2010 NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION LAW CONFERENCE THE ROAD FROM PIER 21

Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel and Resort, Halifax, NS May 13-15, 2010

Thursday, May 13		
4:15 – 6:30pm	Opening Reception and Boat Tour	Murphy's on Water Harbour Queen Boat Tour
Friday, May 14		
7:00am	Registration	Nova Scotia Foyer
7:00 – 8:15	Continental Breakfast (Admission by badge – for regi	stered delegates only) Nova Scotia Foyer
8:15 – 8:30	Welcome Remarks by Conference Co-Chairs Co-Chairs: Stephen Green, CBA National Chair, C Andrea Baldwin, CBA-NS Citizenship a Sandra Weafer, BC Regional Office, Do	_
8:30 – 9:00	Address by The Honourable Jason Kenney, P.C., M.P Immigration and Multiculturalism	., Minister of Citizenship, Nova Scotia AB
9:00 – 9:45	Immigration Canada	

Morning Workshops

10:00 – 11:00 ROOMS	1-A NOVA SCOTIA AB *ALL*	1-B HALIFAX A *ADVANCED*	1-C HALIFAX BC *ALL*
TOPICS	RECENT FEDERAL COURT DECISIONS AFFECTING YOUR PRACTICE - ESSENTIAL TIPS IAD Jurisdiction Overseas Visa applications Citizenship Detention and removal Entrepreneur terms and conditions Sponsorship undertakings	TOP 10 ISSUES IN PNP EASTERN/CENTRAL (Newfoundland- New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, PEI, Ontario) Sponsored by Renaissance Capital Inc.	RESEARCH ESSENTIALS Where to find the key information across all practice areas? • Step by step identification of key research sources • What sources do the HRSDC, CIC & CBSA consult?
Moderator	Alex Stojicevic moderator/speaker	Blair Pritchett moderator/speaker	Chantal Desloges moderator/speaker
Speakers	Honourable Justice Barnes, Federal Court DOJ: Alexandre Tavadian, Counsel	Andrea Baldwin Scott Sterns Shoshana Green	BJ Caruso CIC: Martha Justus, Director, Strategic Research and Statistics

11:00 – 11:15 Refreshment Break

Nova Scotia Foyer

11:15 – 12:15 ROOMS	2-A NOVA SCOTIA AB *ALL*	2-B HALIFAX A *ALL*	2-C HALIFAX BC *ALL*	
TOPICS	THE SECRET LANGUAGE OF IMMIGRATION • Demystification of the various acronyms used • How to access information • How to decipher CAIPS/FOSS/GCMS notes • File/record keeping policies	SETTLING IN CANADA: The reality after immigration Customs issues Tax issues Insurance Bank account, credit and other such issues	QUEBEC IMMIGRATION: Recent changes to the skilled worker program Step by step analysis of key issues Key tips on the completion of forms Key highlights of the Act, Regulations and Manuals	
Moderator	Warren Creates moderator/speaker	Victoria Cowling moderator/speaker	Jean-Philippe Brunet	
Speakers	CBSA-ATIP: Paul Colpitts, Director, Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Division, Corporate Secretariat CIC: Burke Thornton, Immigration Program Manager, Buffalo	Catherine Chan CBSA: Alan Bennett, Border Services Officer, Halifax Stanfield International Airport	Gilda Villaran MICC: Michel Charron, Spécialiste en politiques et programmes des travailleurs qualifiés	

12:15 – 1:30 Luncheon – Sponsored by National Bank Financial Nova Scotia CD
Keynote Speaker Krista Daley, Director and CEO, Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission

1:30 – 2:45 Afternoon Plenary: Refugee Reform and other Developments Nova Scotia AB

Moderator/Speaker: Lee Cohen, Halifax Refugee Clinic Speakers: Lorne Waldman, Waldman & Associates

Robert Néron, Assistant Deputy Chair, RDP Eastern Region, Immigration and Refugee Board

John Butt, Manager, Program Design, Asylum Division, Refugee Branch, Citizenship and Immigration Canada

