counsel to the Firm Cascadia Cross Border Law; Managing Attorney, Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge; former Chief Counsel, USICE, Baton Rouge, LA

Anna Hysell, Managing Attorney, North County Immigration, San Diego, CA

Nancy Fellom, Partner, Law Offices of Fellon & Solorio, San Francisco, CA

Michael S. Vastine, Professor of Law, and Director of Immigration Clinic, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami Gardens, FL

TRACK 4: LITIGATION

ETHICS—FALSUS IN UNO: How to Effectively (and ethically) Represent a Client Who Has Given False Testimony or Committed Prior Fraud

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Donald Mooers, Founder, Mooers Immigration, Silver Spring, MD

Bryon Large, Assistant Regulation Counsel, Colorado Supreme Court, Denver, CO

Cyrus Mehta, Managing Partner, Cyrus D. Mehta & Partners PLLC, New York, NY

James Orlow, Attorney, Orlow and Orlow PC, Philadelphia, PA

TRACK 5: VISAS

CHARLIE CHAT: Deciphering the Visa Bulletin

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1

Moderator: Prakash Khatri, Chief Executive Officer, Khatri Law Firm, LLC, Bethesda, MD

Charles Oppenheim, Chief, Immigrant Visa Control and Reporting Division, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC

Jay Solomon, Partner, Arnall Golden Gregory LLP, Atlanta, GA

5:00 – 6:00 P.M.

TRACK 1: ASYLUM

THE CREDIBLE FEAR MINEFIELD: Preparing for the Interview, Review by the Immigration Judge; How to Challenge the Findings

CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Hiroko Kusuda, Clinical Professor and Director of Immigration Law Section, Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, New Orleans, LA

Joe Reina, Attorney, Reina & Bates Immigration Law Group, Dallas, TX

Katie Shepherd, Legal Fellow, American Immigration Council, Washington, DC

EDUCATIONAL CLE SESSIONS

5:00 – 6:00 P.M. CONT.

TRACK 2:
ISSUES

ETHICS ISSUES IN HUMANITARIAN CASES: Client Conflicts, Confidentiality, Competency Issues, Best Interests of the Client
SILVERTON BALLROOM 3

Moderator: Mona Patel-Sikora, Directing Attorney, Immigration Center for Women and Children, Los Angeles, CA
Claire Fawcett, Staff Attorney, Immigration Center for Women and Children, Oakland, CA
Esther Limb, Senior Staff Attorney, Her Justice, New York, NY

TRACK 3:
BASIC

FILING THE ASYLUM APPLICATION: Nuts and Bolts of Filing the I-589 with the Asylum Office or the Immigration Court, Practical Tips
SILVERTON BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Doug Weigle, Attorney, Bartlett & Weigle Co. LPA, Cincinnati, OH
Claudia Cubas, Senior Program Director, CAIR Coalition, Washington, DC
Marc Seguinot, Senior Attorney, Seguinot & Associates PC, Fairfax, VA

TRACK 4:
LITIGATION

ETHICS—INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL: How to Avoid Ineffective Assistance, and How to Handle it in Lozada Motions to Reopen
CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Donald Mooers, Founder, Mooers Immigration, Silver Spring, MD
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Peter Williamson, Shareholder, Chamberlin Hrdlicka White Williams & Aughtry, Houston, TX

TRACK 5:
VISAS

ADVANCED ISSUES IN WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT
CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1

Moderator: Kevin Lashus, Partner, FisherBroyles LLP, Austin, TX
Pamela Partenheimer Mick, Managing Principal, Partenheimer Mick Immigration Law LLC, Chicago IL
Eileen Scofield, Counsel, Alston & Bird LLP, Atlanta, GA

6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

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**TRACK 1:
ASYLUM**

LEARNING TO FISH WITH A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP: Research and formulate a proper PSG in the age of Wikipedia

CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Dr. Alicia Triche, Triche Immigration Law, Memphis, TN
Shuting Chen, Attorney, Law Office of Shuting Chen, San Francisco, CA
Karen Musalo, Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, U.C. Hastings, San Francisco, CA

