



THE NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION LAW CLE CONFERENCE
APRIL 16-18, 2009 – FAIRMONT CHATEAU WHISTLER HOTEL, WHISTLER, BC
A VIEW FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

4:00 - 6:30	PRE-REGISTRATION	FRONTENAC FOYER
4:00 – 7:30	OPENING RECEPTION.....	FRONTENAC B/C

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

7:30	REGISTRATION.....	MACDONALD FOYER
7:00 -8:15	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	MACDONALD E/F & FOYER (ADMISSION BY BADGE – FOR REGISTERED DELEGATES ONLY)
8:15 -8:30	WELCOMING REMARKS INCLUDING A SUMMARY OF CBA WORK IN THE PAST YEAR:.....	MACDONALD A/B Co-Chairs: Baerbel Langner , CBA National Chair, Citizenship and Immigration Law Section Craig K. Natsuhara , CBA-BC Citizenship and Immigration Law Section Chair W. Brad Hardstaff , Department of Justice Canada, Civil Litigation and Advisory Services
8:30 -9:30	OPENING PLENARY “IT’S A WHOLE NEW WORLD”	MACDONALD A/B MODERATOR: JOSHUA SOHN SPEAKERS: Michael Greene CIC: Speaker TBC HRSDC: James Sutherland , Director, Temporary Foreign Workers Directorate (Ottawa)

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9:30 -9:45	REFRESHMENT BREAK.....	MACDONALD E/F
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MORNING WORKSHOPS

9:45-11:00 ROOMS	1-A: FRONTENAC A <i>*ADVANCED*</i>	1-B: FRONTENAC B <i>*ADVANCED*</i>	1-C: FRONTENAC C <i>*ALL*</i>
TOPICS	<p align="center">TOP 10 ISSUES IN PNP-WESTERN CANADA (BC-ALBERTA-SASKATCHEWAN-MANITOBA)</p> <p>A look at the 10 most important issues affecting the Provincial Nominee Programs in the West</p>	<p align="center">FAMILY REUNIFICATION: FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bona fide relationships - Remedies to abusive relationships - Delayed reunification - Overcoming legal obstacles - Update on 117(9)(d) and litigation 	<p align="center">RECENT DECISIONS AFFECTING YOUR PRACTICE ESSENTIAL TIPS</p> <p>Possible areas of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skilled workers - Class Actions - H&C / TRP - Student and visitors
MODERATORS	<p>Ryan Rosenberg (mod/speaker)</p>	<p>Bonnie Teng</p>	<p>Leigh Taylor , General Counsel, DOJ (Ottawa) (mod/speaker)</p>
SPEAKERS	<p>David Thomas</p> <p>Evelyn Ackah</p>	<p>Chantal Desloges</p> <p>Peter Lilius, Consul & Immigration Program Manager (Seattle)</p> <p>IAD: Joel Rubinoff, Legal Advisor (Toronto)</p>	<p>Lorne Waldman</p> <p>Federal Court: Justice Judith A. Snider (Ottawa)</p>

11:00 -11:15 REFRESHMENT BREAK..... MACDONALD E/F & FOYER

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11:15 - 12:15 ROOMS	2-A: FRONTENAC A <i>*INTRODUCTORY*</i>	2-B: FRONTENAC B <i>*ALL*</i>	2-C: FRONTENAC C <i>*ADVANCED*</i>
TOPICS	<p align="center">IMMIGRATION LITIGATION <i>*Fundamentals*</i></p> <p>Where, when and how to challenge a decision (appeal and application) including Federal Court applications and appeals as well as appeals at the Immigration Appeal Division</p>	<p align="center">CBA OFFICERS ROUNDTABLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet the members of your executive - How does the CBA work for immigration practitioners and what are the current issues - Better understand how a CBA position is presented - Your suggestions as to national issues the CBA should explore with CIC, CBSA, and HRSDC 	<p align="center">REPRESENTATIONS ON MISREPRESENTATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Duty to Disclose under IRPA - Misrepresentation through Omission, - the duty to answer unasked questions? - A Historical perspective on misrepresentation - Current and Future developments in Misrepresentation
MODERATORS	Andrew Wlodyka	Chantal Arsenault	Janet Thompson-Price
SPEAKERS	<p>Chris Elgin</p> <p>Jocelyne Murphy, Senior Counsel DOJ, (Montreal)</p>	<p>Alex Stojicevic</p> <p>Baerbel Langner</p> <p>Stephen Green</p> <p>Joshua Sohn</p> <p>Kerri Froc, Lawyer, Legislation & Law Reform, Canadian Bar Association</p>	<p>Gordon Maynard</p> <p>Douglas Cannon</p> <p><i>(also presented in 4-A)</i></p>