2:45 – 3:00 Refreshment Break

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Afternoon Workshops

3:00 – 4:00	3-A	3-B	3-C
ROOMS	NOVA SCOTIA AB	HALIFAX A	HALIFAX BC
	ALL	*ALL*(Also presented in 8-C)	*ADVANCED*
TOPICS	OVERSEAS PROCESSING:	IMMIGRATION APPEAL	WORK PERMITS POST
	Discussing the uniqueness of	DIVISION	RECESSION
	various posts	EARLY RESOLUTION AND	 Key tips for a changing
	 Special initiatives and pilot 	ADVOCACY STRATEGIES	legal and economic
	projects	 Identification of key legal 	landscape
	Regional challenges	and advocacy strategies	Securing the complex
		from different regions	work permit
		including IAD	Common pitfalls
		representatives and members of the bar	
		How to utilize early	
		resolution strategies to	
		effect a quick and effective	
		result for your client	
Moderator	Joshua Sohn	Baerbel Langner	Seth Dalfen
	Speaker/Moderator	(moderator/speaker)	
			Bill MacGregor
S PEAKERS	Carter Hoppe	Gordon Maynard	CIC: Paul Snow, Manager,
	CIC: Burke Thornton,	Mario Bellissimo	Operations PEI
	Immigration Program	Peter Wong	CIC: Anna Mae Grigg,
	Manager, Buffalo	IAD: Timothy Morin, Senior	Immigration Program
		Legal Advisor	Manager, New York

4:15 – 5:30	4-A	4-B	4-C
ROOMS	NOVA SCOTIA AB	HALIFAX A	HALIFAX BC
	ALL	*ALL*	*ALL*
Topics	IMMIGRATION OFFICER	BALANCING ENFORCEMENT	ETHICS:
	ROUNDTABLE	AND CIVIL RIGHTS	Interviewing your clients
	PRACTICAL TIPS	 How to deal with a hot call when a client is detained or served with a warrant Review of the enforcement process Key highlights of the Act, Regulations, Case Law and Manuals 	 What you need to know What you need to ask What they want to know What they need to know
MODERATOR	DOJ: Patricia MacPhee	Phil Rankin	Janet Thompson Price
SPEAKERS	CIC: Burke Thornton, Immigration Program Manager, Buffalo CIC: Anders Sorensen, Immigration Officer, Ontario Region CBSA: Anne Connors, , Border Services Officer, Halifax Stanfield International Airport	Gordon Maynard CBSA: Kristy Bennett, Removals Officer, Halifax DOJ: Katherine Richer, Counsel, Legal Services	Kevin Zemp Elaine Cumming, Acting Director of Professional Responsibility Nova Scotia Barristers' Society

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6:30 – 7:30 Reception
7:30 Dinner and Entertainment (For ticket holders only)

Saturday, May 15

7:00 – 9:00am Continental Breakfast

(Admission by badge – for registered delegates only)

Morning Workshops

9:00 - 10:15	5-A	5-B	5-C	
ROOMS	NOVA SCOTIA AB	HALIFAX A	HALIFAX BC *ALL*	
	ALL	*FUNDAMENTALS*		
TOPICS	HRSDC:	FAMILY REUNIFICATION:	THE PATH TO THE FEDERAL	
	A year of changes		COURT OF APPEAL AND WHAT	
			TO DO WHEN YOU GET THERE	
	 Analysis of recent key issues and changes 	• Step by step analysis of key issues		
	Emerging trends	 Key highlights of the Act, 	 How to certify a 	
	Key legislative and Manual	Regulations, Case Law and	question	
	updates	Manuals	 Processes and protocol 	
	·	Out of status spouses	Practice Tips	
Moderator	Chantal Arsenault	Janet Bomza	Wendy Danson	
Speakers	Roxanne Israel	Kyle Hyndman	Honourable Justice Dawson,	
	HRSDC: Irwin Bess, Director,	CIC: Paul Snow, Manager,	Federal Court of Appeal	
	Integrity and Horizontal	Operations PEI	Honourable Justice Snider,	
	Coordination Division		Federal Court	
	HRSDC: David McCluskey,		DOJ: Marianne Zoric, General	
	Manager Quality Assurance		Counsel	
	and Operation Management			

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10:15 – 10:45 Refreshment Break Nova Scotia Foyer