**TRACK 2:
ISSUES**

UPDATES AND PRACTICE POINTERS ON U, T, AND VAWA

SILVERTON BALLROOM 3

Moderator: Cecelia Friedman Levin, Senior Policy Counsel, ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Suffield, CT
Emily Creighton, Senior Advisor, USCIS Ombudsman, Washington, DC
Elizabeth Dallam, Policy Analyst, Family Immigration & Victim Protection Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, USCIS, Washington, DC
Stephen Manning, Director, Founding Partner, Immigrant Law Group PC, Innovation Law Lab, Portland, OR
Mona Patel-Sikora, Directing Attorney, Immigration Center for Women and Children, Los Angeles, CA

**TRACK 3:
CRIMINAL**

CRIMES INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE—How to Analyze Criminal Convictions Under this Most Nebulous of Standards

SILVERTON BALLROOM 2

Moderator: George Terezakis, Attorney, Law Office of George A. Terezakis, New York, NY
Dan Kesselbrenner, Executive Director, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Boston, MA
Glenda McGraw Regnart, Counsel to the Firm Cascadia Cross Border Law; Managing Attorney, Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge; former Chief Counsel, USICE, Baton Rouge, LA

**TRACK 4:
LITIGATION**

ADVANCED TRIAL SKILLS: Effective Representation and Advocacy in Immigration Court

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Justin Burton, Partner, Kriezelman Burton & Associates LLC, Chicago, IL
Jeff Joseph, Senior Partner and Director of Corporate Immigration and Employer Compliance, Joseph Law Firm, P.C., Aurora, CO
Hon. Eliza Klein (ret.), Attorney, Gil Law Group, Aurora, IL
Marc Seguinot, Senior Attorney, Seguinot & Associates PC, Fairfax, VA

**TRACK 5:
VISAS**

IN THE NIV TRENCHES: The Lawyer's Role in the Non-Immigrant Visa Process, Overcoming Denials, Waivers

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1

Moderator: Jan M. Pederson, Attorney and Shareholder, Maggio + Kattar, Washington, DC
John Klow, John B. Klow Consulting Services LLC; former Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Admissibility Review Board, Stacy, MN
Mark Mancini, Senior Member, Wasserman, Mancini and Chang P.C., Washington, DC
Nick Perry, Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, Visa Office, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC
Jeffrey Pilgreen, Consular Officer/DOS Post Liaison, National Visa Center, U.S. Department of State, Portsmouth, NH

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**TRACK 1:
ASYLUM**

**CREDIBILITY, DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE AND EXPERT TESTIMONY
IN ASYLUM CASES**

CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Christina A. Fiflis, Attorney, Fiflis Law LLC, Denver, CO
*Regina Germain, former author of AILA's *Asylum Primer*,
Silver Spring, MD
Aaron C. Hall, Partner, Director of Removal, Litigation, and Family
Immigration, Joseph Law Firm, P.C., Aurora, CO

**TRACK 2:
ISSUES**

**THE HOLISTIC LAWYER: How to Live Long and Prosper
SILVERTON BALLROOM 3**

Moderator: Lisa Johnson-Firth, Principal, Immigrants First PLLC,
Manassas, VA
Rebecca Mara, Somadi Bodywork & Transformational Coaching,
Boulder, CO
Sarah Myers, Clinical Director, Colorado Lawyer Assistance Program,
Denver, CO

**TRACK 3:
CRIMINAL**

**ANALYZE A CRIMINAL CONVICTION: The Categorical and Modified
Categorical Approaches to Determine Removability
SILVERTON BALLROOM 2**

Moderator: H. Raymond Fasano, Attorney, Youman Madeo &
Fasano LLP, New York, NY
Jessica Dawgert, Senior Litigation Counsel, OIL, Washington, DC
Jodi Goodwin, Attorney, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin, Harlingen, TX
Hon. Michael J. Newman, U.S. Magistrate Judge, Southern District of
Ohio; FBA President, Dayton, OH

**TRACK 4:
LITIGATION**

**NATURALIZATION LITIGATION IN FEDERAL COURT: Risks and
Benefits of Taking the Case to U.S. District Court
CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2**

Moderator: Margaret Stock, Attorney, Cascadia Cross Border Law,
Anchorage, AK
Hon. Gustavo A. Gelpí, U.S. District Judge, District of Puerto Rico; FBA
Past President, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Kate Goettel, Senior Litigation Counsel, OIL District Court Section,
Chicago, IL
Daniel M. Kowalski, Editor-in-Chief, Bender's Immigration Bulletin
(LexisNexis), Centennial, CO

**TRACK 5:
VISAS**

**STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT: Practical
Tips to Develop and Improve Your Practice
CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1**