12:15 - 1:15 LUNCHEON..... MACDONALD C/D
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AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

1:15 - 2:30 ROOMS	3-A: FRONTENAC A *ADVANCED*	3-B: FRONTENAC B *INTRODUCTORY*	3-C: FRONTENAC C *ADVANCED*
TOPICS	TEMPORARY WORKERS Leading cases regarding temporary worker applications	PNP *Fundamentals* A look at the big picture with the managers from each program	LEADING REFUGEE/PRRA DECISIONS A review of recent decisions affecting refugee claimants
MODERATORS	Nalini Reddy, Counsel, DOJ, Winnipeg	Alan Diner	Marvin Moses
SPEAKERS	Ravi Jain	Ontario PNP: Gillian Wan BC PNP: Ian Mellor MB PNP: Ben Rempel NB PNP: Beverly Woznow YK PNP: Brent Slobodin SK PNP: Eric Johansen NS PNP: Carmelle D'Entremont	Federal Court: Justice Judith A. Snider (Ottawa) Banafsheh Sokhansanj, Counsel DOJ (Vancouver)

2:30 - 2:45

REFRESHMENT BREAK..... MACDONALD E/F & FOYER

4:00 – 5:15 Rooms	5-A: FRONTENAC A <i>*ALL*</i>	5-B: FRONTENAC B <i>*ADVANCED*</i>	5-C: FRONTENAC C <i>*ADVANCED*</i>
TOPICS	<p align="center">CROSS EXAMINATION OF A VISA OFFICER: Real case, real outcome</p> <p>Review of a cross examination transcript and evaluation of strategic issues in the context of a Federal Court Mandamus proceeding</p>	<p align="center">TOP 10 ISSUES IN PNP EASTERN/CENTRAL (NEWFOUNDLAND- NEW BRUNSWICK, NOVA SCOTIA PEI, ONTARIO)</p> <p>A look at the 10 most important issues affecting the Provincial Nominee Programs in the East</p>	<p align="center">QUIZZER SESSION How permanent is your residency?</p> <p>Test your knowledge on retaining residency issues in an interactive setting! Do you know the answers?</p>
MODERATORS	Mario Bellissimo (“mod/speaker”)	Charles Pley (mod/speaker)	Ken Zaifman
SPEAKERS	DOJ: Jamie Todd, Senior Counsel (Ontario)	Brent Melancon	Wendy Danson
	Special appearance: Jean-Philippe Brunet as the visa officer...	Blair Hodgman	CBSA: Carol Scott, Regional Program Officer, Pacific Region Enforcement Centre, Canada Border Services Agency (Surrey)

6:30 - 7:00 RECEPTIONMACDONALD FOYER

7:00 EVENING BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENT (FOR TICKET HOLDERS ONLY).....MACDONALD BALLROOM

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 – 8:45 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST..... MACDONALD E/F & FOYER
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8:45 – 9:00 MORNING REMARKS..... MACDONALD A/B

MORNING WORKSHOPS

9:00 - 10:15 ROOMS	6A: FRONTENAC A *ALL*	6-B: FRONTENAC B *ALL*	6-C: FRONTENAC C *ADVANCED*
TOPICS	<i>THE BIG PICTURE Permanent Residents</i>	<i>REMAINING IN CANADA PERMANENTLY: Options and challenges</i>	<i>APPLICATION WORKSHOP</i>
	Comparison of various immigration systems: a glimpse into Canada's future options?	-The new Canada Experience Class -The recognition of credentials	Presenting the perfect Labour Market Opinion application
MODERATORS	Kevin Zemp	Craig Natsuhara (mod/speaker)	Janet Bomza
SPEAKERS	Canada: Naomi Alboim (U of Western Ontario) Australia: Lesley Anne Hawthorne (U of Melbourne) <i>(also presented in 8-B for temporary residents)</i>	CIC : Heidi Smith, Director - Permanent Resident Policy & Programs, (Ottawa) HRSDC: Silvano Tocchi, Director, Foreign Credential Recognition Program (Ottawa)	Roxanne Israel Jean-Philippe Brunet HRSDC : James Sutherland, Director, Temporary Foreign Workers Directorate (Ottawa)