10:45 - 12:00	6-A	6-B	6-C
ROOMS	NOVA SCOTIA AB	HALIFAX A	HALIFAX BC
	FUNDAMENTALS	*ALL*	*ADVANCED*
Topics	BUSINESS CLASS	CRIMINALITY:	TOP 10 ISSUES IN
	Quebec, Federal and PNP	Immigration Act	PNP-WESTERN CANADA
	cases	Offences/Role of Criminal	(BC-Alberta-Saskatchewan-
	 Step by step analysis of key issues Key tips on the completion of forms Key highlights of the Act, Regulations, Case Law and Manuals Sponsored by National Bank Financial 	 Lawyer Understanding the Criminal Law vocabulary Working together to reopen sentences /appropriate sentencing Immigration Act Defences Fed Court interpretation of criminal law principles 	Manitoba)
Moderator	Alan Diner	DOJ: Nalini Reddy	Veronica Cheng moderator/speaker
SPEAKERS	David Thomas MICC:Kévin Dufault, Conseiller en affaires internationales CIC: Burke Thornton, Immigration Program Manager, Buffalo	Honourable Justice Snider, Federal Court Josh Arnold Mario Bellissimo	Jolene Otieno Paul Hesse

12:00 – 1:15

Luncheon

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Report from the Chair (Admission by badge – for registered delegates only)

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Afternoon Workshops

1:15 – 2:30 ROOMS	7-A NOVA SCOTIA AB *ALL*	7-B HALIFAX A *ADVANCED*	7-C HALIFAX BC *ALL*
TOPICS	IN CANADA CLASSES: Here to stay: PR Options for Temporary Residents • Choosing the best category: advantages and disadvantages of CEC, Skilled Worker, Ministerial Occupations/PNP • CEC/PEQ update • Addressing language ability • Maintaining Temporary Status while PR is in process	TOP 10 PROTECTED PERSON CASES • Key legislative references in recent cases • Emerging trends	 CPC SYDNEY Citizenship from within Processing PR Cards Skilled workers Changes
Moderator	Yusra Siddiquee	Randy Hahn	Betsy Kane Moderator/Speaker
SPEAKERS	Michael Greene CIC: Burke Thornton, Immigration Program Manager, Buffalo	Honourable Chief Justice Lutfy, Federal Court Mitchell Goldberg DOJ: Cheryl Mitchell, Senior Counsel, Public Safety	CIC: Denise O'Keefe, Acting Manager, Centralized Intake Office CIC: Jennifer Blanchard, Acting Manager, Permanent Resident Card CIC: Rose Anne Poirier, Manager Program Support (Citizenship)

2:30 – 2:45 Refreshment Break Nova Scotia Foyer

2:45 – 4:00 ROOMS	8-A NOVA SCOTIA AB *ADVANCED*	8-B HALIFAX A *ALL*	8-C HALIFAX BC *ALL* <i>(Also presented in 3-B)</i>
TOPICS	FEDERAL SKILLED WORKERS PROGRAM Emerging trends Step by step analysis of key issues Key legislative and Manual updates	 HUMANITARIAN & COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS Impact of C-50 on H&C applications; Should vs may: where do we stand Navigating processing times Any trends as to successful versus unsuccessful applications? 	IMMIGRATION APPEAL DIVISION EARLY RESOLUTION AND ADVOCACY STRATEGIES Identification of key legal and advocacy strategies from different regions including IAD representatives and members of the bar How to utilize early resolution strategies to effect a quick and effective result for your client
MODERATOR	Robbie Sheffman	Catherine Sas	Baerbel Langner (moderator/speaker)
Speakers	Meika Lalonde CIC: Anna Mae Grigg, Immigration Program Manager, New York	Deanna Okun-Nachoff CIC: Burke Thornton, Immigration Program Manager, Buffalo	Gordon Maynard Mario Bellissimo Peter Wong IAD: Timothy Morin, Senior Legal Advisor

	Sponsored by	Stewart McKelvey	
	Moderator: Speakers:	Isabelle Dongier, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP Stephen Green, CBA National Chair, Citizenship and Immigration Law Bradley Pascoe, Senior Policy Advisor, Citizenship and Immigration C Irwin Bess, Director, Integrity and Horizontal Coordination Division, and Skills Development Canada	Canada
5:25 – 5:40	Closing Rema	arks en, CBA National Chair, Citizenship and Immigration Law Section	Nova Scotia AB
5:40 – 7:00	Closing Rece	ption	Nova Scotia CD

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Closing Plenary: THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN WORKERS IN CANADA

4:10 - 5:25