

TBA Immigration Law Forum 2024

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Total Credits: 5 General



This seminar is specifically designed both for experienced immigration lawyers and those who may never practice immigration law during their career. The first half of the seminar is focused on family immigration, court, enforcement and asylum issues, while the second half of the seminar focuses on investment and employment immigration issues. The schedule is packed with government speakers, so be sure to make plans to join this informative program!

8:30am – 9:00am CT

Registration

9:00am – 10:00am

USCIS Asylum Office

This session will cover current asylum procedures, processing, and policies, as well as other hot topics.

LaToya Beck, New Orleans USCIS Asylum Office Director

Moderator: Dawn Garcia, Garcia Immigration Law

10:00am – 11:00am

U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Enforcement & Removal Operations and ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA)

This session will address the most current rules, policies, and policies for enforcement, as well as removal/court operations of ICE in Tennessee.

Amber Elmasry, Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer, ICE

Jared Brasel, Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer, ICE

Chad Naffziger, Deputy Chief Counsel, ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor

Moderator: Steven Simerlein, Immigration Law Offices of Steven J. Simerlein

11:00am – 11:15am

Break

- 11:15am – 12:15pm **U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) Update**
This session will provide current policy and procedures updates for U.S. Citizenship Immigration Services in Tennessee.
Marcos Castells, Nashville Field Office Director, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services
Moderator: Elizabeth Patton, Rose Immigration Law
- 12:15pm – 1:00pm **Lunch (Provided by BYDCash – Build Your Dreams!)**
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm **EB5AN government authorized EB-5 regional center operator, EB-5 consulting firm, and global investment fund manager**
Fact-based scenarios will be utilized in this session to discuss hot topics in EB-5 regional operations and investments, focusing on Tennessee initiatives.
Ahmed Khan, EB5AN
Waddell Wright, Henderick, Inc.
Michael Goode, Lewis Thomason
Moderator: Terry Olsen, Olsen Law Firm
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm **U.S. Commercial Service Tennessee/U.S. Department of Commerce/International Trade Administration & Nashville Area Universities**
This session will address F-1 and J-1 programs both on a federal and state level, focusing on the positive economic effects of these programs.
Brie Knox, Director, U.S. Commercial Service Tennessee
Mark Brinkley, Tennessee State University
Terry Olsen, Meharry Medical College
Andrea Pietrzyk, Assistant Director for Student & Scholar Engagement, International Student & Scholar Services Office, Vanderbilt University
Shauna Walsh, Assistant Director of International Student and Scholar Services, Belmont University