



**AILA RDC-EMEA LONDON FALL CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 12 -14, 2017**

**RAISING THE ROOF ON IMMIGRATION LAW WITH RDC EMEA
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KENSINGTON ROOF GARDENS
99 KENSINGTON HIGH STREET, KENSINGTON, LONDON W8 5SA
(FEATURING PINK FLAMINGOS)**

Sunday, November 12, 2017	
6.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Complimentary Welcome Reception with drinks and sharing platters at the Royal Garden Hotel <i>(Sponsored by Ascend America)</i>
Monday, November 13, 2017	
8.00 am – 8.30 am	Breakfast for Conference Attendees: Kensington Roof Gardens
8.00 am – 8.30 am	Registration
8.30 am – 8.45 am	Chapter Chair’s and Committee Chair’s Welcome and Remarks <i>Charlotte Slocombe , Chapter Chair</i> <i>Diana Okoeva, 2017 Fall Conference Chair</i>
8.45 am -10.00 am	Panel 1: Hot Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current climate at consulates? Is there really an increase in denials or do we just feel that way? • DOS policy changes vs current trends • 90 day represent! Or misrepresent - who is to say? 9 FAM 302.9-

	<p>4(B)(3) and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Centers, SCOPS and petitions, oh my! Are service centers creating new policies or just enforcing old regulations (eg: Level 1 wages, AP travel on Ls and Hs). • CBP will you clear me? What is happening at the borders and who is getting through? <p><i>Faculty:</i> <i>Neena Dutta (DL)</i> <i>Daniel Parisi</i> <i>Anastasia Tonello</i> <i>Leslie Holman</i> <i>Betsy Lawrence</i> <i>Consular Officer*</i></p>
10.00 am -11.00 am	<p>Panel 2: Back to Basics –Denials/Revocations</p> <p>What is a “denial” anyway? Breakdown and definitions of various types of denials and refusals, statutory grounds, and implications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refusals at the Consulate / Administrative Processing • Effect of refusals on ESTA travel • Petition returns by DOS for USCIS revocation – criteria, next steps, strategy • Visa Revocation/Prudential Revocation • Case scenarios at the Border (refusals of entry, findings of material misrepresentation, etc) <p><i>Faculty:</i> <i>Elizabeth Garvish (DL)</i> <i>Hudaidah Bhimdi</i> <i>Kenneth Harder</i> <i>Mahsa Kanbabai</i> <i>Consular Officer*</i></p>
11.00 am - 11.15 am	<p>Networking/Coffee Break</p>
11.15 am -12:15 pm	<p>Panel 3: "Buy American Hire American" amendment to the FAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of the roll-out of the "Buy American Hire American" FAM amendments and their application to the Es and the blanket Ls • What guidelines are the consular officers using to supplement the FAM • Preparing cases meeting this addition to the FAM <p><i>Faculty:</i> <i>Christi Jackson (DL)</i> <i>Cindy Azoulay</i> <i>Lynn Lee</i> <i>Janice Flynn</i> <i>E visa unit*</i></p>

12.15 pm – 1.15 pm	Lunch: Tudor Garden, Kensington Roof Gardens
1.15 pm – 2.30 pm	<p>Panel 4: Is It That Orange and White?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have we seen this before? Other recent dark times in US immigration. • What tricks and tools do we need to cope? Understanding the APA and judicial review of agency decisions. • How to turn the orange into orange juice and let good lawyering prevail. <p><i>Faculty:</i> <i>Amanda Brill (DL)</i> <i>Greg Siskind</i> <i>Kathleen Campbell Walker*</i> <i>Matthew Lee</i> <i>William Stock</i></p>
2.30 pm – 3.30 pm	<p>Panel 5: Behind the Consular Curtain: Candid Conversations with Former Consular Officers and State Department Officials About Visa Processing</p> <p>Listen to a few former government officials and fellow colleagues give a little insight from their experiences on how to navigate the current consular challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is really pulling the strings behind the curtain? With consular non-reviewability, what are the factors which go into decision making and where are trends from policies generated. • Behind the scene relationship between the consular posts and LegalNet • What the FAM is going on? Are consular officers reading their own manual? • When I worked at for the State Department, this is how I would make a decision. • When preparing a case, these are the things I pull from with my DOS experience. • Post interview communications with the consulate or LegalNet and how to best problem solve. <p><i>Faculty:</i> <i>Paul Samartin (DL)</i> <i>Alec Wilczynski</i> <i>Jeff Gorsky*</i> <i>Juan Arellano*</i></p>
3.30 pm - 3.45 pm	Networking/Coffee Break