Moderator: Hon. Lory Rosenberg (ret.), Attorney and Coach, IDEAS
Consultation and Coaching; Senior Advisor, Immigration
Defenders Law Group, Darnestown, MD
Hon. William P. Joyce (ret.), Managing Director, Joyce & Associates PC,
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**TRACK 1:
ASYLUM**

GENDER BASED ASYLUM: Overview, Strategies, and Recent Developments

CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Karen Musalo, Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, U.C. Hastings, San Francisco CA

Dr. Alicia Triche, Triche Immigration Law, Memphis, TN

Lori Warlick, Trial Attorney, OIL Appellate Section, Washington, DC

**TRACK 2:
ISSUES**

SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILES: Advanced Procedures and Hot Topics

SILVERTON BALLROOM 3

Moderator: Christine Lockhart Poarch, Principal, Poarch Law, Salem, VA

Emily Creighton, Senior Advisor, USCIS Ombudsman, Washington, DC

Kathleen Glynn, Senior Associate, Grob & Eirich LLC, Lakewood, CO

Jennifer Jaimes, Supervising Attorney for Pro Bono Programs, KIND, Baltimore, MD

**TRACK 3:
CRIMINAL**

BOND AND CUSTODY: Mandatory Detention, Bond, Redetermination, and Appeal

SILVERTON BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Eileen Blessinger, Attorney, Blessinger Legal PLLC, Falls Church, VA

Claudia Cubas, Senior Program Director, CAIR Coalition, Washington, DC

Gisela Westwater, Assistant Director, OIL District Court Section, Washington, DC

**TRACK 4:
LITIGATION**

DUE PROCESS: Discussion from Judicial and Advocacy Perspectives—How to Remove Barriers to a Full and Fair Hearing

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Hon. Eliza Klein (ret.), Attorney, Gil Law Group, Aurora, IL
Gary L. Anderson, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Texas, San Antonio, TX

Justin Burton, Partner, Kriezelman Burtin & Associates LLC, Chicago, IL
Hon. Paul W. Schmidt (ret.), Immigration Judge, Alexandria, VA

**TRACK 5:
VISAS**

IMMIGRANT VISA PROCESSING AND WAIVERS: Unlawful Presence, Applicability of Bars to Admissibility, I-601A Waivers, Effect of Minority and Voluntary Departure, etc.

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1

Moderator: Christina A. Fiflis, Attorney, Fiflis Law LLC, Denver, CO

Nick Perry, Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, Visa Office, Bureau of

Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC

Mark Mancini, Senior Member, Wasserman, Mancini and Chang P.C., Washington, DC

Jeffrey Pilgreen, Consular Officer/DOS Post Liaison, National Visa Center, U.S. Department of State, Portsmouth, NH

Jennifer M. Smith, Attorney, Smith Immigration, Glenwood Spring, CO

12:45 – 2:15 P.M.

**NETWORKING LUNCHEON
CRYSTAL BALLROOM**

1:00 – 2:00 P.M.

**IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
SILVERTON BALLROOM 1**

2:15 – 3:30 P.M.

**TRACK 1:
ASYLUM**

GANG CASES: Representing Victims of Gangs, Former Members, and “Tattooed Youth”

CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Sean Lewis, Attorney, Law Offices of Sean Lewis, PLLC,
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Anna Hysell, Managing Attorney, North County Immigration,
San Diego, CA

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**TRACK 2:
ISSUES**

**OVERCOMING ADJUSTMENT BARRIERS FOR VAWA AND U-VISAS:
Inadmissibility, Reinstatement, and Failure to Voluntarily Depart**

SILVERTON BALLROOM 3

Moderator: Maria Baldini-Potermin, Attorney, Maria Baldini-Potermin &
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**TRACK 3:
CRIMINAL**

**CRIMINAL WAIVERS IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS: LPR Cancellation,
212 (h), 212(c)**

SILVERTON BALLROOM 2

Moderator: George Terezakis, Attorney, Law Office of Terezakis,
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**TRACK 4:
LITIGATION**

**FAMILY IMMIGRATION: Visa Petitions, Categories, Priority Dates,
Issues**

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Doug Weigle, Attorney, Bartlett & Weigle Co. LPA,
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Linda Kenepaske, Attorney, Law Office of Linda Kenepaske,
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**TRACK 5:
VISAS**