10:15 - 10:45 REFRESHMENT BREAK MACDONALD A/B & FOYER

10:45 - 12:00 ROOMS	7A: FRONTENAC A <i>*ALL*</i>	7-B: FRONTENAC B <i>*ALL*</i>	7-C: FRONTENAC C <i>*ADVANCED*</i>
TOPICS	<p align="center">BUSINESS CLASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entrepreneur: removal of conditions - Investor: changes to the Quebec program 	<p align="center">FOREIGN WORKERS: THE REALITY AFTER ENTRY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employment law issues of interest to immigration practitioners - Unexpected consequences of the use of foreign workers in larger number - Compliance issues 	<p align="center">CRIMINALITY REDEFINED?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A discussion on sentencing - Young offenders - Peace bonds - S.44 reporting - S.64 (2 year sentence)
MODERATORS	Stéphane Duval (mod/speaker)	Isabelle Dongier	Robin Seligman
SPEAKERS	<p>Alex Stojicevic</p> <p>MICC: Eric Richard, Counsellor in International Affairs, Policies, Programs and Promotion of Immigration Directorate CIC: Heidi Smith, Director - Permanent Resident Policy & Programs (Ottawa)</p> <p align="center">SPONSORED BY SCOTIA MCLEOD</p>	<p>Christopher McHardy</p> <p>HRSDC: Irwin Bess, Director, Integrity and Horizontal Coordination Division (Ottawa)</p>	<p>Kyle Hyndman</p> <p>CBSA: Stephanie Cordina Manager, Regional Programs, Hearings and Appeals, Pacific Region Enforcement Centre (Vancouver)</p>

12:00 - 1:15

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AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

1:15 – 2:30 ROOMS	8A FRONTENAC A <i>*ADVANCED*</i>	8B: FRONTENAC B <i>*ALL*</i>	8C: FRONTENAC C <i>*INTRODUCTORY*</i>
<p>TOPICS</p> <p>MODERATORS</p> <p>SPEAKERS</p>	<p><i>CROSS BORDER ADMISSIBILITY ISSUES</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Effects of pardons, expungement and other rehabilitative measures - Overstays and other past immigration infractions - Information systems - “Flags” <p>Mitchell Goldberg</p> <p>BJ Caruso</p> <p>CBSA: Carol Scott Regional Program Officer, Pacific Region Enforcement Centre, Canada Border Services Agency (Surrey)</p>	<p><i>THE BIG PICTURE Temporary Residents</i></p> <p>Comparative of various immigration systems: a glimpse into Canada’s future options?</p> <p>Kevin Zemp</p> <p>Canada: Naomi Alboim (U of Western Ontario)</p> <p>Australia: Lesley Anne Hawthorne (U of Melbourne)</p> <p><i>(also presented in 6-A for permanent residents)</i></p>	<p><i>WORK PERMITS *Fundamentals*</i></p> <p>A step by step “HOW TO” session on work permits</p> <p>Victoria Cowling</p> <p>Vance Langford</p> <p>Howard Greenberg</p> <p>CIC: Dani Willetts Supervisor, Inland, (Vancouver)</p>

2:30 - 2:45

REFRESHMENT BREAK..... MACDONALD E/F & FOYER

2:45 - 4:00 ROOMS	9A: FRONTENAC A <i>*ALL*</i>	9B: FRONTENAC B <i>*ALL*</i>	9C: FRONTENAC C <i>*ALL*</i>
TOPICS	<p align="center">SKILLED WORKERS FEDERAL AND QUEBEC PROGRAMS</p> <p>Are quotas, ministerial instructions and changing criteria the answer to Canada's needs?</p>	<p align="center">CITIZENSHIP AND CRIMINALITY</p> <p>The impact of criminal issues in the context of citizenship applications and citizenship revocation proceedings</p>	<p align="center">IMMIGRATION DIVISION DETENTION REVIEWS</p> <p>- Detention review from a real script - Criteria for detention reviews - Case law update</p>
MODERATORS	David Chalk	Lori Beckerman Acting Team Leader - Legal Counsel DOJ (Ottawa)	Baerbel Langner
SPEAKERS	Carter Hoppe CIC: Heidi Smith, Director - Permanent Resident Policy & Programs (Ottawa)	Stephen Green CIC : René Côté Directeur, Director, Litigation Management (Ottawa)	Warren Creates ID/ CBSA: Leeann King, ID member (Vancouver) CBSA: Stephanie Cordina Manager, Regional Programs, Hearings and Appeals, Pacific Region Enforcement Centre (Vancouver)

4:00 - 4:45 CLOSING PLENARYTHE VIEW FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP... “EXPERTS PANEL” MACDONALD A/B

4:45 - 5:00 CLOSING REMARKSMACDONALD A/B

5:00 – 6:30 CLOSING RECEPTION.....MACDONALD FOYER