3.45 pm – 5.00 pm	<p>Panel 6: Creative O-1s for the extraordinary – where do you draw the line</p> <p>Initial assessment of an O-1 case. Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O-1A or O-1B • Jobs/engagements/events in the US. How certain do they have to be and how do you document them? • Agent O-1 petitions - variations and industry standards • Working with and around advisory opinions • Red flags and where do you draw the line not to take a case <p><i>Faculty:</i> <i>Doug Hauer (DL)</i> <i>Jennifer Snead*</i> <i>Amanda Gupta</i> <i>George Akst</i> <i>Tina Kushner</i></p>
5:15 pm – close	<p>London Bus Tour with Bubbly and Dinner at Moro.</p> <p><i>The bus tour will start from Kensington Roof Gardens and end at Moro, and will last about two hours.</i></p> <p><i>The dinner at Moro will start at around 7:30pm and will last to close.</i></p> <p><i>Open to guests registered for the bus tour and dinner only.</i></p>
Tuesday, November 14, 2017	
8.00 am – 8.45 am	Breakfast for Conference Attendees: Kensington Roof Gardens
8.45m -9.45 am	<p>Panel 7: Crazy RFEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing client expectations after receiving an RFE. How do you handle those angry emails/phone calls from your clients after they find out they are being asked for more evidence after all they've given you? • How to respond when requests are for a legal standard you are not seeking to establish? How do you escalate to get a supervisor to review the legal standards? • How to respond when requests are asking for virtually all of the information you have already provided, seemingly ignoring initial filing? Do you resend the same information? Does the big letters/bright marker request for supervisory review really work? Do you highlight the relevant portions? <p><i>Faculty:</i> <i>Carlos Estrada (DL)</i> <i>Eleanor Pelta</i> <i>Dagmar Butte</i> <i>Alexis Axelrad</i></p>

	<i>Diane Rish*</i>
9.45 am -11.00 am	<p>Panel 8: Managing Client Expectations and Ethical Considerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing client expectations with respect to inconsistent adjudications and changing policies/trends • Charging for additional work because of RFEs, government errors and refusals • Response times in smart phone age • Work life balance • Ethical considerations <p><i>Faculty:</i> <i>Clayton Cartwright (DL)</i> <i>Katie Fitchett</i> <i>Steven Heller</i> <i>David Ware</i> <i>Nita Upadhye</i></p>
11.00 am - 11.15 am	Networking/Coffee Break
11.15 am -12:15 pm	<p>Panel 9: Global Panel: Visitors to Europe – What you Can and Can't Do in Schengen and in the UK</p> <p>This panel will contrast the visitor rules in a number of European countries to the US visitor rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business or work visa? Which activities can be carried out as a "business visitor" and when do you need a work visa/permit? • UK regulations governing the entry of business visitors into the UK vs similar US regulations. Permitted paid engagements in the UK. • What and where is Schengen, and are Schengen countries' immigration laws and regulations related to visitors the same? Schengen business visitors regulations vs similar US regulations. • Visitors for "pleasure" – overview and highlighting the activities allowed in some countries and prohibited in others, e.g. getting married. <p><i>Faculty:</i> <i>Ellen Freeman (DL)*</i> <i>Natasha Hotson</i> <i>Marco Mazzeschi</i> <i>Jelle Kroes</i> <i>Karl Waheed</i></p>
12.15 pm – 1.15 pm	Lunch: Tudor Garden, Kensington Roof Gardens
2.30 pm – 4.30 pm	<p>Tour of US Embassy London <i>(Subject to confirmation)</i></p> <p><i>At 1:30 pm a motorcade of black cabs will be picking us up from Kensington Roof</i></p>

Gardens to transport to the Embassy.

Conference Program Committee

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