**H-1B WORKAROUNDS: Securing Work Visas Without the Pitfalls of
the H1B process- F, L, Trainee and Student Intern, H-3 Trainee, E-2
and Other Statuses**

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1

David A.M. Ware, David A.M. Ware, Founding Partner,
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Dahlia French, Managing Director, International Employment
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ASYLUM

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT: How to Prepare and Use the I-134 and I-864 Forms

CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Helena Tetzeli, Partner, Kurzban, Kurzban, Weinger, Tetzeli & Pratt, Miami, FL
Samuel Rock, Attorney, Rock Law Group PLC, Lexington, KY

TRACK 2:
ISSUES

CONSULAR PROCESSING AND PAROLE: Special Issues for U-visa, CAM and VAWA Cases

SILVERTON BALLROOM 3

Moderator: Gail Pendleton, Executive Director, ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Suffield, CT
Maria Baldini-Potermin, Attorney, Maria Baldini-Potermin & Associates, PC, Chicago, IL
Cecelia Friedman Levin, Senior Policy Counsel, ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Suffield, CT
Mona Patel-Sikora, Directing Attorney, Immigration Center for Women and Children, Los Angeles, CA

TRACK 3:
CRIMINAL

FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION WAIVERS: 212(i), 237(a)(1)(H), Issues

SILVERTON BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Ofelia L. Calderón, Partner, Calderón Seguin PLC, Fairfax, VA
Kelli J. Duehning, Senior Counsel, Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP, San Francisco, CA
Jodi Goodwin, Attorney, Law Office of Jodi Goodwin, Harlington, TX
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TRACK 4:
LITIGATION

NATURALIZATION AND U.S. MILITARY SERVICE

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Glenda McGraw Regnart, Counsel to the Firm Cascadia Cross Border Law; Managing Attorney, Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge; former Chief Counsel, USICE, Baton Rouge, LA
Margaret Stock, Attorney, Cascadia Cross Border Law, Anchorage, AK

TRACK 5:
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ETHICS: FAMILY IMMIGRATION: When Should a Lawyer Ethically Decline a Case?

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1

Moderator: Peter Williamson, Shareholder, Chamberlin Hrdlicka White Williams & Aughtry, Houston, TX
Joe Reina, Attorney, Reina & Bates Immigration Law Group, Dallas, TX
Carl Shusterman, Attorney, Law Offices of Carl Shusterman, Los Angeles, CA

5:00 – 6:00 P.M.

TRACK 1:
ASYLUM

ETHICS: Ethical Considerations of Filing an I-589 to Bring a Case to Court for Other Relief

CRESTONE BALLROOM

Moderator: Sean Lewis, Attorney, Law Offices of Sean Lewis, PLLC, Nashville, TN
Bryon Large, Assistant Regulation Counsel, Colorado State Supreme Court, Denver, CO
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TRACK 2:
ISSUES

WORKING WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ICE: To Assist Crime Victims and Survivors

SILVERTON BALLROOM 3

Moderator: Paromita Shah, Associate Director, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Boston, MA
Cecelia Friedman Levine, Senior Policy Counsel, ASISTA Immigration Assistance, Suffield, CT

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Mona Patel-Sikora, Directing Attorney, Immigration Center for Women and Children, Los Angeles, CA

TRACK 3: CRIMINAL

FAMILY IMMIGRATION PART 2: Visas, Petitions, Categories, Priority Dates, Issues

SILVERTON BALLROOM 2

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TRACK 4: LITIGATION

EXPEDITED AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMOVAL: Removal Under INA §§ 235 and 238; and Reinstatement of Removal Orders

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 2

Moderator: Helen L. Parsonage, Partner, Elliot Morgan Parsonage, Winston-Salem, NC

Elizabeth “Betty” Stevens (ret.), Treasurer, FBA Immigration Law Section, Fairfax, VA

Dan Kesselbrenner, Executive Director, National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild, Boston, MA

TRACK 5: VISAS

JUVENILE ASYLUM: Children’s Asylum Claims, Best Interests of Child, Too Young to Testify, UACs, etc.

CRIPPLE CREEK BALLROOM 1

Moderator: Catherine Seitz, Legal Director, Legal Services for Children, San Francisco, CA

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Jennifer Jaimes, Supervising Attorney for Pro Bono Programs, KIND, Baltimore, MD



6:15 – 7:15 P.M.

IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION YOUNGER LAWYERS DIVISION

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